



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

6.6 ↓ **2.70** ↑

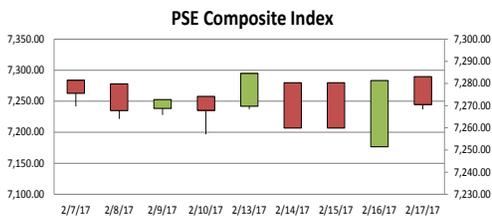
Q4 2016 Gross Domestic Product January 2017 Inflation Rate

9.2 ↑ **6.6** ↓

Q4 2016 Consumer Confidence Q4 2016 Auto-buying Intention

50.00 ↓

Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Brazil races against time to save drought-hit city
The Brazilian government is racing against time to bring water to Campina Grande, a city in the northeast hard-hit by a drought.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Philippines jumps 12 notches in economic freedom index
Improvements in the country's fiscal stability, government spending and monetary stability pushed the Philippines's so-called economic freedom up 12 notches to 58th, according to an international think tank.



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ASEAN ministers expected to discuss Trump presidency
Foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will likely discuss the new leadership of US President Donald Trump when they meet here on Tuesday, February 21.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

BSP eases liquidity rules for big banks

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has eased the liquidity rules for big banks ahead of the implementation of liquidity coverage (LCR) to make sure these institutions have the necessary assets on hand to ride out short-term liquidity disruptions.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

BOC: Excise tax on cars to dampen investments, squeeze jobs

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) has warned that the proposal to impose excise tax on automobiles will discourage the inflow of investments in the auto industry.



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INTERNATIONAL

GM shares could climb 35 percent if it sells Opel: Barron's

General Motors Co shares could climb by as much as 35 percent if it succeeds in selling its European Opel brand and focuses on its healthier markets, Barron's said on Sunday.



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