



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

**6.9** ↑ **Q1 2016 Gross Domestic Product**

**1.90** ↑ **June 2016 Inflation Rate**

**-5.7** ↑ **Q1 2016 Consumer Confidence**

**7.5** ↑ **Q1 2016 Auto-buying Intention**

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

### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### Bicol fastest-growing, but NCR still GDP anchor

Bicol registered the fastest growth among the Philippines' 17 regions in 2015 even as the National Capital Region (NCR) contributed the most to the country's production of goods and services that year.



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#### Optimism at record high as Duterte starts

The ranks of Filipinos expecting quality of life and the general economy to improve in the next 12 months grew to a record high in late June, according to a Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey that one analyst said reflects optimism that President Rodrigo R. Duterte can count on as he rolls out policy initiatives and reforms this early in his six-year term.



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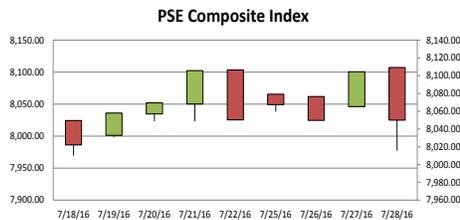
### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### Latest Fed policy move seen positive for PHL

Signals of an improving outlook for the United States economy are positive for emerging markets like the Philippines since they point to better global growth prospects in the coming months, allowing local monetary authorities to keep policy stable, the chief of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said yesterday.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### Industry players buoyed by first semester sales results

Movers and shakers of the Philippine automotive industry were buoyed by the sales results achieved in the first half of 2016 that hit a grand total of 212,901 units, which is more than halfway to this year's ultimate 350,000 sales target.



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### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### Monsoon floods kill dozens in Nepal, India

Severe floods in India have affected more than 1.6 million people and buried hundreds of villages, while in neighboring Nepal flash floods and landslides swept through villages, killing at least 58 people. Mana Rabiee reports.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### New U.S. Factory Planned for Sprinter Vans in Four Years

Mercedes-Benz Vans, a division of global truck maker Daimler, plans to invest around \$500 million and creating potentially up to 1,300 jobs to build a new manufacturing facility in North Charleston, SC, for its Sprinter van as it seeks to capitalize on growth in the commercial van segment.



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