



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

47.62 ↑ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Inflation seen at 1.4% this month

The ongoing El Niño phenomenon and a new round of excise tax increases could push inflation higher this month, the chief economist of the Department of Finance (DOF) said.



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PCCI lists priorities for next President

The country's biggest business organization has sought to gather the economic advisers of presidential candidates next month as the group hopes to sound off five key issues that it wanted the next administration to prioritize.



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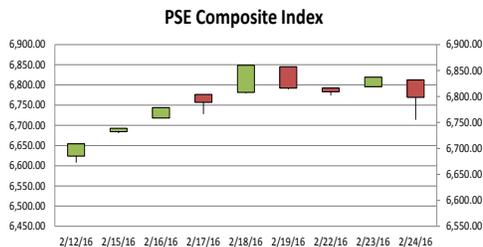
FINANCIAL TRENDS

Insurance premiums to expand

The total premium income of the country's insurance industry will likely hit P280 billion this year, with both the life and non-life sectors seen further expanding.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Kia announces official service app

South Korean automobile company Kia announced their official service app on Tuesday, February 23. The app, called Kia Service, offers a new, high-tech, and convenient way for Kia vehicle owners.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Has the G20 become irrelevant?

Nuveen Asset Management's Bob Doll says the G20 has grown less relevant and is unlikely to provide any solutions to global economic issues.

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INTERNATIONAL

Hyundai reveals a new, face-lifted Santa Fe in the US

Hyundai Motor Corporation revealed the new face of the Santa Fe during the 2016 Chicago Auto Show. We're loving the subtle updates on this Korean 7-seater, except that we're not sure when will this land the local showrooms.



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