



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

6.1 ↑ Full Year 2015 Gross Domestic Product

1.30 ↓ January 2016 Inflation Rate

-11.6 ↑ Q3 2015 Consumer Confidence

20.0 ↓ Q3 2015 Auto-buying Intention

47.45 ↑ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Year-to-date FDI fall eases on Nov. surge

Net inflow of foreign direct investments (FDI) to the Philippines rose annually for the fifth straight month in November last year, tempering further a year-to-date fall but still paling against those that went to Southeast Asian peers.



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PPP Center to next admin: Prioritize airports, trains, subway

The country's Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Center wants the next administration to prioritize the development of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) and 5 other regional airports as well as the construction of mass transit railways to lessen traffic.



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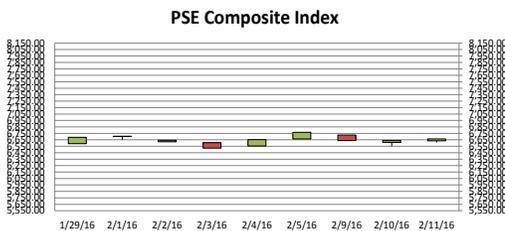
FINANCIAL TRENDS

BSP keeps policy rates steady

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) decided yesterday to keep key interest rates steady amid the robust domestic demand and manageable inflation environment.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Foton PH opens assembly plant in Clarkfield

Foton, the Philippines' biggest Chinese automotive brand, has been making inroads in the local automotive market.



FOTON

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INTERNATIONAL

FCA invests C\$3.7 billion, creates 1,200 jobs, for new minivan

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles said on Thursday that it has invested C\$3.7 billion since September 2014 and created 1,200 jobs in Canada to develop and produce its next-generation minivan.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



BOJ rate cut was a wake-up call: HSBC
HSBC's Frederic Neumann says investors have realized that monetary policy won't be the quick fix they were hoping for.

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