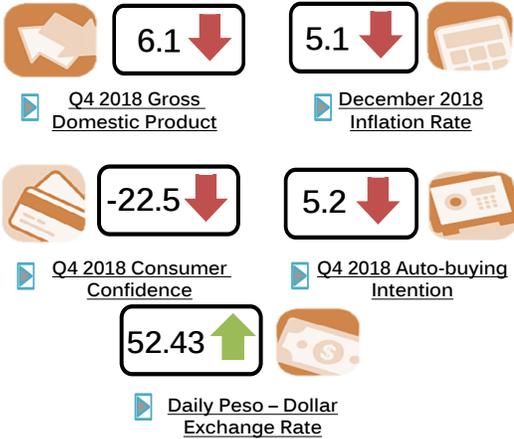




ECONOMIC INDICATORS



MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Debt ratio improves to better than target

The government debt as a percentage of the Philippine economy slid below the target last year despite higher borrowings and weaker peso against the US dollar, the Bureau of the Treasury reported yesterday.



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Exemption to poll public works ban eyed

State economic managers are looking to ask the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to exempt big-ticket projects from the election ban on public works in order to keep them on schedule and help prop up gross domestic product (GDP) growth.

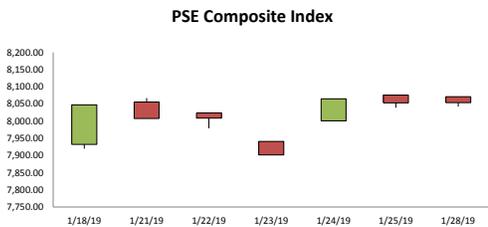


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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso rebounds vs dollar

The peso rebounded on Tuesday as the dollar weakened due to the strong euro and ahead of the US Federal Reserve's policy meeting.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

DOTr to solons: Support the PUV modernization program

The DOTr would like to see even more of them on the road. Mark de Leon, DOTr Undersecretary for Road Transport, said lawmakers should find ways to help jeepney operators and drivers comply with the program through additional subsidies.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Lawmakers to vote on changes to May's Brexit deal

British Prime Minister Theresa May will on Tuesday (January 29) ask her Conservative lawmakers to send a message to Brussels that they would support her Brexit deal if a plan to avoid a hard border in Ireland is replaced. Francesca Lynagh reports.

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INTERNATIONAL

Ride-hailing firms face tighter Singapore regulations

Singapore is proposing to step up regulation of ride-hailing companies such as Grab and Go-Jek, bringing rules for the services in line with taxi operators in a bid to better protect the safety of commuters and drivers.



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