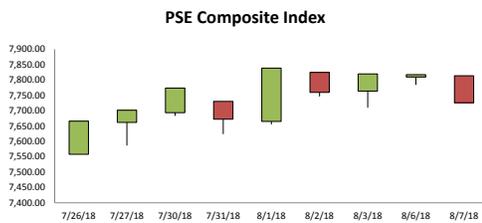
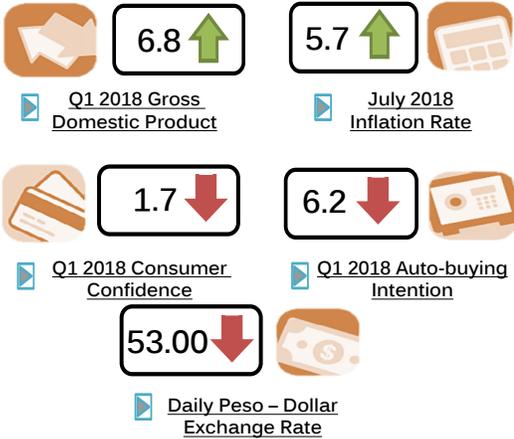




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Am considering taking Tesla private at \$420. Funding secured.

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Musk tweets considering taking Tesla private
Elon Musk is considering taking Tesla private, the electric car maker's chief executive tweeted on Tuesday.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Philippine business optimism slips but still SE Asia's second best

Business optimism in the Philippines slipped last quarter as against the year-ago level, although the country was still second-best in Southeast Asia, according to new research from Grant Thornton.



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2nd TRAIN package now called Trabaho; revenue loss expected

The substitute bill of the second package of Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) was passed by the House ways and means committee on Tuesday, August 7, under a different name. The unnumbered bill is now dubbed Tax Reform for Attracting Better and Higher Quality Opportunities (Trabaho).



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

COL Financial: Expect wild ride to 8,600 for PSEi by year-end

The Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) will likely recover to 8,600 by yearend but investors must brace for choppy trading in the coming months, according to stock market experts from leading online brokerage COL Financial.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

As cars multiply in our market, servicing them will be crucial

Apparently, when the Toyota Alabang showroom moved to a better, larger building in September 2014, the principals estimated that the size of the structure was enough to let them accommodate their customers' cars for the next six years. Alas, sales were so brisk that the location's service bays ultimately became insufficient in just two years, prompting management to erect a facility that is exclusively dedicated to after-sales service.



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INTERNATIONAL

GM seeks to exclude China-made Buick SUV from tariff

General Motors Co is seeking an exemption to a 25 percent U.S. tariff on its Chinese-made Buick Envision sport utility, the automaker said on Thursday, in a move to prevent the key model in the brand's U.S. lineup from becoming a victim of the U.S.-China trade war.



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