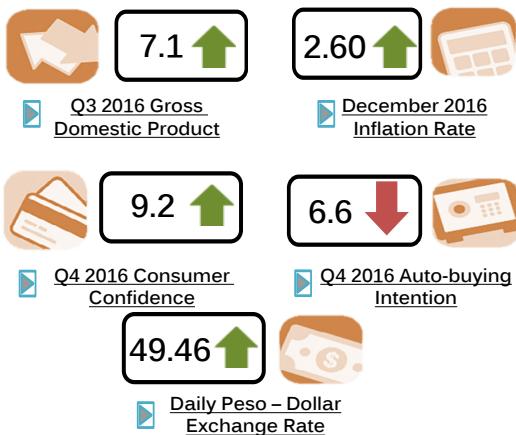




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS



### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### Dec. inflation at 2-yr high

Inflation hit a two-year high in December as the holiday season pushed food prices up. The average for 2016, however, fell below the government target.



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#### Proposed fuel tax hike draws flak

Saying it is already too much, senators yesterday decried government's plan to impose additional taxes on fuel products on top of the 12 percent value added tax (VAT) and urged the Duterte administration to first study the impact of such strategy.



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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### SSS eyes higher foreign debt exposure

The Social Security System (SSS) is looking to expand its exposure to higher-yielding offshore investments opportunities, and is also proposing some amendments to the law on dollar-denominated debts, as it continues to explore its options to boosting its fund life to accommodate a P2,000 across-the-board hike in benefits.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### Mitsubishi PH releases third-party report on alleged SUA incidents

For those who are still doubtful about the safety of the previous-generation Mitsubishi Montero Sport, this may finally put your fears to rest. We just received an e-mail update from Mitsubishi Motors Philippines regarding the so-called SUA incidents.



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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Trump: Toyota faces big tax if it builds Corolla cars for US in Mexico

U.S. President-elect Donald Trump on Thursday targeted Toyota Motor Corp, threatening to impose a hefty fee on the Japanese automaker if it builds its Corolla cars for the U.S. market at a plant in Mexico.



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### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### China to place \$361bln bet on renewables

China will plough 2.5 trillion yuan (\$361 billion) into renewable power generation by 2020 in an investment that will, it's projected, create a massive 13 million jobs in the sector. Samantha Vadas reports.

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