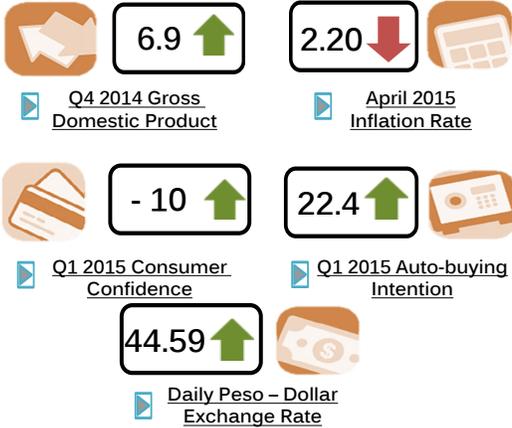




ECONOMIC INDICATORS



MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Inflation Slower Than Expected in April

Consumer prices rose by a slower-than-expected rate in April, giving the central bank ample room to implement policies that would further boost the economy's growth. Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Amando M. Tetangco Jr. said inflation would likely remain manageable throughout the year.

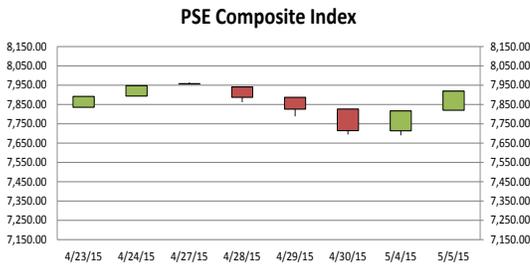
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PH, Canada Explore Bilateral FTA

The Philippines and Canada are working on a planned bilateral free trade agreement (FTA), a topic that is expected to highlight the state visit of President Aquino to Canada this week, as both countries seek to further enhance economic relations and promote mutual strategic interests.

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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Entry of Large Foreign Banks Good for PH

Large foreign banks have made steps to start operating in the Philippines, bringing with them deep pockets and new, competitive technologies and services to win over the millions of Filipinos who still hide cash under their beds. Philippine banks should welcome them with open arms.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Index for Toyota Corolla Buyers Created by Carmudi

The Toyota Corolla, often referred to as the world's most popular car, is sold on average once every 40 seconds. That trend has continued over the last 40 years, according to Carmudi.

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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



All Eyes on Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia is gearing up to open its stock market to foreign investors.

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INTERNATIONAL

Ford Earns \$924M in 1st Quarter, Down from 2014

Ford still does not have a full supply of the profitable F-150 full-size pickup and that was reflected in first-quarter earnings down almost 7% from a year ago when truck plants were still stamping metal and printing money. Ford had a net income of \$924 million in the first quarter, below last year's \$989 million, and also below Wall Street estimates.

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