



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

47.86 ↓ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Reforms seen pushing FDI higher this year

Reform measures pursued in the manufacturing sector at present and continuing efforts to further liberalize the banking system were to boost further the entry of foreign direct investments (FDI) this year.



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Bid to cut freight rates nixed

An umbrella group for Philippine truckers yesterday thumbed down a proposal to slash freight rates by more than 30% to the dismay of exporters that need their logistics service.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Gov't looking to tap insurance companies to fund PPP projects

The government is looking into allowing more insurance companies to finance public-private partnerships (PPPs) amid efforts to ramp up investments in public infrastructure.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Foton gears up for higher sales

Foton Motors Philippines Inc. plans to ride on the continued growth of the local automotive industry in the coming years as it gears up fo a bigger share of the market through its new P1.2-billion assembly plant in Clark, Pampanga.



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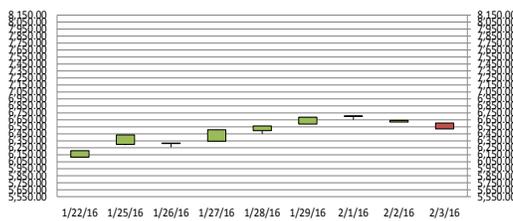
US auto sales dip in January

Despite a massive snowstorm that blanketed the East Coast, US auto sales looked set to keep up the momentum from a strong 2015, results showed Tuesday.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



US trade rep: TPP will set high standards

U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman says the TPP deal is an opportunity to set high standards on labor, the environment and other key factors across the region.

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