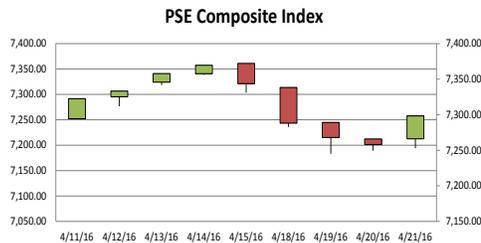




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<b>5.8</b>	<b>1.10</b>	
<a href="#">▶ Full Year 2015 Gross Domestic Product</a>		<a href="#">▶ March 2016 Inflation Rate</a>	
	<b>- 5.7</b>	<b>20.3</b>	
<a href="#">▶ Q1 2016 Consumer Confidence</a>		<a href="#">▶ Q1 2016 Auto-buying Intention</a>	
<b>46.44</b>			
<a href="#">▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate</a>			



## GLOBAL WATCHLIST



**Japanese business not keen on Trump: poll**  
Most Japanese firms think a Donald Trump presidency would hurt the Japan-U.S. alliance and make the United States less business-friendly. Reuters' Ed Klamann explains why Japan's angsty about the Republican presidential candidate.

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## MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

### PHL investment grade status stays

The Philippines keeps its investment grade rating, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services (S&P) announced late Thursday, with the latest assessment hinged on prospects the next Philippine leader would keep the economy on sound macroeconomic footing.

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### Business registration, tax targeted to raise WB ranking

The Philippines is looking to climb the rankings of the best countries for doing business by simplifying registration and tax procedures, two categories where the country did poorly in a World Bank (WB) study last year.

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## FINANCIAL TRENDS

### Peso continues to slide

The peso continued its slump against the dollar yesterday amid continued volatility in oil prices.



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## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Mitsubishi Philippines Sales Rise By 23.8%

Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corporation (MMPC) registered a double-digit growth of 23.8% as it closed the first quarter of 2016. For the first quarter, MMPC sold a total of 14,688 units, far more than the 11,849 units sold during the same period in 2015.



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## INTERNATIONAL

### Hyundai boosts connected car tech by partnering with major IT firm

In order to advance their research towards autonomous driving technology, which hinges on automobiles being able to communicate with one another, automakers have either acquired technology companies or brokered a partnership with them.

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