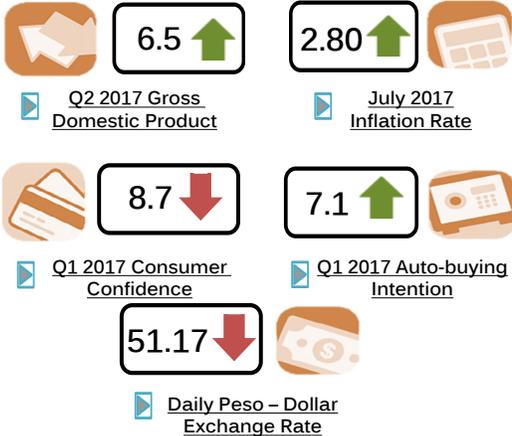




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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Poll: Aug. inflation could be 3-month top

The overall hike in prices of widely used goods and services could have quickened in August to its fastest pace in three months, partly as measures to contain a bird flu outbreak crimped supply of some poultry products, analysts said in a businessworld poll last week, even as they said this would not be enough to prod the central bank to raise interest rates anytime soon.



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'Strong incentive' for RCEP deal seen — DTI

The countries negotiating the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) have no choice but to resolve contentious issues relating to the creation of the economic bloc by year's end, an official of the Department of Trade of Industry (DTI) said.

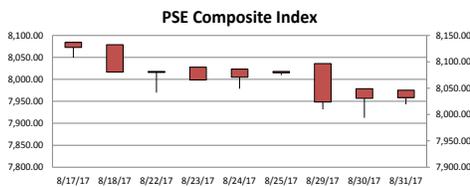


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Trump: North Korea is a rogue nation which has become a great threat

North Korea's "words and actions continue to be very hostile and dangerous to the United States," U.S. President Donald Trump said on Twitter Sunday (September 3), in his first reaction after Pyongyang conducted its sixth and most powerful nuclear test on Sunday. Pascale Davies reports.

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