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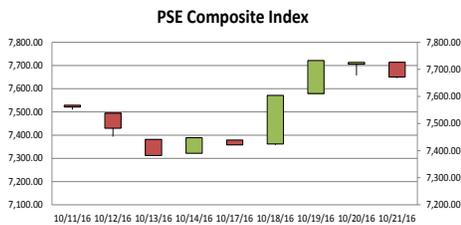
7.0 ↑
Q2 2016 Gross Domestic Product

2.30 ↑
September 2016 Inflation Rate

- 6.4 ↓
Q2 2016 Consumer Confidence

5.7 ↓
Q1 2016 Auto-buying Intention

48.33 ↓
Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



South China Sea is a political powder keg

This strategic waterway is a \$5 trillion route for global trade. It also has a treasure trove of energy reserves China may soon begin to tap. China's military buildup in the region may have something to do with securing this black gold.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Strong economy cushions impact of Duterte rhetorics – BSP

Reflecting the first three months of the Duterte administration, the latest issue of the FMIC-UA&P Market Call reported an estimated 6.5% gross domestic product (GDP) expansion for the third quarter, slower than the 7% growth of the preceding quarter.



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Jittery BPOs knock on Duterte's door

The IT-Business Process Association of the Philippines (IB-PAP) is seeking audience with President Rodrigo Duterte after his latest pronouncements on the country's relations with the United States sent a new wave of jitters among IT and business process management firms.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

BSP seen to finally raise rates next year

Nomura Securities Co. Ltd. sees the policy stance of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) turning hawkish in the first half of next year amid rising inflation.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Government aims to boost e-vehicle industry with e-trike program

As small an industry as it seems now in the Philippines, electric vehicles (EVs) are without a doubt the future of mobility – reducing our reliance on fossil fuel and tailpipe emissions.



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INTERNATIONAL

No Incentives for Hybrids, Thailand Says

The Thai government rejects Toyota's request to include hybrid vehicles in investment-incentive packages about to be offered for electric vehicles.



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