



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	6.6	3.30	
	9.2	6.6	
	50.36		

▶ **Q4 2016 Gross Domestic Product** ▶ **February 2017 Inflation Rate**

▶ **Q4 2016 Consumer Confidence** ▶ **Q4 2016 Auto-buying Intention**

▶ **Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate**

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Jobless rate up to 6.6% in January

The typhoons that ravaged the country at the end of last year and early this year impacted on jobs, such that the unemployment rate rose to 6.6 percent in January, the government reported Tuesday.



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Duterte's tax-reform plan back to the drawing board

The Duterte administration's Comprehensive Tax Reform Package (CTRP) is facing further delays after the House Committee on Ways and Means—instead of approving the measure—opted on Tuesday to create a technical working group (TWG) to further study the proposal.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

BSP: Fed action to worsen volatility

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) yesterday cited the need for continued vigilance as the Federal Reserve is poised to raise rates this week, saying the country's financial markets could see sharp movements in the near term as a result.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Council formed to combat Metro Manila traffic

As the government continues to create ways to combat traffic congestion in Metro Manila, a new council is formed in order to get input from various sectors before new rules and regulations are implemented.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Japan piles pressure on China over disputed waters

Japan's move to dispatch its largest warship on a three-month tour through the South China Sea is being seen as sending a clear message to Beijing over territorial rights. Reuters' Tim Kelly explains why.

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INTERNATIONAL

Japan's Toyota to look at Saudi production as the countries seek closer ties

Toyota Motor Corp signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Tuesday with a Saudi Arabian government agency to conduct a feasibility study into producing vehicles and parts in the Middle Eastern nation.



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