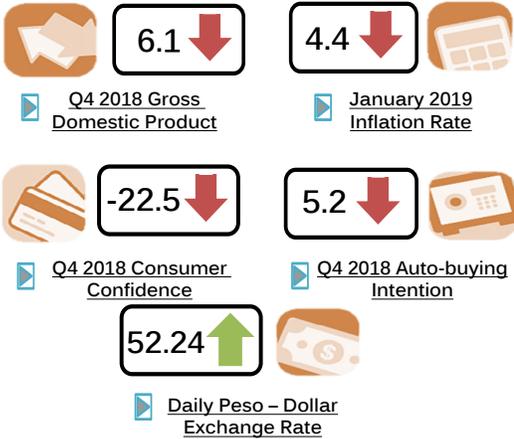




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS



### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### Slower inflation gives BSP policy space

The overall increase in prices of widely used goods cooled for the third straight month in January, marking the slowest year-on-year reading in 10 months and making the case for monetary authorities to keep interest rates steady at their meeting on Thursday.



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#### Gov't launches move vs fuel smuggling

The Department of Finance (DoF) is counting on the roll-out of the fuel marking scheme to deter smuggling and further improve revenue collection.



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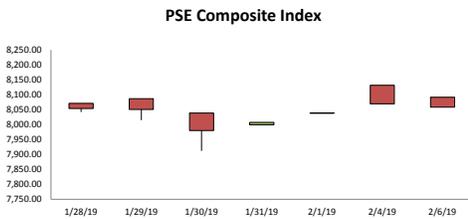
### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### Finance dep't touts peso's relative stability

The peso's weakness may have been blamed for partly contributing to surging inflation last year, since this makes imported goods more expensive, but the local currency has lately fared better than a number of its Asian counterparts in terms of volatility, a senior official of the Finance department noted on Wednesday.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### Mitsubishi Philippines Donates EVs to Office to the President

Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corporation (MMPC) stood as witnesses as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) turned over one i-MiEV (Pure Electric Vehicle) and one Outlander PHEV (Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle) to the Office of the President during the signing and turn over ceremony held at the Malacañang Palace.



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### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



**Trade war dents Daimler, but Toyota motors on**  
Euro zone businesses started the year by expanding at their weakest rate since mid-2013 as a manufacturing slowdown spread to services, according to the final PMI readings for January. David Pollard reports.

### INTERNATIONAL

#### China sales buoy Toyota's profit, but U.S. weakness persists

Toyota Motor Corp's quarterly profit edged up as demand for its bread-and-butter car models from cost-conscious Chinese buyers helped offset bleak North American sales, although the firm's shares slipped as it cut its annual net income outlook.



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