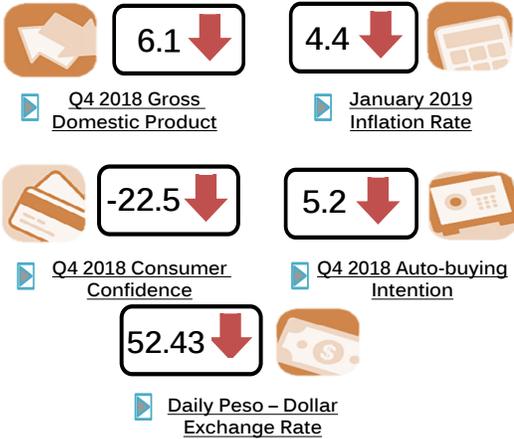




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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

December cash remittances at record high, but 2018 growth slowest on record

Cash sent home by overseas Filipino workers (OFW) surged to an all-time high in December and clocked in full-year growth that outpaced the central bank's growth forecast even as it was the slowest annual increase on record, according to the data which the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) released on Friday.



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Duterte flags 'Build Build Build' setback due to insufficient workforce

The government's flagship "Build Build Build" infrastructure development program — meant to spur overall economic growth to a sustained faster pace — has suffered delays due to a lack of workers, President Rodrigo R. Duterte himself admitted on Thursday night.



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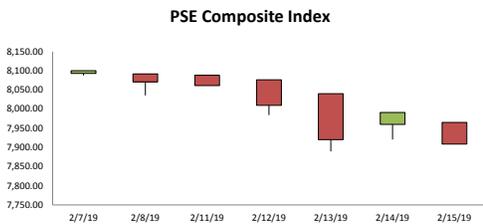
FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso likely to climb on US data, Fed minutes

The peso is seen to strengthen against the dollar this week following the release of weak US data before the weekend as well as the anticipated dovish signals from the US Federal Reserve.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Solon Wants Creation of Strategic Fuel Reserves

A lawmaker at the House of Representatives recently reiterated his call for the establishment of a Philippine Strategic Fuel Reserves (PSFR) following President Rodrigo Duterte's admission that he could not do anything about oil prices due to the country's lack of fuel reserves.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



More Brexit embarrassment for May as parliament defeats her again

Prime Minister Theresa May suffered a defeat on her Brexit strategy on Thursday that undermined her pledge to European Union leaders to get her divorce deal approved if they grant her concessions. Megan Revell reports.

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INTERNATIONAL

Indonesia Plans to Become ASEAN Hub for Electric Vehicles

The country's deputy industry minister, Airlangga Hartarto says that Indonesia is targeting to have 20 percent of all cars produced in Indonesia to be electric in 6 years (2025). The government there is already in talks with both Japanese and Korean carmakers to make this plan a reality..



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