



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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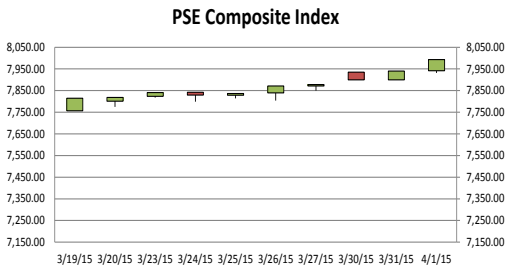
Q4 2014 Gross Domestic Product

February 2015 Inflation Rate

Q4 2014 Consumer Confidence

Q4 2014 Auto-buying Intention

Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate



### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



**Fed will Delay Rate Hike to September: Yoshikami**  
After March's weaker-than-expected jobs report, the 25-basis-point hike in U.S. interest rates will be pushed back to September, says Michael Yoshikami, founder & CEO at Destination Wealth Management.

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### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### PH is Most Resilient Emerging Economy

The US-based non-profit research group, the Center for Global Development in an essay "Emerging Market Macroeconomic Resilience To External Shocks" (February, 2015) said from 2007 or the pre-global crisis to 2014, the Philippines' rating in the resilience indicator jumped from seventh place of a list of 21 EMEs to No. 1.

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#### Consumer Price Increase Expected to have Steadied in March

The rise in prices of widely used goods likely steadied in March, but could head north again this month with the onset of the dry season, according to analysts polled by BusinessWorld late last week.

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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### 'BSP Action Dependent on Extent of Fed Hike'

An interest-rate hike by the US Federal Reserve (the Fed) lower than a full percentage point downstream (the BSP) is not likely to convince the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to make appropriate adjustments of its own, market analyst Luz Lorenzo of Maybank Kim Eng said.

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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### Is LTO's 'No Registration, No Travel' Policy Unconstitutional?

The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) yesterday said that the enforcement of the "no registration, no travel" policy of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) "might be unconstitutional" as it deprives an individual of the right to use his own property without due process of law.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Toyota to Build New Plants in China, Mexico

Japanese auto giant Toyota plans to invest a combined \$1.3 billion to build new plants in China and Mexico, its first major investment in five years, reports said Friday. The cash is aimed at boosting its production capacity by some 300,000 units a year in a bid to better compete with global rivals, the Nikkei business daily said.

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