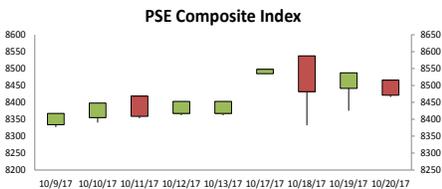
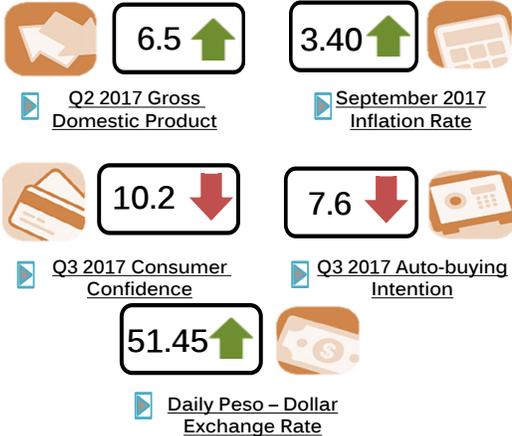




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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Trump tax cuts gain momentum

President Donald Trump's drive to overhaul the U.S. tax code cleared a critical hurdle when the Senate approved a budget blueprint for the 2018 fiscal year. Fred Katayama reports.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

PH eyes bilateral talks with U.S.

Plans are underway for a bilateral meeting between President Rodrigo Duterte and U.S. President Donald Trump, officials said Thursday.



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Delays in ecozone approvals derail P500 B investments

The country risks losing some P500 billion worth of investments due to the persistent delays in the proclamation of new economic zones, the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) said.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso to move sideways as investors await Fed pick

The peso is seen to move sideways this week as the market keeps a close eye on us president donald j. Trump's tax-cut plans, as well as his pick for the top position at the federal reserve board.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

BOI weighs greater perks for PUV manufacturing

The Board of Investments (BOI) is weighing the possibility of granting most of the incentives to fixed investments such as electro dip painting, stamping plant and plastic molds to ensure cheaper cost of manufacturing the modern public utility vehicles (PUVs) and let government financial institutions take care of the financing aspect so the jeepney drivers and operators can afford the modern jeepneys.



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INTERNATIONAL

Scandal-hit Nissan suspends production for Japan market

Nissan said Thursday it was suspending all production destined for the Japanese market, as Japan's number-two automaker grapples with a mounting inspection scandal that has already seen it recall some 1.2 million vehicles.



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