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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Exports seen growing by 8-10% in '12

The country's exports may grow by 8 to 10 percent in 2012 from last year, Trade Secretary Gregory Domingo told reporters on the sidelines of Franchise Asia Philippines 2012. His forecast is slightly lower than the Export Development Council's (EDC) official export growth target of 10 percent for 2012. Domingo also said that a 7-percent or higher economic growth rate (in terms of gross domestic product, or GDP) was possible for the Philippines this year. That is higher than the official target of 5 to 6 percent. The trade secretary's optimism was boosted by the higher-than-expected GDP growth rate of 6.4 percent in the first quarter of the year. (Philippine Daily Inquirer)

Resource revenues can write off energy debts

Revenues from energy resource development projects are among the many options the Department of Energy (DOE) is considering to help write off the government's trillion-peso debts to the energy sector. Energy Secretary Jose Rene Almendras told the Security Bank's Economic Forum on Wednesday that the energy sector has a trillion-peso debt, which adds pressure to the government's overall liabilities. Almendras added that consumers will have to pay for these debts through the universal charge if these proceeds are not used to reduce the government's energy-related liabilities. (BusinessMirror)

IMF sees China economic rebound

China's economy will rebound in the second half of 2012 to expand 8 percent annually as government policies to spur growth take effect, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Wednesday. "Growth is expected to bottom out in the second quarter, and then accelerate in the second half of the year," the IMF said in an annual report on China's economy, which it also predicted would grow 8.5 percent in 2013. The IMF noted that Chinese authorities, whose views are included in the report, said that they had been pursuing policies to achieve a more sustainable pace of growth. (Manila Times)

FINANCIAL TRENDS

Philippine stocks dip ahead of BSP's policy-setting

Local stocks tumbled 9.24 points to close at 5,152.56 as investors stayed on the sidelines awaiting the results of the policy-setting meeting of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). Market breadth was positive as advancers led decliners, 75 to 61, while 55 issues were unchanged. A total of 1.04 billion stocks worth P4.29 billion changed hands. Most sectoral indices closed in negative territory, led by the industrial sector that declined 43.09 points to 7,802.46, and services that shed 9.33 points to 1,763.48. Property tumbled 5.25 points to 1,911.44, while financials dipped 1.07 points to 1,279.71. (Philippine Star)

Peso rises anew over news of fresh US Federal Reserve

The peso inched yesterday as speculations of more measures from the US Federal Reserve to stimulate the US economy boosted appetite for emerging market securities. The local currency closed at 42.095 against the US dollar, up by 9 centavos from the previous day's finish of 42.185:\$1. (Philippine Daily Inquirer)

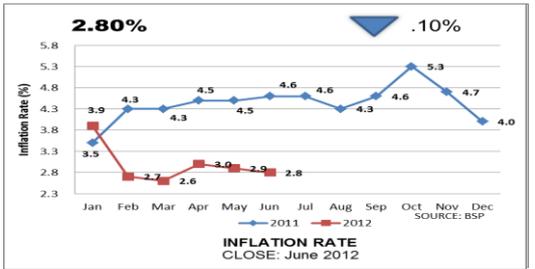
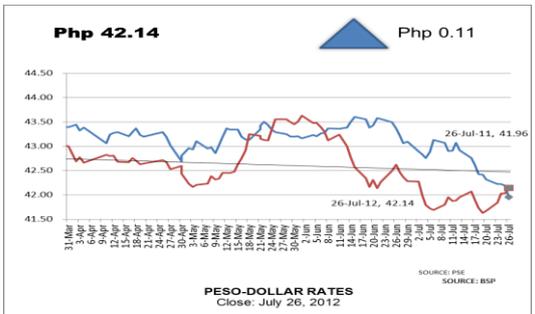
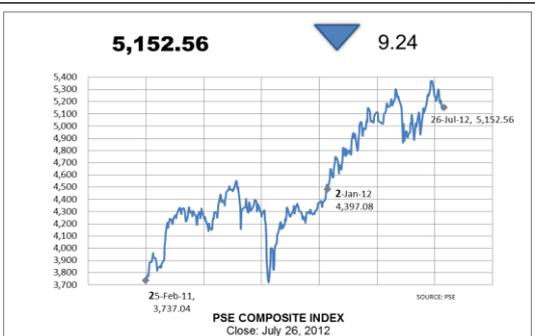
INDUSTRY BUZZ

Toyota sold 4.97 million vehicles in first half

Toyota sold 4.97 million vehicles globally in the first six months of this year, a strong result that could see the Japanese automaker regain its crown as the world's top automaker from General Motors Co. The number, released Wednesday, underlines Toyota Motor Corp.'s powerful rebound from a period of dismal sales, and the resilience of its brand as it gains traction in new markets such as China and Southeast Asia while clawing back lost market share in the U.S. Toyota's production was hit by the quake and tsunami in north eastern Japan last year and then by flooding in Thailand, which is an important production base for the automaker. Before those disasters, its sales were dented by massive U.S. recalls, totalling more than 14 million vehicles since the quality control problems emerged three years ago. (BusinessMirror)

Overseas Weakness Dents Ford's Results

Ford Motor Co. suffered a 57% drop in earnings in the second quarter as a result of expanding losses outside North America, and warned of continuing trouble in Europe for several more years. The auto maker earned \$1.04 billion, or 26 cents a share, down from \$2.4 billion, or 59 cents a share, a year ago, as strong profits in North America offset a \$404 million loss in Europe, a smaller loss in Asia and a big drop in profit in South America. Lower sales overseas caused revenue to fall 6.2% to \$33.3 billion. (Wall Street Journal)



	Thursday, July 26 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	2.01%	2.15%	3.85%
Lending Rates	7.73%	7.77%	7.79%

