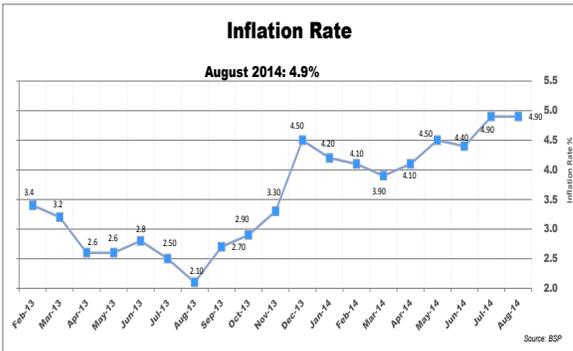
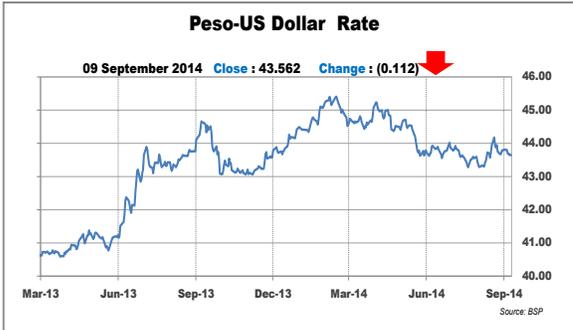
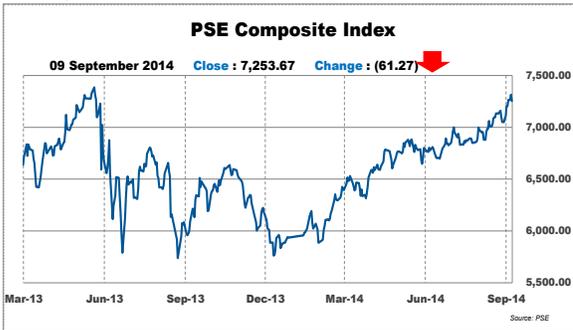




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KEY INTEREST RATES

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| Overnight Lending, RP | 5.63% |
| Overnight Borrowing, RRP | 3.50% |
| 91 Day T Bill Rates | 1.16% |
| Interbank Call Loan Rate | 2.25% |

GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Jaguar Takes Aim at BMW in Battle for the iPad Generation

Luxury car maker Jaguar just launched its latest car in extraordinary fashion in London. The British company expects their new XE model to go toe-to-toe with the likes of the BMW's 3-series.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Gov't urged to invest in education, infra to draw more investments, create jobs

The head of the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines urged the government to invest more in education and infrastructure for the energy and agriculture sectors to draw more investments that would open up more jobs for workers.

"The problem really is the lack of investment, both public and private," Ernesto Herrera, president of the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines, said.

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SC stops BIR from implementing 'alphalist' memo

The Supreme Court stopped the Bureau of Internal Revenue from enforcing its regulations requiring business, banking and financial sectors to submit an alphabetical list (alphalist) of portfolio investors receiving income payments and dividends.

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FINANCIAL TRENDS

PSEi hits high at 7,314.94 in post-ghost month buying

The local stock index slipped below 7,300 on Tuesday as lofty prices attracted profit-taking ahead of the central bank's monetary setting. The Philippine Stock Exchange index lost 61.27 points or 0.84 percent to close at 7,253.67.

All counters were in the red but the biggest decliner was the interest rate-sensitive property sub-index, which fell by 2.31 percent ahead of this Thursday's central bank meeting during which further tightening of monetary policy is expected.

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INDUSTRY BUZZ

Report: Hyundai, Ford to challenge the Toyota Prius in hybrid car wars

Ford and Hyundai are no hybrid newbies. Ford has been making hybrids since 2004, while Hyundai has been making such cars since 2011. This time, though, it looks like the American and Korean carmakers have finally decided to take the dedicated hybrid route for their incoming compact hybrids. Now, how is this different from the two car manufacturers' current hybrid offerings? Unlike their other hybrids that are based on conventional models, a dedicated hybrid such as the Prius is a vehicle designed to be a hybrid from the beginning.

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Japanese companies turn Filipino workers into overseas leaders

The Philippines has long provided the Western world with highly skilled and motivated workers, especially in such fields as nursing, domestic help and back-office services. Now, Japanese companies are tapping into the potential of Filipino engineers and technicians.

A growing number of Japanese manufacturers are setting up "mother factories" in the Philippines and dispatching Filipino engineers to work as leaders in other parts of the world. Mother factories are responsible for product design and for standardizing production specifications and conditions.

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