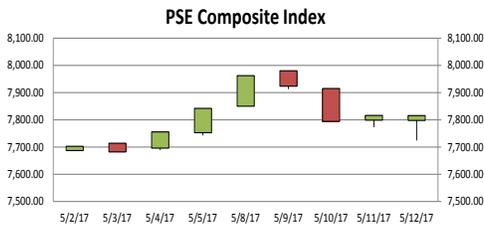




ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	6.6	3.40	
	8.7	7.1	
	49.76		

Q4 2016 Gross Domestic Product
April 2017 Inflation Rate
Q1 2017 Consumer Confidence
Q1 2017 Auto-buying Intention
Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Spain, UK come under 'ransomware' cyber attack

Spain's government warned on Friday that a large number of companies had been attacked by cyber criminals who infected computers with malicious software known as "ransomware", while Britain's health service also came under attack.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Infra spending rises 12.2% in 1st quarter led by road projects

Infrastructure spending grew a little over 12.2% in the first quarter, driven by road projects by the Public Works department, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) said in a report over the weekend.



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DOF amenable to revised substitute CTRP bill

The Department of Finance (DOF) is now supporting the House of Representatives' revised substitute bill of the tax reform as the new version entails higher revenues despite its wider budget deficit scenario.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Universal, commercial lenders' NPL ratio drops at end-March

Bad loans held by big banks slipped in March from a year ago even as the lenders grew more aggressive in extending credit to borrowers, data from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) showed, as banks stand armed with more than enough buffers to cover possible defaults.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Govt wants to roll out incentives program for 'people movers'

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) said it is looking at crafting another manufacturing-stimulus program, this time for "people movers" or makers of multipassenger-transport vehicles, which will replace aging buses and jeepneys.



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INTERNATIONAL

America's Diesel Car Market Gets Even Smaller

Mercedes-Benz's decision to pause its U.S. diesel plans represents another blow to the technology's already small and diminishing share of auto sales in the country.



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