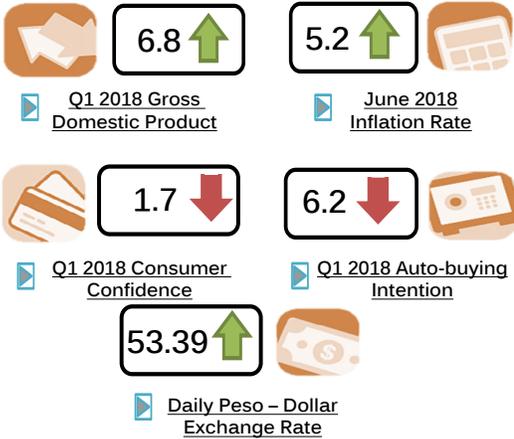




ECONOMIC INDICATORS



MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

DoF notes select taxes exceeded first-half targets

Income, percentage and excise tax collections of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) exceeded targets last semester, the Department of Finance (DoF) said in a statement on Wednesday.



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Up to 50-basis point rise in interest rates seen

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas is widely seen to hike its key interest rates to curb higher-than-expected inflation in its next monetary setting on Aug. 9.



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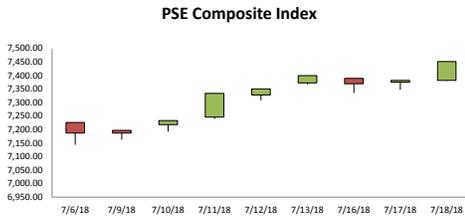
FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso up ahead of Powell speech

The peso bounced back on Tuesday as the dollar weakened across major currencies ahead of the testimony of US Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell and following the stronger remittance data released Monday.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



First public appearance for rescued Thai boys

The 12 boys and their football coach rescued from a flooded cave in Thailand waved, smiled and offered traditional “wai” greetings in their first public appearance on Wednesday at a national broadcast in the northern province of Chiang Rai.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Imported vehicle sales drop 11% in 6 months

Sales of the country’s vehicle importers fell 11 percent in the first six months of the year as higher taxes on cars, interest rates and petroleum prices dampened demand from prospective buyers.



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INTERNATIONAL

Lamborghini hits production milestone of 11,000 Huracans and 8,000 Aventador produced

Lamborghini’s current line up of supercars consists of only two models: the Aventador and the Huracan. Both models are also produced at the Italian manufacturer’s lone production facility in Sant’Agata Bolognese. This then limits its production to a certain number of vehicles per month unlike most major manufacturers.



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