



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	6.9	2.50	
▶ Q4 2014 Gross Domestic Product		▶ February 2015 Inflation Rate	
	- 21.8	16.9	
▶ Q4 2014 Consumer Confidence		▶ Q4 2014 Auto-buying Intention	
44.67			
▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate			

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

PHL Seen to Miss 2015 Growth Goal

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said the Philippines could miss the government-set growth target this year despite plus factors, such as the promised increase in government spending and lower oil prices.



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High prices a concern of nearly one-half of Filipinos, poll says

Nearly one-half of Filipinos expressed concerns about rising prices, a Pulse Asia survey released on Tuesday said. Forty-six percent of Filipinos said inflation was their utmost worry, 44% expressed concerns about increasing workers' salaries, while 40% placed importance on fighting graft and corruption.



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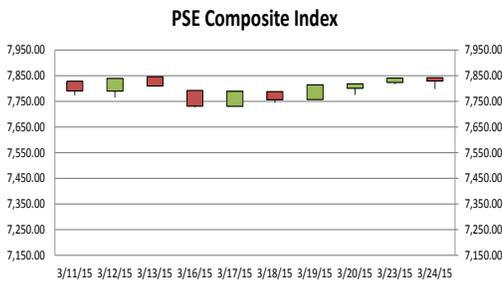
FINANCIAL TRENDS

CCAP Expects Double-Digit Growth of Credit-Card Holders In Next Few Years

The Credit Card Association of the Philippines (CCAP), composed of the 14 largest banks in the country, has expressed confidence that the number of credit-card holders in the Philippines is expected to grow by double digits in the next few years.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Has Japan Survived the Post-Tax Hike Slump?

After hitting the bottom last August, Japan's economy is en route to recovery from the tax-induced economic slump.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

'No registration, no travel' Policy to be Strictly Enforced by LTO Come April 1st

If you have a brand-new car but you have yet to receive its license plates from the Land Transportation Office, you only have until March 31 to enjoy driving it on public roads since the agency has announced that it will enforce a "no registration, no travel" policy starting on April 1, 2015.



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INTERNATIONAL

Volkswagen to Cut Working Hours, Jobs at Russian plant

Volkswagen will reduce shifts and lay off at least 150 workers at its Russian car plant, the German car producer said on Monday, to try to cut costs in a market downturn. Car sales in Russia dropped sharply last year as the economy was hit by a fall in oil prices and Western sanctions over Ukraine.



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