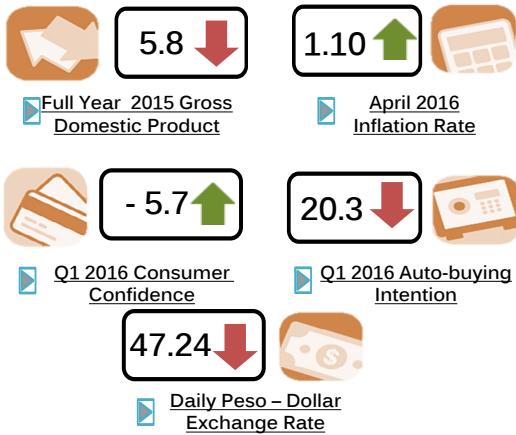




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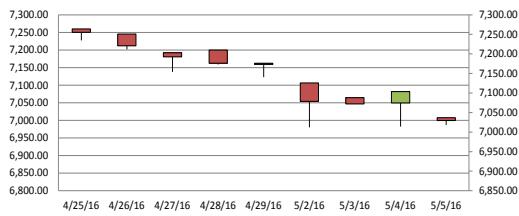
Inflation remained tame in April due to cheaper rice, utilities

Inflation in April remain unchanged at 1.1 percent as in the previous month, due to cheaper rice and slower hikes in the prices of utilities, according to the latest data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

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