



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

6.9 ↑ **2.40** ↓

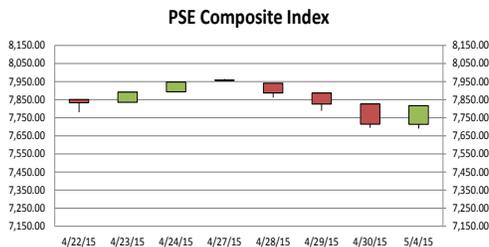
Q4 2014 Gross Domestic Product March 2015 Inflation Rate

- 10 ↑ **22.4** ↑

Q1 2015 Consumer Confidence Q1 2015 Auto-buying Intention

44.61 ↓

Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Rate Cut is the Only Option for RBA: Expert
Amid a weak domestic economy, the Reserve Bank of Australia has to “do its job” by cutting interest rates, says David Bassanese, chief economist of BetaShares Capital.

[FULL STORY HERE](#)

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

BBL Focus Could Mean Economic Bills Set Aside

Congress has identified at least nine economic reform measures as their priorities for the next two months, but these could be set aside once the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) reaches the plenary stage and commands much of the attention of both houses, a senior legislator said.



[FULL STORY HERE](#)

Self-rated Poverty Steadies in 1st Quarter

The number of Filipinos who consider themselves poor was unchanged last quarter, the Social Weather Stations (SWS) said in a new report, noting a decline of those saying so in Metro Manila was offset by an increase particularly in the Visayas.



[FULL STORY HERE](#)

FINANCIAL TRENDS

BSP FX Swaps Total \$3.35B

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) transacted \$3.347 billion foreign exchange swaps at the end of the first quarter with a residual maturity of up to one month only, based on the latest data. In 2014, the BSP has let go its longer-dated positions in forwards and futures of up to three months and up to 12 months, as it unwinds its entire foreign exchange swaps.



[FULL STORY HERE](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

More Financing Firms Fund Electric Vehicles

In an announcement early this week, the Electric Vehicle Association of the Philippines (EVAP) revealed that many financing firms are now joining the bandwagon in financing electric vehicles, the latest trend in public transport in the country.



[FULL STORY HERE](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Exclusive: GM Set to Storm India as Korea Costs Climb

General Motors aims to grab at least 5 percent market share in India within the next decade, as it sees that market overtaking Japan as the world's third biggest with projected annual sales of 8 million vehicles by 2025.



[FULL STORY HERE](#)

