



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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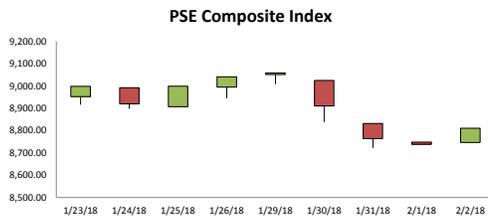
Q4 2017 Gross Domestic Product December 2017 Inflation Rate

9.5 ↓ **8.6** ↑

Q4 2017 Consumer Confidence Q4 2017 Auto-buying Intention

51.45 ↑

Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate



MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Crude oil price rally worries BSP

The central bank is closely monitoring developments in the continuing rally of global crude prices after it breached its estimates for the year as this could affect inflation path.



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RCEP Talks In Indonesia Focus On Concessions, Crafting Of Sensitive List

As the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) made significant headway in January, negotiating countries in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) are pressured to conclude the trade deal, and they try to make progress in the ongoing talks in Indonesia.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Index seen retesting 9000 mark

The local stock market barometer may get back to the 9,000 level in the near term, possibly this week, traders said.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

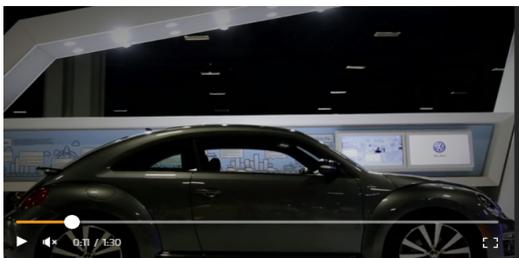
'Traffic making Philippine cities uninhabitable'

Metro Manila and key cities in the provinces are on their way to becoming "uninhabitable" as foreign business leaders continue to lament the worsening traffic situation in the country.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Diesel fume tests 'no risk' - German university

The German university that carried out experiments for German automakers Volkswagen, BMW, and Daimler exposing humans to nitrogen dioxide says the test subjects were not put at risk. Ciara Lee reports.

INTERNATIONAL

Partnerships point the digital way for carmakers

Can the incumbent car manufacturers capitalise on the opportunities to profit from serving in-vehicle content to the car of the future? Recent examples suggest that some of that business, at least, might go to their partners.



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