



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

6.1 ↑ Full Year 2015 Gross Domestic Product

1.10 ↑ March 2016 Inflation Rate

-5.7 ↑ Q1 2016 Consumer Confidence

20.3 ↓ Q1 2016 Auto-buying Intention

46.19 ↓ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Business survey bares optimism

MANY senior executives of some of the country’s biggest companies expect the general economy to fare better than in 2015 and their businesses to invest more this year, according to results of Makati Business Club’s First-Quarter Executive Outlook Survey.



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PH among fastest-growing economies in Asean in 3 years — WB

The Philippines will remain one of the fastest-growing countries in East Asia and the Pacific despite a “modest” easing in economic expansion in the region in the next three years, a new World Bank report showed.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

BSP tags risks to growth, stability

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has identified the impending rate hikes in the US, the negative interest rates in Japan and Europe, soft oil prices, and the impact of El Niño as challenges to the country’s positive position.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Manila International Auto Show 2016: Definitely your smart ride to the future

Presented by Worldbex Services International, the country’s leading events and exhibitions organizer, MIAS 2016 is expected to transcend its previous installments as it brings something totally new to the table.



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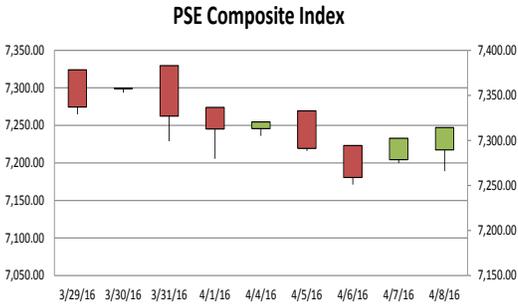
INTERNATIONAL

2016 F1 season opens with a bang

The 2016 Formula 1 Australian GP lived up to the pre-season expectations of fans and pundits alike. It had all the excitement of wheel to wheel racing that was missing in past races.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Why you shouldn't worry about the yen

The currency still remains at a relatively low level compared to the central bank’s previous intervention, flags Roy Teo, senior FX strategist at ABN AMRO Bank.

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