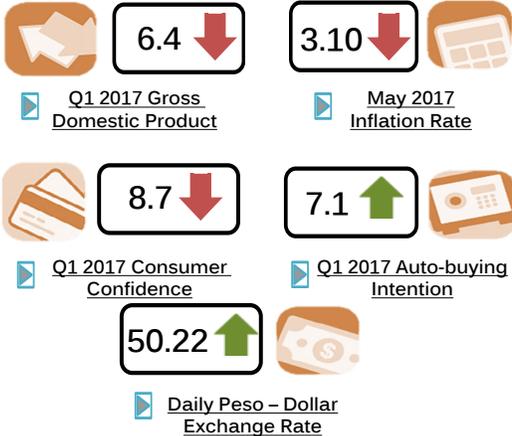




ECONOMIC INDICATORS



MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Exporters urge reforms to hit \$100-B target early

Exporters are calling on both the public and private sector to implement reforms necessary to help boost exports as they set their sights on achieving an ambitious \$100-billion revenue target over the medium term.



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5-mo BPO investments down 35%

Amid fears of political uncertainty under the Duterte administration, new IT-BPM investments registered under the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (Peza) have fallen by more than a third in the first five months of the year, showing “alarming” signs of slowing down months after local concerns started causing jitters in the industry, a source familiar with the issue told the Inquirer.



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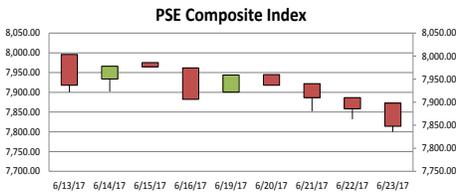
FINANCIAL TRENDS

Banks seen to weather ‘reputational’ blow

Technology troubles that recently hit some of the country’s biggest banks have dealt them a “reputational” blow, but the entire industry remains generally sound and stable, the incoming Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) chief said, adding that monetary authorities plan to raise standards in this regard.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Airbag maker Takata files for bankruptcy protection

Japan’s Takata Corp files for bankruptcy protection in the United States and Japan and says it will seek \$1.6 billion in aid from U.S.-based Key Safety Systems. Reuters Naomi Tajitsu explains what happened from Tokyo.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

BOI scraps 3rd CARS player, shifts to PUV

The Board of Investments (BOI) has officially scrapped the slot reserved for a third participant in its Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy (CARS) program, shifting its focus to a new program that will support the assembly of eco-friendly public utility vehicles (PUV) priced below P1 million, its top official said.



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INTERNATIONAL

Hyundai Designer Talks Differentiation, Downside of Globalization

In the latest figures submitted by JATO Dynamics, they have listed down the top ten with another company entering the fold. Their latest list sees Volkswagen Auto Group back at the top with Toyota and Renault-Nissan Alliance not far behind.



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