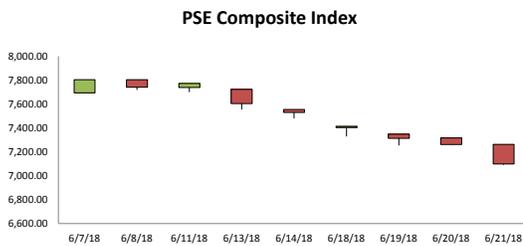




ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- 6.8** ↑ Q1 2018 Gross Domestic Product
- 4.6** ↑ May 2018 Inflation Rate
- 1.7** ↓ Q1 2018 Consumer Confidence
- 6.2** ↓ Q1 2018 Auto-buying Intention
- 53.42** ↑ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



The fate of ZTE is tied to US-China trade talks: Analyst

Paul Triolo of Eurasia Group says President Trump probably needs ZTE to survive in order to “pre-serve” his ability to negotiate with China on other “contentious” issues.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Inflation starting to ease, says BSP

Even as it raised interest rates for the second time in as many months, the central bank believes domestic inflation is nearing its peak and it is confident enough to lower its projections for this year and the next.



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Stocks sink deeper into bear territory

Traders said market investors are staying on the sidelines and dumping Philippine stocks as the overall sentiment remains bearish and confidence in local equities has not returned.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

DOF chief urges foreign funds to invest in Build Build Build

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez is urging foreign pension funds and sovereign wealth funds to take part in the government’s massive infrastructure program.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

DOTr rushing to process 1,000 applications for modernized jeepneys

Traffic agencies of the government were “working double time” to process the applications of at least 1,000 jeepney drivers to shift to modernized jeepneys, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) said Tuesday.



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INTERNATIONAL

Ford and VW have just signed on for a ‘strategic’ alliance

More industry news. Ford and Volkswagen have signed something called a “memorandum of understanding,” with a view to forming a “strategic alliance” that could see the two companies jointly develop a range of commercial vehicles...among other things.



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