



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

5.8 ↓ **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**

46.85 ↑ **Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate**

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Economic expansion expected to pick up

A relatively more subdued impact of China's slowdown on the Philippines should help economic growth pick up in the next two years to defy a trend seen in many other Asian economies, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said in a new report.



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Ecozone investments surge 19%

Total investments approved by the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) surged nearly a fifth in the first four months of the year on continued expansion of existing locators and entry of new firms in the country.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso rebounds ahead of US payrolls report

The peso bounced back against the dollar yesterday amid persisting election jitters as investors repositioned their bets ahead of the release of market-moving non-farm payrolls data in the United States towards the end of the week.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Drivers can check online if they were caught by Big Brother

In a project dubbed "Na-HuliCam Ka Ba? (Were you caught on camera?)," the agency will make the information available online via a Google spreadsheet document starting May 3.



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INTERNATIONAL

Toyota to fully resume production in Japanese plants on Friday

Vehicle production in Toyota's Japanese factories will restart beginning May 6 after the company observed a scheduled holiday between April 29 and May 5.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Cruz suspends campaign, clearing Trump path to GOP nomination

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz cleared the path Tuesday night for Donald Trump to claim the Republican presidential nomination, suspending his underdog campaign following a crushing defeat in the Indiana primary

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