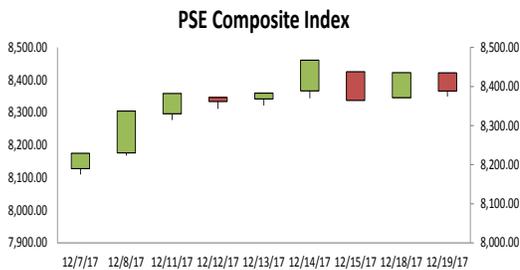




ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	6.9	3.30	
▶ Q3 2017 Gross Domestic Product		▶ November 2017 Inflation Rate	
	10.2	7.6	
▶ Q3 2017 Consumer Confidence		▶ Q3 2017 Auto-buying Intention	
	50.39		
▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate			



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What will be the influence of 'China mind share' in 2018?

China's impact on Asia will likely expand in 2018, particularly how it uses the internet, says Steve Wilford of Control Risks.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Tax reform bill signed amid criticisms

Saying it was his administration's "biggest Christmas gift" to the public, President Rodrigo Duterte on Tuesday signed a tax reform bill that critics claimed would lead to increases in the prices of oil, power and other products, and further burden the poor.



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Massive infrastructure push seen boosting investment pledges by 10% in 2018

The rollout of big-ticket infrastructure projects would make the Philippines more attractive to investors and increase investment pledges approved by the Board of Investments (BOI) by at least 10 percent next year, according to Trade Secretary Ramon M. Lopez.



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Russia Investing Heavily in Mobility Future

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