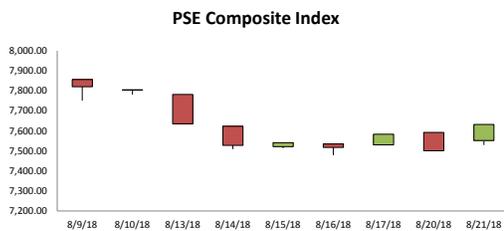
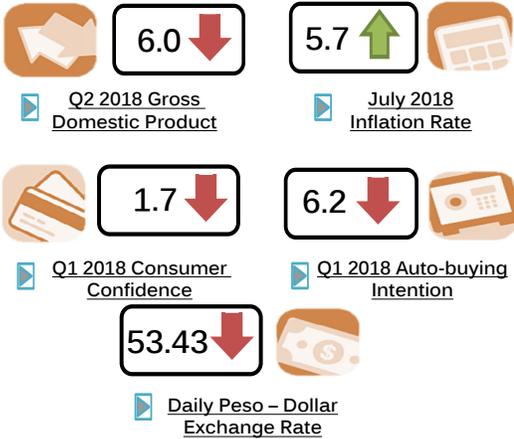




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS



### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### Venezuelans already reeling from currency hit as earthquake strikes

President Maduro's drastic new measures to save a sinking economy were already leaving many Venezuelans dazed and confused when, as David Pollard reports, the South American nation was struck by a major earthquake.

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### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### Spending surge boosts budget gap

The government's fiscal deficit grew in July and in the first seven months, as spending increased faster than revenues, the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) said on Wednesday.



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#### D.O.F. vows 'more jobs' under 'trabaho' bill, but open to P.5-billion safety net

Although the Department of Finance (DOF) insisted that more jobs will be created in the long run under the Tax Reform for Attracting Better and High Quality Opportunities (or what the House now calls "Trabaho") law, it is amenable to including in the law a fund that will serve as a "safety net" in case of job losses.



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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### PSEi up ahead of US-China trade talks

The local stock barometer advanced to the 7,600 mark on Wednesday, tracking regional markets that were mostly upbeat ahead of US-China trade talks and the release of US Federal Reserve meeting details.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### DOE: Selling Euro-2 diesel was just optional

Following numerous backlash and even being called out by the Department of Transportation (DOTr), the Department on Energy (DOE) has issued a new statement regarding their Department Order (DO) mandating the importation of low-priced Euro-2 fuels to alleviate the effects of rising fuel prices.



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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Mitsubishi to Increase Production of Mitsubishi Xpander by 20%

It seems that the Mitsubishi Xpander has managed to catch the appeal of the automotive market as Mitsubishi Motors decided to boost its production by 20 percent. Initially, the Japanese automaker planned to produce 100,000 units in fiscal year 2018, but due to the Xpander's positive appeal, Mitsubishi now wants to produce 120,000 units.



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