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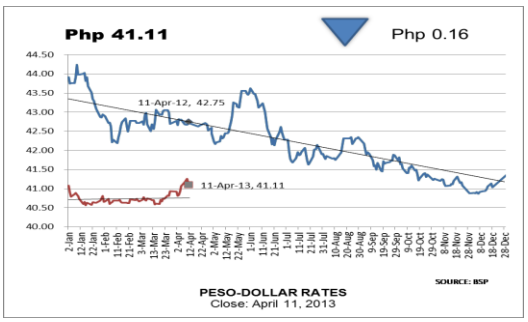

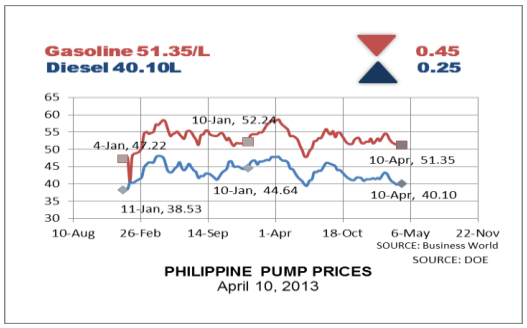

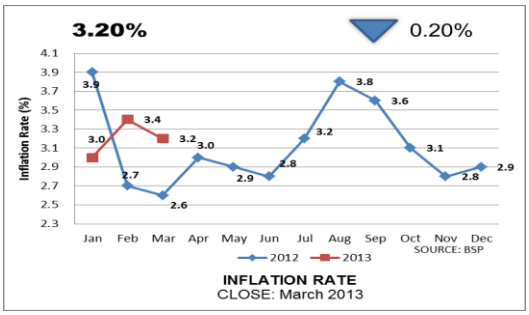

	Wednesday, 10 April 2013	Last Week	Year ago
Overnight Lending, RP	5.50%	5.50%	6.50%
Overnight Borrowing, RRP	3.50%	3.50%	4.50%
91 day T Bill Rates	0.04%	0.08%	3.85%
Lending Rates	7.09%	6.97%	7.79%

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Steep fall in exports

Merchandise exports fell by nearly 16% in February, the steepest drop in 14 months, as demand for electronic products continued to slump, the National Statistics Office (NSO) reported yesterday. A total of $3.74 billion worth of goods was shipped out during the month, 15.6% lower than last year's revised $4.43 billion, preliminary NSO data showed. The result was a reversal of the 12.8% growth registered in the same month a year earlier and the lowest since December 2011, when merchandise exports dived by 18.9%. With exports also contracting year-on-year in January, outbound shipments summed up to $7.75 billion as of February, 9.4% lower than the $8.55 billion registered in the same 2012 period. (BusinessWorld)

Foreign direct investments down in January

Net inflow of foreign direct investments (FDI) plunged in January as uncertainties in the global front, such as those brought about by weakness of advanced economies, prompted fund owners to exercise prudence in making business decisions. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on Wednesday reported that FDIs posted a net inflow of $576 million in January, down 45 percent from the $1.05 billion in the same month last year. Gross inflow of FDIs reached $1.29 billion, up by about 20 percent from $1.08 billion. However, the effect of higher gross FDI inflow was wiped out by the surge in FDI outflow. FDI outflow hit $711 million, about 32 times the $22 million registered in January last year. (Philippine Daily Inquirer)

Factory output expands at slower pace

Factory output expanded at a slower pace in February from the previous month as most sectors posted declines, the National Statistics Office (NSO) said. Preliminary results of the statistics agency's Monthly Integrated Survey of Selected Industries released yesterday showed factory output as measured by volume of production index (VOPI) grew by 8.7 percent in February compared to the revised 16.6 percent expansion posted in January. Out of 20 sectors covered, 11 posted declines in February such as petroleum products, tobacco products, publishing and printing, transport equipment, textiles, miscellaneous manufactures, beverages, non-metallic mineral products, furniture and fixtures, electrical machinery, and wood and wood products. (The Philippine Star)

FINANCIAL TRENDS

Bourse marks third day of gains

Stocks advanced for the third trading day on Thursday, keeping within the 6,800 territory as they tracked Wall Street's gains. The Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) rose by 15.90 points or 0.23% to close at 6,831.74, while the broader all-share index added 19.20 points or 0.45% to 4,270.57. (BusinessWorld)

P/$ rate closes at P41.12/$1

The peso exchange rate closed lower at P41.12 to the US dollar yesterday at the Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corp. (PDEx) from P41.07 the previous day. The weighted average rate appreciated to P40.986 from P41.105. Total volume amounted to $836.6 million. (Manila Bulletin)

INDUSTRY BUZZ

Q1 auto sales up by 29%

Vehicle sales rose by nearly 30 percent in the first quarter of 2013 as market optimism and low interest rates fuel demand for new cars and trucks, data released by the industry association showed.In a joint statement, the Chamber of Auto Manufacturers in the Philippines Inc. (Campi) and the Truck Manufacturers Association (TMA) said car and truck sales rose by 29 percent to record levels in January to March from the year-ago level. Members of Campi and TMA sold a combined 41,702 units in the three-month period, the highest first-quarter sales performance recorded by the industry in its history. (Philippine Daily Inquirer)

Ford decommissions P4-B auto plant

Ford Philippines is now decommissioning its P4-billion motor vehicle assembly facility at the Greenfield Automotive Park in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, which it abandoned after its headquarters decided to downgrade the local unit into a purely trading operation with all products coming from its ASEAN hub in Thailand and the rest from US. Randy Krieger, president of Ford Philippines, told reporters at the opening of the 9th Manila International Auto Show (MIAS) they have started the decommissioning of the plant and its facilities. The plant has a capacity to produce 25,000 vehicles per year and is capable of producing at least four different vehicle platforms. Some of the equipment and machineries are going to be donated to schools and local charities, Krieger said. (Manila Bulletin)