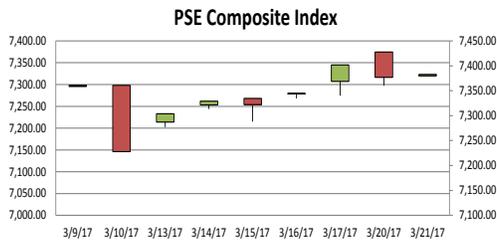




ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	6.6	3.30	
▶ Q4 2016 Gross Domestic Product		▶ February 2017 Inflation Rate	
	9.2	6.6	
▶ Q4 2016 Consumer Confidence		▶ Q4 2016 Auto-buying Intention	
50.19			
▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate			



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



EU ministers warn on trade after 'surreal' G20
EU finance ministers gather in Brussels amid concerns over the future of free trade following recent G20 meeting. David Pollard reports.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Tax bureau spells out 2017 collection targets

The tax bureau has set specific goals to ensure it stays on track to collecting what the government needs to spend for its development programs.



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More PH companies seen going to stage ASEAN expansion

More and more companies in the ASEAN Economic Community, including the ones in Philippines, are seen to explore potential expansion within the region, which is expected to sustain growth momentum as well as become more resilient than other major regions in the world.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

PH banks have more room to grow compared to peers in the region

On account of a growing economy, Philippine banks have more leeway to “move up” among other banking sectors in the region because of stability and strong fundamentals, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Amando M. Tetangco Jr. said.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

SMEs seen left out of vehicle program

Months after they made their call to be part of the supply chain of the CARS program, small- and medium-sized parts makers have yet to be informed if they would be part of the government-initiated project at all, said a top official of the Parts Makers Association Inc. (PPMA).



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INTERNATIONAL

China's Taxes on Imported Cars Feed Trade Tensions With U.S.

A Jeep Wrangler can cost \$30,000 more in China than in the United States — and the reasons illustrate a growing point of tension between the two countries.



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