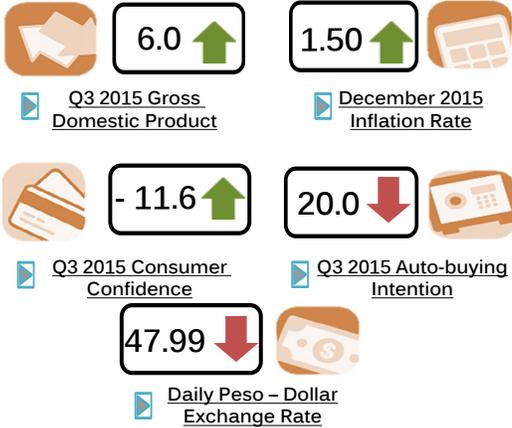




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS



### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### 'Higher November import payments bode well for Q1 exports'

The 10.1-percent increase in the country's import payments last November has bolstered the hopes of the government and some economists that Philippine exports would perform better in the first quarter of this year.



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#### Tetangco: PHL can hold off on monetary stimulus

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Amando M. Tetangco Jr. said there's no need for now to shore up the country's economy with lower interest rates, putting the onus on fiscal policy to help sustain a historic growth in the Southeast Asian nation in recent years.



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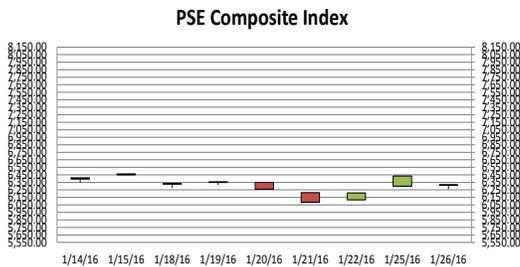
### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### Bank deposits hit P7 T

Bank deposits hit the P7 trillion mark as of end-November last year as more Filipinos are now saving for the future, data released by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) showed.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### SsangYong to make grand comeback to PH market; 3 models to be launched

The Korean brand is making a comeback this year in the Philippine market. The good news is that the brand will no longer be handled by a small, gray-market dealer. SsangYong will return with strong and credible backing from the Berjaya Group of Malaysia--yes, the same parent company of Mazda Philippines.



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### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### How are Singapore's 'smart nation' initiatives doing?

Steve Leonard, executive deputy chairman at Singapore's IDA, explains why the island-state has adopted cutting-edge tech initiatives.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Nissan Asia and Oceania Sales Up 6% In 2015

Nissan announced that its total 2015 retail sales in Asia and Oceania has achieved a 6-percent increase to 272,646 units.



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