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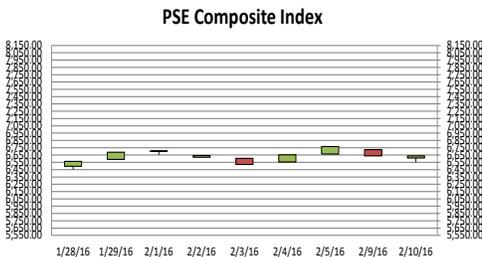
6.1 ↑
Full Year 2015 Gross Domestic Product

1.50 ↑
December 2015 Inflation Rate

- 11.6 ↑
Q3 2015 Consumer Confidence

20.0 ↓
Q3 2015 Auto-buying Intention

47.47 ↑
Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



'Long time before Fed raises rates' CNBC's Simon Yellen left all options on the table but spoke more of downside risks, explains Randall Kroszner, economics professor at the University of Chicago.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

'Exports rebound unlikely sans market, product diversification'

There is little hope for a rebound in the country's export receipts this year due to the weak global demand, unless Philippine exporters are able to expand their markets, the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) said.



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BOI sustains implementation of several industry roadmaps

The Board of Investments (BOI) will continue with the implementation of several interventions made to further elevate the development and globalization of the local businesses.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

BSP lifts ban on new bank licenses

New banks will soon be allowed to set up shop in the Philippines after almost 17 years as the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) reopens the granting of new licenses in light of the entry of more foreign investors and amid regional integration.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Mitsubishi to invest P4.3B to build Mirage models in PH

Tokyo-based Global Conglomerate Mitsubishi Corporation announced plans to invest P4.3 billion (\$90.63 million) in order to start the production of both the hatchback and sedan versions of its sub-compact model Mirage in the country starting early 2017.



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INTERNATIONAL

How millennials are reshaping car ownership model

When Toyota Motor looked to the future at the turn of the millennium and aimed its new, edgy Scion small-car brand at twenty-somethings, it could not have guessed that the model would be dead after just 12 years.



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