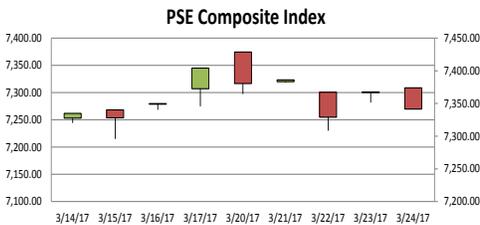




ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	6.6	3.30	
	9.2	6.6	
	50.33		

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



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



BOJ's Kuroda says no reason to withdraw monetary stimulus

Bank of Japan's Haruhiko Kuroda says there is "no reason" to withdraw bank's massive monetary stimulus since inflation remains far from its 2 percent target.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Growth could still have slowed in Q1

The Philippine economy could have expanded at a slower pace this quarter as state spending and factory output growth eased, said an analyst at ING Bank whose outlook was markedly tempered compared to those given last week.



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Asia trade talks chief warns against turning RCEP into new TPP

The chief negotiator of a 16-nation Asia trade pact expressed hope that talks can be concluded this year if member nations refrain from introducing elements of a separate deal derailed by US President Donald J. Trump.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

BSP in no rush to cut reserve req't

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is in no hurry to lower the banks' reserve requirement so as not to send mixed signals to the financial markets.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

MMDA wants to regulate car window tints for 3 months

If you're the kind that fancies using dark window tints, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) may soon regulate its use. Recently, the government agency announced that they are seeking to regulate the use of window tints on private cars for three months.



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INTERNATIONAL

Japanese manufacturers brace for possible U.S. import tax: Reuters poll

Japanese manufacturers are wary of a possible U.S. border tax, with just over half expecting profits to take a hit if the United States slaps a 20 percent levy on imports, a Reuters poll showed on Monday.



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