



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS



6.1 ↓

[▶ Q4 2018 Gross Domestic Product](#)



4.4 ↓

[▶ January 2019 Inflation Rate](#)



-22.5 ↓

[▶ Q4 2018 Consumer Confidence](#)



5.2 ↓

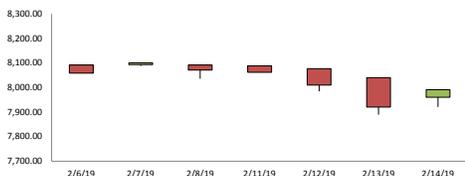
[▶ Q4 2018 Auto-buying Intention](#)



52.38 ↓

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

PSE Composite Index



### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### U.S.-China trade talks move to higher level

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said he was looking forward to trade talks with China ahead of a March 1st deadline for a deal. Roselle Chen reports.

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### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### Hot money off to a strong start

More flighty foreign funds entered the Philippines in January to post a two-month high, with more investors buying local stocks amid hopes that trade tensions between the United States and China will soon be resolved.



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#### Win: Losses from BOC's and port woes mounting

Simply changing the heads of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) will not solve the long-standing operational problems in the government's second-largest revenue earner, which now strike at the "gut" of the economy, the chief of the Senate Economic Affairs Committee has warned.



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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### Peso plunges vs dollar

The peso plunged against the dollar on Thursday propelled by optimism on the US-China trade negotiations.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### Drive your car during its coding day with the help of Google Maps

During the Google for Philippines event held today, February 13, it was announced that the Google Maps app will be rolling out a very helpful tool that all motorists living in Metro Manila will appreciate.



Google Maps

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Nissan and Renault reaffirm alliance, but avoid talk of Nissan chairmanship

Top executives from Nissan and Renault on Thursday reaffirmed the importance of an alliance that has been pressured by the ousting of former Chairman Carlos Ghosn, but avoided discussing the potentially contentious issue of Nissan's next chairman.



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