



ECONOMIC INDICATORS



6.1 ↓

Q4 2018 Gross Domestic Product



3.3 ↓

March 2019 Inflation Rate



-0.5 ↑

Q1 2019 Consumer Confidence



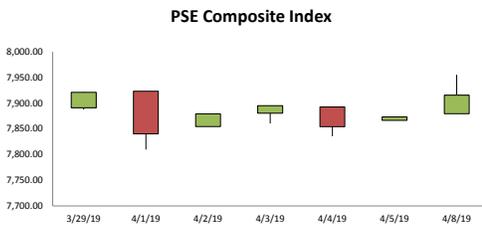
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Q1 2019 Auto-buying Intention



52.14 ↓

Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



IMF cuts growth outlook

The International Monetary Fund cut its global economic growth forecasts for 2019. As Fred Katayama reports, it blamed U.S.-China trade tensions and Britain's messy divorce from the E.U., among other things.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

IMF joins other multilateral bodies in cutting Philippine growth outlook

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has also tempered its growth forecast for the Philippines this year, in the face of a projected drop in world output.

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Gov't scrambles vs new tax cheat scheme

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) is teaming up with the Trade department in the ongoing crackdown on illegal cigarettes after uncovering a new scheme involving recycled tax stamps.

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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso seen moving sideways versus dollar

The peso is seen to move sideways against the dollar for the rest of the week due to mixed signals locally and abroad.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

MMPC seeks more tax incentives for EVs

Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corp. (MMPC) said they intend to join the electric vehicle (EV) segment but would like to see a clearer direction on the tax incentives to ensure the competitiveness of these vehicles and boost its plan to accelerate sales to achieve its next 1 million unit sales mark in a decade only.

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INTERNATIONAL

Non-Euro 4 cars entering London now have to pay a steep fine

Driving into Central London has just got more expensive. An 'Ultra Low Emissions Zone' (ULEZ) has come into force, meaning drivers of affected cars will need to pay an extra £12.50 (P850) to drive into the nation's capital.

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