



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

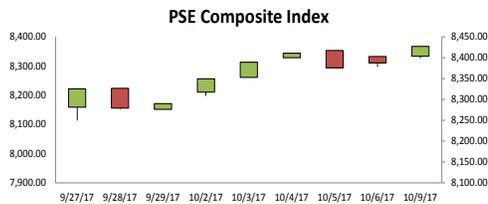
Q2 2017 Gross Domestic Product 6.5 ↑

September 2017 Inflation Rate 3.40 ↑

Q3 2017 Consumer Confidence 10.2 ↓

Q3 2017 Auto-buying Intention 7.6 ↓

Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate 51.26 ↓



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Economy: China slows, while Germany speeds up
Business activity in China's services sector grew at its slowest pace in 21 months in September as the pace of new business cooled. In contrast, German industrial output posted its biggest monthly rise in more than six years in August. Ciara Lee reports.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Business groups urge retention of zero VAT for PEZA locators

Local business groups and the Joint Foreign Chambers (JFC) of the Philippines jointly called on Congress yesterday to retain the zero value-added tax (VAT) provisions for Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) locators in Senate Bill 1592.

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Workers in retail, BPO may lose jobs due to automation—Unctad

Over 80 percent of workers in the retail and business-process outsourcing (BPO) sectors are at "high risk" of losing their jobs due to automation, according to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad).

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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Stock index hits new high

The stock market reached a new record high yesterday on hopes of swift passage of the Duterte administration's tax reform package.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

LTO, LTRFB to impose heavier fines, penalties for erring PUV drivers

Expect public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers to drive in a more disciplined manner and hopefully traffic to get better within the next few weeks as the volume of vehicles increase with the Holiday season just a few months away.

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INTERNATIONAL

The Big Story: To Dealers, EV Sales Have Nowhere to Grow But Up

As automakers add more battery-electric and plug-in hybrid-electric vehicles to their lineups, dealers are faced with finding customers for those vehicles. So, from offering daily rentals to touting ample incentives, retailers are employing diverse strategies to boost EV sales.

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