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## MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

### BSP keeps 2012 gov't's foreign

In monitoring the size of the country's foreign debt, the central bank is being prudent by maintaining a sub-ceiling borrowing limit of \$7.5 billion for the public or government sector this year despite lowering the overall foreign borrowing cap to \$8.5 billion from \$10.5 billion last year. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is keeping a higher sub-ceiling for the public sector as there is a requirement for more foreign currency denominated loans to finance the government's public-private partnership program. However all foreign borrowing limits for 2012 has been adjusted lower compared to last year to make sure the country's debt service burden and debt service ratios will remain controlled. (Manila Bulletin)

### Phi has slim chance of meeting MDG goals

According to the NSCB, the country continues to have "low probability" in achieving two of the eight MDGs. These are MDG 2 on achieving universal primary education and MDG 5 on improving maternal health. On MDG 2, data culled by the NSCB showed that there are still children who are unable to enroll in primary education because of poverty, with the net enrollment ratio in primary education still at 89.9 percent, out of a goal of 100 percent by 2015. The completion rate in primary schools is still low at 73.1 percent as of 2010 out of a goal of 100 percent, the latest available data culled by NSCB. Furthermore, the literary rate of 15 to 24 years old was only 97.8 percent as of 2008. On MDG 5, the NSCB said the proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel is only at 74.3 percent as of 2009, the latest available data as against the goal to bring this to 100 percent. The contraceptive prevalence rate, an indicator of the government's efforts to combat AIDS, is only 50.78 percent as of 2008 versus the 100-percent goal by 2015. (The Philippine Star)

### Manila now costlier for expats — survey

A strong peso has made living in Manila more expensive for expatriates, with the Philippine capital rising 17 places this year in an annual global cost-of-living ranking of cities of human resource and financial consultancy Mercer. Manila ranked 117th out of 214 cities in Mercer's Cost of Living Survey 2012, up from 134th last year, the consultancy said in a statement e-mailed to reporters. "[T]he price movement in Manila has been slightly less than in New York in one year, but this has been offset by the strengthening of the Philippine peso against the US dollar which has resulted in Manila's rise up the ranking table," the statement quoted Phil Stanley, head of Mercer's Asia Pacific Global Mobility Center of Excellence, as saying. Manila, however, remained the fourth least expensive among the nine Southeast Asian cities covered, followed by Vietnam cities of Hanoi (136th) and Ho Chi Minh (141st); and Phnom Penh, Cambodia (183rd). (BusinessWorld)

## FINANCIAL TRENDS

### PSEi loses 88.7 points

Most local stock prices tumbled sharply on Thursday as a string of negative news in Europe and the US dampened investors' risk-taking. The main-share Philippine Stock Exchange index slumped by 88.76 points, or 1.74 percent, to close at 5,020.85. (Philippine Daily Inquirer)

### P/\$ rate closes at P42.57/\$1

The peso exchange rate stands at P42.57 to the US dollar yesterday at the Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corp. (PDEX) from 46.21 the previous day. The weighted average appreciated to P42.57 from P42.781. Total volume amounted to \$1,281.98 billion. (Manila Bulletin)

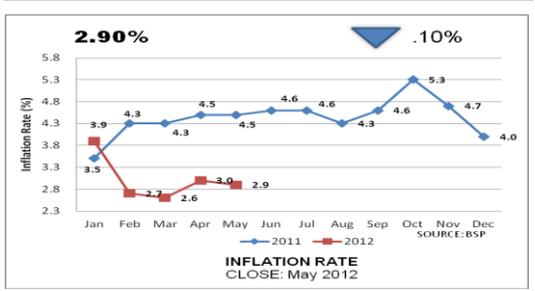
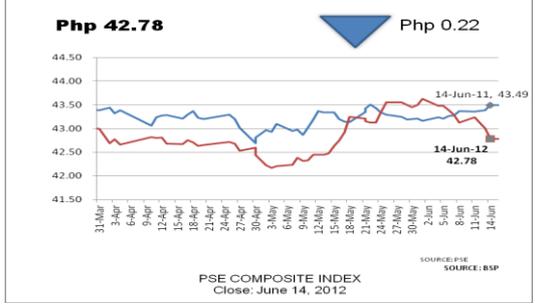
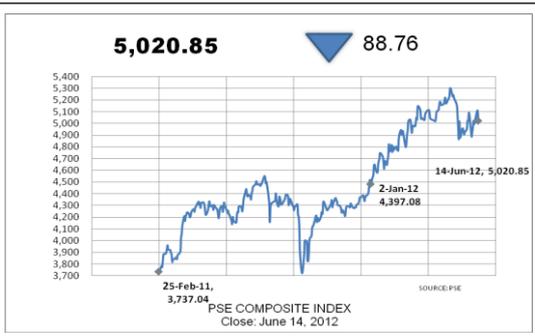
## INDUSTRY BUZZ

### Kia posts increase in sales performance

According to the May sales report of the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines, Inc. (CAMPI), the Kia brand sold units that exceeded the target figures. This figure reflects a remarkable year-on-year increase of 89% sales growth, proving that more Filipino car buyers appreciate the vehicles being rolled out by this Korean automaker. Columbian Autocar Corporation (CAC), the exclusive distributor of Kia in the Philippines, President Ginia Domingo attributes the astounding increase in KIA sales performance to the overwhelming reception of the all-new RIO, an exciting addition to its line-up of superbly designed and engineered vehicles. (BusinessWorld)

### Asian auto firms eye e-vehicle production in Phi

At least four automotive companies from Taiwan, Japan and Korea engaged in the manufacture of electric vehicles (EVs) as well as relevant parts and technology are actively pursuing investment opportunities in the local industry, according to the Electric Vehicle Association of the Philippines (EVAP). EVAP president Rommel Juan said these companies include: TECO Group from Taiwan, Moving Ecology from Japan and LS Group and S&T Group from Korea. (The Philippine Star).



	Thursday, June 14 2012	Last Week	Year ago
Overnight Lending, RP	6.00%	6.00%	6.50%
Overnight Borrowing, RRP	4.00%	4.00%	4.50%
91 day T Bill Rates	2.17%	2.15%	3.85%
Lending Rates	7.79%	7.78%	7.79%

