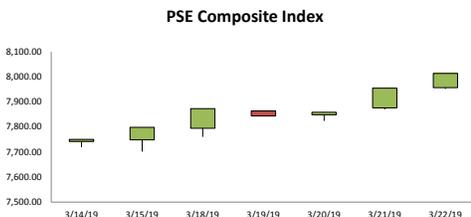
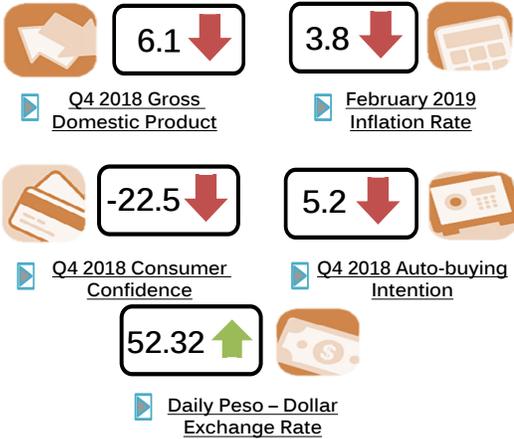




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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Euro zone business growth worse than expected in March, Japan output falls

Businesses across the euro zone performed much worse than expected in March as factory activity contracted at the fastest pace in nearly six years, while Japan's PMI was unchanged but output fell the most since May 2016. Francis Maguire reports.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

PHL 'out of the woods' with inflation

The Philippines appears "out of the woods" as far as inflation is concerned, with the overall rise in prices of basic goods seen consistently lower until the last few months of 2019, a senior central bank official said, although rising oil prices and the impact of severe weather may be disruptive.

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Manila eyes more opportunities to link up with Belt and Road

The Philippines is gearing up to secure additional funding support from China for local infrastructure projects, with the two economies enjoying deeper investment ties amid growing "mutual trust."

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FINANCIAL TRENDS

BSP weighs banks' fitness for higher liquidity

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is evaluating the banking sector's preparedness in digesting more money supply as the central bank mulls of further cuts in the reserve requirement ratio (RRR) anytime soon, based on current economic and liquidity conditions.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Toyota sees rebound after sales hit in 2018

Toyota Motor Philippines said Friday sales would rebound in 2019, as consumers absorb the impact of higher taxes and fuel prices that resulted in a sales hit in the previous year.

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INTERNATIONAL

Hyundai invests US\$300m to help India's Ola battle Uber

Indian taxi-hailing company Ola has secured a US\$300-million (RM1.22 billion) investment from South Korean car giant Hyundai, the firms said today, providing a major boost in its fight against US giant Uber.

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