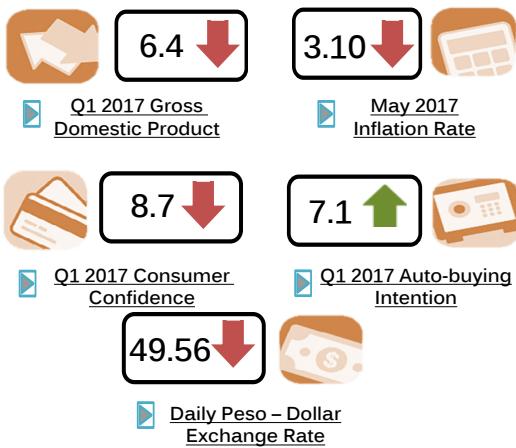




ECONOMIC INDICATORS



MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

May data show price hikes manageable

Inflation eased in May due to slower price adjustments in both food and non-food commodities, the government reported yesterday.



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DoF insists on original tax reform scheme as gov't pushes infrastructure

The Department of Finance (DoF) will ask the Senate to hew the first tax reform package closer to the original proposal, even as the government will likely be assured that the measure in any form will yield funds needed for its planned P8-trillion infrastructure spending until 2022.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Economic strength to boost banks' credit scores

Sustained economic growth as well as the robust performance of banks could upgrade the credit scores of Philippine lenders, an official from Fitch Ratings said, with the rising interest rate environment having no effect on the debt watcher's outlook for the banks.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Sugar producers bitter over U.S.-Mexico trade pact

The U.S. and Mexican governments reached a new agreement to significantly shift their sugar trade mix, but U.S. sugar producers have failed to endorse the deal, in a sign U.S. corporations may not get all they want from renegotiated trade deals.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

DOF: Strong vehicle sales to continue despite higher excise taxes

The Department of Finance expects robust vehicle sales to continue even as the higher excise taxes to be slapped on vehicles loom.

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INTERNATIONAL

Revised Guidelines for Autonomous Cars in Works, US-DOT Chief Says

President Donald Trump's administration will unveil revised self-driving guidelines within the next few months, the head of the U.S. Transportation Department said on Monday, responding to automakers' calls for regulations that will eliminate barriers and allow autonomous vehicles on the road.

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