



ECONOMIC INDICATORS



6.1 ↑

Full Year 2015 Gross Domestic Product

1.50 ↑

December 2015 Inflation Rate



- 11.6 ↑

Q3 2015 Consumer Confidence

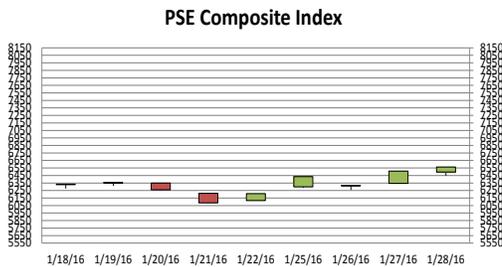
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Q3 2015 Auto-buying Intention



47.73 ↑

Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Frustrated, some Iraqi refugees quit Germany
Some Iraqis frustrated by the asylum process in Germany have given up, voluntarily returning to Iraq. Katie Sargent reports.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Growth during Aquino's term fastest in 40 years—Balisacan
In terms of economic performance, President Aquino did better than his five predecessors as average GDP growth between 2010 and 2015 posted a 40-year high of 6.2 percent, the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) said on Thursday.



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Central bank cites space to maintain monetary policy

Strong fourth-quarter growth the government reported yesterday signaled that monetary policy remains appropriate, with Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Amando M. Tetangco, Jr. seeing no immediate need to tweak current settings.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso seen depreciating to 48-49 to \$1 in 2016

The peso, seen to be the most "overvalued" currency in Asia at the moment, is likely to see a "modest" depreciation to the 48-49 levels against the US dollar this year, economists from British banking giant Standard Chartered said yesterday.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Unified toll collection for NLEX, SCTEX starting March

Motorists headed north during this year's Holy Week are set to have a more seamless and faster journey with the integration of the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) and Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX).



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INTERNATIONAL

No partnership with Suzuki but Daihatsu buyout possible for Toyota

As Toyota soared to become the world's number one automaker, selling more than 10 million units in 2015, they've got one eye on the future and that is the full acquisition of another Japanese auto brand.



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