



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS



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[▶ Q2 2018 Gross Domestic Product](#)



5.7 ↑

[▶ July 2018 Inflation Rate](#)



1.7 ↓

[▶ Q1 2018 Consumer Confidence](#)

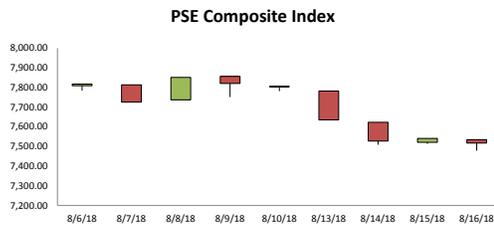


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[▶ Q1 2018 Auto-buying Intention](#)

53.44 ↑

[▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate](#)



### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



**China, U.S. will restart talks to solve trade war**  
China says it will hold a fresh round of trade talks with the United States in Washington later this month, offering a glimmer of hope for progress in resolving a conflict that has set world markets on edge. Grace Lee reports.

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### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

**July marked by 'hot money' net inflows — central bank**  
More foreign funds entered the Philippines in July compared to the preceding month, although the latest flows were a third smaller than a year ago, latest central bank data showed.



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### Duterte to meet economic managers on possible budget 'compromise'

State economic managers will meet with President Rodrigo R. Duterte on Friday to discuss a "compromise" between the Executive's original P3.757-trillion cash-based budget and a "hybrid" system that will include funds that can be disbursed for more than a year.



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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### Peso rebounds against US dollar as Qatar's pledge supports lira

The peso strengthened slightly against the dollar on Thursday as Qatar's investment pledge supported the Turkish lira.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### LTO: 11M backlogged plates as far as 2013 to be released soon

Motorists who have been waiting for their license plates since 2013 may finally have a resolution. The Department of Transportation (DOTr), through the Land Transportation Office (LTO), is in talks with the suppliers of the license plates produced from 2013 to July 2016.



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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Exclusive: In Chinese port city, Japan's Toyota lays foundation to ramp up sales

The Japanese auto maker's plan to boost annual production capacity by about a quarter in the port city will lay the foundation to increase sales in China to two million vehicles per year, a jump of over 50 percent, the four sources said.

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