



ECONOMIC INDICATORS



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[▶ Q3 2018 Gross Domestic Product](#)



6.0 ↓

[▶ November 2018 Inflation Rate](#)



-22.5 ↓

[▶ Q4 2018 Consumer Confidence](#)

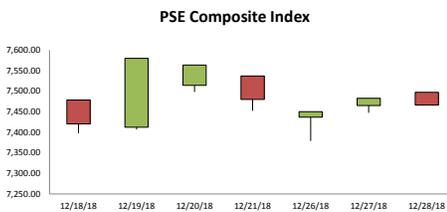


5.2 ↓

[▶ Q4 2018 Auto-buying Intention](#)

52.70 ↑

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



MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

DOF's 2019 wish: Passage of Trabaho bill, other tax reform packages

The Department of Finance (DOF) wants the Congress to know that the agency is "available 25/8" for last push discussions if that's what it takes to pass the Trabaho bill and other tax reform packages.



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Inflation likely eased in December — BSP

Inflation likely eased further in December, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said, with the rate possibly settling at the five percent level given lower fuel and rice prices.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Investor caution greets new year

Soured debts held by thrift banks continued to climb in October, latest central bank data showed, with reserves for possible losses enough to cover just half the amount.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST

Trade war: Trump says 'big progress' on deal as China factory activity shrinks

China's factory activity contracted for the first time in over two years in December, highlighting the challenges facing Beijing as it seeks to end a bruising trade war with Washington. But, as David Pollard reports, markets took some hope in a Donald Trump tweet talking of 'big progress' towards a Sino-U.S. deal.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

LTO says owners will pay Php 1,800 to have their cars inspected

Owners will pay Php 1800 to have their vehicles (GVW 4500 kilograms and below) checked for roadworthiness at PMVICS. That was what The Land Transportation Office (LTO) outlined in the newly-issued Memorandum Circular NO.2018-2158, which sets the guidelines for the authorization of private motor vehicle inspection centers (PMVIC).



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INTERNATIONAL

Nissan to cut China auto output over 3 months as demand slows - source

Nissan Motor Co plans to cut vehicle production in China by 30,000 units in the coming months, a person briefed on the matter told Reuters, as global automakers grapple with falling demand in the world's biggest car market.



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