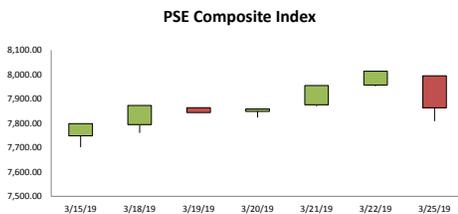
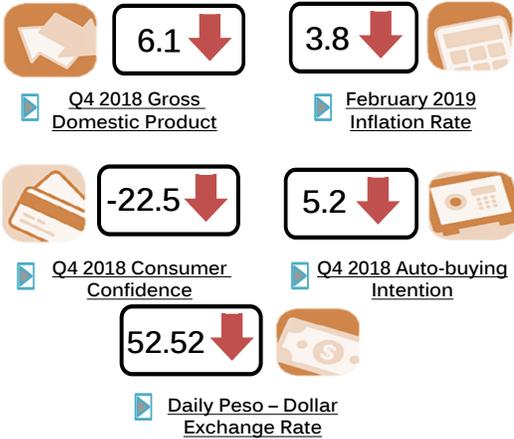




ECONOMIC INDICATORS



MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

PHL still an FDI laggard in region

The Philippines is still one of the countries with the lowest inflows of foreign direct investments (FDI) in 2018, data from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) showed.



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Government rushes order to ease congestion in ports, regulate high shipping fees

The government is rushing to conclude a joint administrative order (JAO) that will address port congestion and regulate high shipping fees, as it admitted the two issues are taking a toll on the country's trading activities.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

SSS aims to collect P13 billion from OFWs' mandatory contributions

The Social Security System (SSS) expects to collect P13 billion during the first two years of the implementation of the mandatory contributions from overseas Filipino workers (OFW).



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Toyota is visiting universities to promote hybrid-tech awareness

To the car-loving university students out there, here's something to look forward to, courtesy of Toyota Motor Philippines (TMP): The carmaker has kicked off its Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV) campus tour, which aims to give you a better knowledge and firsthand experience of eco-friendly and sustainable automotive technologies.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Surprise rise in German business morale dispels recession fears

German business morale improved unexpectedly in March after six consecutive drops, a survey showed on Monday, suggesting that Europe's largest economy is likely to pick up in the coming months after it narrowly avoided a recession last year. Pascale Davies reports.

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INTERNATIONAL

Trump: China trade deal likely; automakers can avoid tariffs with U.S. plants

U.S. President Donald Trump said trade negotiations with China were progressing and a final agreement "will probably happen," adding that his call for tariffs to remain on Chinese imported goods for some time did not mean talks were in trouble.



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