



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	6.9	2.50	
▶ Q4 2014 Gross Domestic Product		▶ January 2015 Inflation Rate	
	-21.8	16.9	
▶ Q4 2014 Consumer Confidence		▶ Q4 2014 Auto-buying Intention	
44.13			
▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate			

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Inflation Quickens, But Policy Seen Stable

February saw the year-on-year rise in prices of widely goods edge up for the first time in seven months as upticks in utility and transport prices offset lower food costs, the state statistics agency reported yesterday, but the central bank signaled it still has leeway to keep policy rates steady later this month.

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PHL Set to OK Trade-Facilitation Pact

The Philippines is ready to give its nod on the World Trade Organization (WTO) trade-facilitation agreement (TFA), which is seen to increase the country's trade with the rest of the world by up to 8 percent once implemented.

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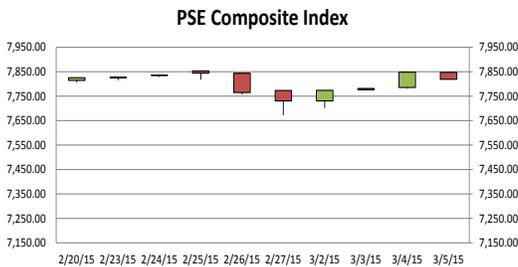


FINANCIAL TRENDS

Financial Road Map Drawn Up

Finance and central bank officials of the 21 economies belonging to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) on Thursday firmed up the proposed "Cebu Action Plan" aimed at making the region more financially integrated, transparent and resilient alongside infrastructure development.

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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



China Cuts GDP target
China lowers its growth outlook and increases government spending to \$2.7 trillion in 2015.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

HCPI Aims to Catch Up With Industry Growth

Honda Cars Philippines Inc. (HCPI) hopes to catch up with the robust industry growth this year with the planned launch of its new sports utility vehicle that should give them presence in this fastest growing car segment.

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INTERNATIONAL

Sluggish February U.S. Car Sales Blamed on Blustery Weather

For the second year in a row, ferocious winter weather slowed U.S. vehicle sales in February, causing the major automakers to miss analysts' bullish projections. Six of the top seven manufacturers on Tuesday reported year-to-year sales increases in February, but all fell short of expectations.

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