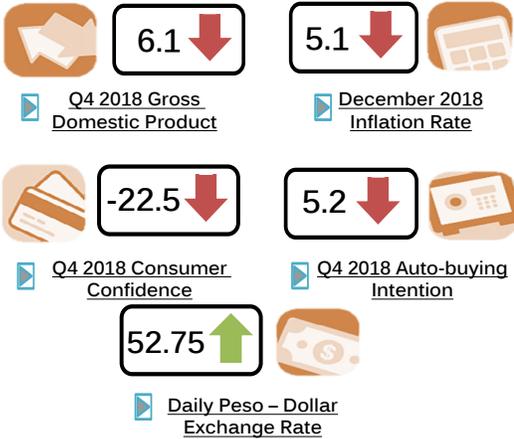




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS



### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### PH missed 2018 GDP growth goal due to high prices

The Philippine economy grew 6.2 percent in 2018, missing the government's growth target as the increase in prices slowed consumer spending as well as business expansion last year.



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#### Traders to import 1.19M MT of rice

The National Food Authority (NFA) has 180 applicants from the private sector to import 1.19 million metric tons (MT) of rice under the out-quota scheme as the government prepares to lift a cap on purchases, with its tariffication law for the staple expected to be in force "soon."



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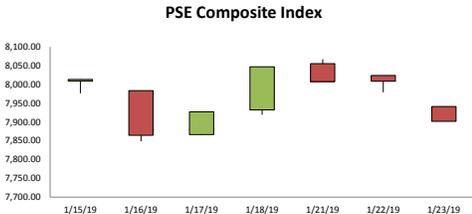
### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### Peso rebounds ahead of GDP

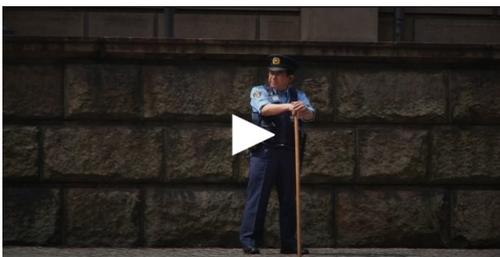
The peso recovered against the dollar on Thursday from a one-month low the previous session following a negative development in US-China trade talks and amid market optimism due ahead of the release of the Philippine economic growth data.



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### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### BOJ maintains stimulus, China to boost spending as tariff woes bites

Asia's biggest economies stepped up their defences against slowing demand and the pressure of protectionism on Wednesday, with the Bank of Japan leaving its massive stimulus programme on hold and China pledging more fiscal spending to boost the economy. David Pollard reports.

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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### Isuzu PH discontinues local production of the D-Max

We take pride in our local manufacturing industry, so it comes as a shock when we hear that a model will no longer be produced in the Philippines. The Isuzu D-Max mid-size pickup is the latest to be given the axe.



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### INTERNATIONAL

#### BMW and Mercedes-Benz to Team Up on Compact Cars

If you think Toyota relying on BMW for their all-new Supra is bad enough, then this piece of news is worse. BMW and Mercedes-Benz are going to team up for their next-generation compact car.



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