



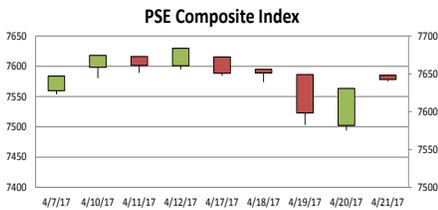
ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	6.6	3.40	
	8.7	7.1	
	49.79		

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

▶ **Q1 2017 Consumer Confidence** ▶ **Q1 2017 Auto-buying Intention**

▶ **Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate**



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Shutdown looms as Trump approaches milestone

Republicans and Democrats have until this Friday to agree on a deal to keep the government funded, leaving President Donald Trump facing the chance of a government shutdown coinciding with his 100th day in office.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Tycoons satisfied with business environment

Some of the country's most influential business tycoons have expressed satisfaction with the business environment under the Duterte administration, but underscored the urgency of speeding up the implementation of proposed infrastructure projects.



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Private economists hike inflation forecast

Economists polled by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) raised their inflation forecasts for this year to an average 3.4 percent from 3 percent previously on the back of the peso's depreciation during the first quarter as well as rising oil prices.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Tighter credit standards for comm'l real estate loans

Banks continued to tighten their credit standards for real estate loans to companies, while maintained those for housing loans of individuals during the first quarter, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) reported.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

LTO and TESDA working on evaluation system for PUV drivers

As tragic accidents involving public utility vehicles (PUVs) continue to claim the lives of helpless commuters and passengers, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) is revisiting plans for more stringent measures in assessing PUV drivers.



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INTERNATIONAL

Volvo Fuels Global Ambitions with U.S. Factory

Volvo is on track to complete its sprawling \$500 million factory here in time to begin production of S60 sedans for the global market by fall 2018, but the Chinese-owned Swedish automaker still is building its local supplier base to support the facility.



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