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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

In January, PH posted higher BOP payments

The country registered a higher surplus in its balance of payments (BOP) in January due to rising foreign portfolio inflows and income generated by the central bank from its securities investments. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) on Tuesday reported that the BOP surplus hit \$2.04 billion in January—up by 136 percent from the \$864 million posted in the same month last year. "The BOP surplus for January was supported by foreign exchange operations and income from [the central bank's] investments abroad," said BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. (Philippine Daily Inquirer)

Government to review 'negative' list

The government will revisit the Foreign Investment Negative List (FINL) to open up the economy even more, but it reiterated that it will not consider lifting limits stated in the Constitution. The Finance and Trade departments, along with the National Economic and Development Authority, will lead the review of the FINL, which identifies investment areas which are reserved for Filipino nationals. Consultations with key stakeholders -- government agencies, legislators, business groups and other industry leaders -- will follow. "The review of the FINL is an ongoing process. Once we finish consultations with stakeholders, we will present results to [President Benigno S. C. Aquino III]," Finance Secretary Cesar V. Purisima said in a statement yesterday. (BusinessWorld)

Inflation-tied bonds planned

The government is considering issuing inflation-linked bonds that could mean a further reduction in borrowing costs for the government, National Treasurer Rosalia de Leon said yesterday. Inflation-linked bonds are attractive to investors, who agree to pay lower yields on such bonds in exchange for the protection on real value caused by inflation, and this would lower the costs for the government. While the cost of government borrowing locally has declined after rate cuts by the central bank, the government is continuously seeking ways to further reduce its funding cost. (Manila Bulletin)

FINANCIAL TRENDS

Stocks extend rally, end at new peak

Strong fund inflows and the winning stretch in Wall St. extended the local stock index's rally yesterday, posting a third consecutive all-time high, the 19th for this year. Persistent buying will continue amid overbought levels, which will allow the bellwether index to surge to 7,400 by yearend, COL Financial Group Inc. said. The benchmark Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) climbed anew yesterday, gaining 0.42 percent or 27.85 points to end at a fresh 6,648.57 record. The main index traded at a new intraday high of 6,690 in morning trading. (The Philippine Star)

P/\$ rate closes at P40.655/\$1

The peso exchange rate closed lower at P40.655 to the US dollar yesterday at the Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corp. (PDEX) from P40.63 the previous day. The weighted average rate unchanged to P40.623 from P40.623. (Manila Bulletin)

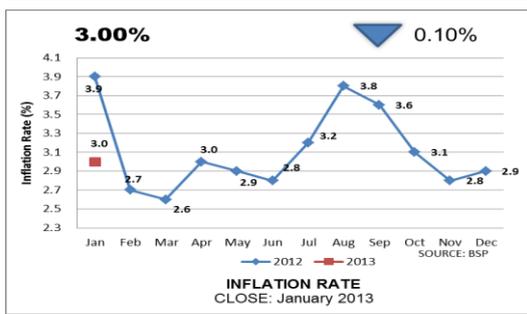
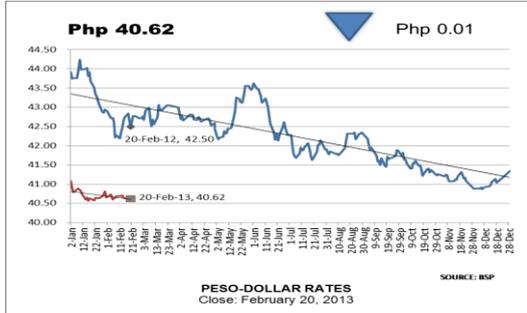
INDUSTRY BUZZ

ACC holds first ever BMW roadshow

Asian Carmakers Corporation (ACC), the official importer and distributor of BMW vehicles in the Philippines, will be holding the first leg of the BMW Roadshow on February 22 to 24 at the Mount Malarayat Golf & Country Club in Lipa City, Batangas. The event will feature the best of the BMW vehicle line-up in the Philippine market led by the new BMW 6 Series Coupe and the BMW Z4 35is Roadster. Visitors will have the opportunity to experience and test drive a wide range of BMW vehicles on-site while existing clients can bring their cars and have free diagnostics and maintenance checks at the BMW Express Bay. Guests will also have the privilege to visit the BMW M Performance Zone and choose from the many original BMW performance parts and accessories available especially for the roadshow event. (The Philippine Star)

Peugeot-full vehicle lineup display at Rockwell

In an effort to bring the Peugeot ownership experience closer to the buying public, Eurobrands Distributor Inc. (EDI), official importer and distributor of Peugeot in the Philippines, has announced a public display of its full vehicle lineup at the Powerplant Mall in Rockwell, Makati, from Friday, Feb. 22 to Sunday, Feb. 24. To be prominently displayed at the mall's North Court are the 3008 Crossover, the 5008 Compact MPV, the 508 Executive Sedan and the RCZ Sports Car. Peugeot sales executives will be on hand for the duration of the public display to answer any inquiries and tend to reservations that the buying public might have. (Philippine Daily Inquirer)



	Tuesday, 19 February 2013	Last Week	Year ago
Overnight Lending, RP	5.50%	5.50%	6.50%
Overnight Borrowing, RRP	3.50%	3.50%	4.50%
91 day T Bill Rates	0.05%	0.20%	3.85%
Lending Rates	7.33%	7.14%	7.79%

