



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<b>6.6</b>	<b>3.40</b>	
	<b>Q4 2016 Gross Domestic Product</b>		<b>March 2017 Inflation Rate</b>
	<b>8.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>	
	<b>Q1 2017 Consumer Confidence</b>		<b>Q1 2017 Auto-buying Intention</b>
	<b>49.99</b>		
	<b>Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate</b>		



### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### DOF hopes S&P assessment will 'inspire' lawmakers to pass CTRP

Credit-rating agencies remained "impressed" with the Philippine economy's solid fundamentals that are seen to attract more foreign direct investment even as they urged the government to ramp up revenues as well as focus on reducing poverty and income inequality, the country's chief economist said.

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#### PH, Indonesian companies seal 11 business deals

A total of 11 business deals have been signed between Philippine companies and top-level Indonesian businesses during the recent Philippines-Indonesia Business Networking session held in Davao City.



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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### Money supply growth slows in March

More funds circulated in the economy in March, with money supply sustaining its double-digit growth and as bank lending grew by almost a fifth, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said on Tuesday.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### MMPC taps Japanese engineers to provide free inspection in dealerships

In order to extend satisfaction to its customers, Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) of Japan, Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corporation (MMPC), and its dealerships nationwide collaborate to provide free inspection to customers whose vehicles are already out-of-warranty.



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### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### Cost fears as Tokyo toughens tobacco laws

A battle over an anti-smoking law in Tokyo is becoming increasingly intense as the city prepares to host the Olympics. As Laura Frykberg reports, bars and restaurants are worried about their businesses and a ban could cut into government tax revenues, at a time when Japan's tax-paying population is shrinking.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Wall Street fears end of boom as automakers' April U.S. sales drop

Major automakers on Tuesday posted declines in U.S. new vehicle sales for April in a sign the long boom cycle that lifted the American auto industry to record sales last year is losing steam, sending carmaker stocks down.



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