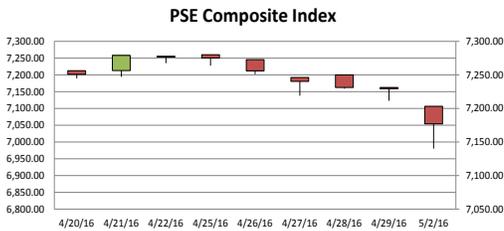




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<b>5.8</b> ↓	<b>1.10</b> ↑	
▶ Full Year 2015 Gross Domestic Product		▶ March 2016 Inflation Rate	
	<b>-5.7</b> ↑	<b>20.3</b> ↓	
▶ Q1 2016 Consumer Confidence		▶ Q1 2016 Auto-buying Intention	
<b>46.97</b> ↓			
▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate			



### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



**Beijing's South China Sea fishing militia**  
Beijing's pouring money into fishing fleets that sail out into the contested South China Sea, providing everything from fuel for long fishing hauls to military training for encounters with foreign militia.

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### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

**Investment pledges pile up 13% in Q1**  
Investment pledges approved by the Board of Investments (BOI) soared 13 percent in the first quarter of the year, an unusual trend during an election year, a Trade official said.

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**Philippines renegotiates PJEPA agri tariffs, quotas**  
The Philippines will attempt to sway Japan to scrap tariffs and quotas for a number of agricultural products when both countries meet this week for the first renegotiation of the Philippine Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA).

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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

**OFW families should invest more, says BSP**  
The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has stressed the need for the beneficiaries of cash remittances from overseas Filipinos to invest more, amid the increasing access to financial services of migrant workers and their families.

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### INDUSTRY NEWS

**Mitsubishi hopes new PHL president to honor CARS Program**  
Mitsubishi Motor Philippines Corp. (MMPC) is hoping the next administration will honor the newly passed Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy (CARS) Program, as this will be the stimulus for robust job generation that every candidate is pledging to provide.

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### INTERNATIONAL

**Report: German EV owners to get up to 4,000 euros in gov't-mandated rebates**  
According to Bloomberg, a landmark decision by German chancellor Angela Merkel will set aside up to 1.2 billion euros (P63.7 billion) in incentives for buyers of electric cars.

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