



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

6.1 ↑ Full Year 2015 Gross Domestic Product

1.50 ↑ December 2015 Inflation Rate

-11.6 ↑ Q3 2015 Consumer Confidence

20.0 ↓ Q3 2015 Auto-buying Intention

47.82 ↑ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Inflation seen further slowing to 1.2% in Jan.

Inflation likely slowed to 1.2 percent in January as prices normalized after the Christmas season, the Department of Finance's (DOF) chief economist said.



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PH GDP grew 5.8% in 2015

The Philippine economy grew 5.8 percent in 2015, slower than the annual rate of 6.1 percent posted in 2014, the government reported Thursday.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Measure on credit card issuers moves forward

The proposed law to regulate the credit card industry in the country has advanced in the Senate, with the chamber adopting and passing on second reading an amended counterpart measure to the one okayed by the House of Representatives last year.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Kia Ph supports the ASEAN Korea Free Trade Agreement

This 2016 might be the start of Kia Philippines' best years in the automotive industry. Why? That's because Kia and other Korean car manufacturers can now bring in more products straight from their homeland to the Philippines, thanks to the implementation of the ASEAN Korea Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA).



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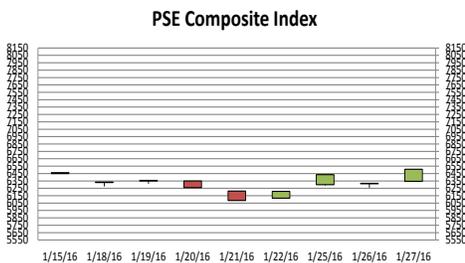
INTERNATIONAL

Toyota still top global automaker

Toyota kept its title as the world's biggest automaker on Wednesday after posting global sales of 10.15 million vehicles for 2015, outpacing scandal-hit Volkswagen and US rival General Motors.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



How to snap up cut-price Chinese stocks

Chinese investors are looking to Hong Kong to buy shares of domestic companies at bargain prices. Reuters' Pete Sweeney says that's because right now it's much cheaper to buy the same share

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