



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- 6.9** ↑ Q4 2014 Gross Domestic Product
- 2.40** ↓ January 2015 Inflation Rate
- 21.8** ↑ Q4 2014 Consumer Confidence
- 16.9** ↑ Q4 2014 Auto-buying Intention
- 44.12** ↑ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Inflation Seen to have Picked up this Month

The increase in prices of widely used goods is expected to have picked up in February after slowing for five straight months, fueled by higher utility costs and a recovery in world oil prices, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said yesterday.



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Growth to Bounce Back to Above 7%

The Philippine economy is expected to bounce back to an above seven percent growth rate this year, with the expansion attributed to lower inflation rates which could boost consumer spending, a recovery in government expenditures, and the start of election spending in the second half of the year.



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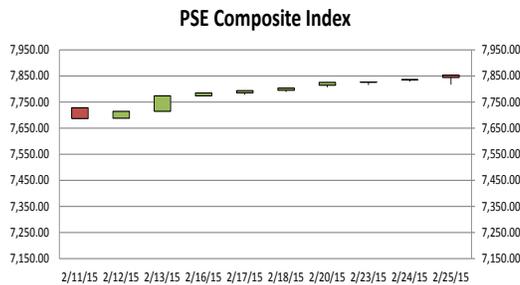
FINANCIAL TRENDS

Index Continues to Rally, Hits New High

The Philippine Stock Exchange index broke records once more yesterday, stretching its rally to nine consecutive sessions behind a string of positive developments here and abroad.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Upbeat on US, UK Consumers

Improving consumer confidences in the U.K. and the U.S., along with lower oil prices and interest rates, bode well for the global shopping center operator.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Toyota is APEC Mobility Partner

Toyota Motor Philippines Corporation (TMP) recently signed an agreement with the Philippine Government as a mobility partner in the APEC Philippines 2015.



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INTERNATIONAL

Consumer Reports' Top Vehicle Picks by Category

The top picks in each of ten categories must score well in a road test; perform well in government and insurance industry crash tests; and have average or better predicted reliability based on problems reported by Consumer Reports' subscribers.



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