



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

5.6



Q1 2019 Gross Domestic Product

2.7



JUNE 2019 Inflation Rate

51.40



Daily Peso - Dollar Exchange Rate

-1.3

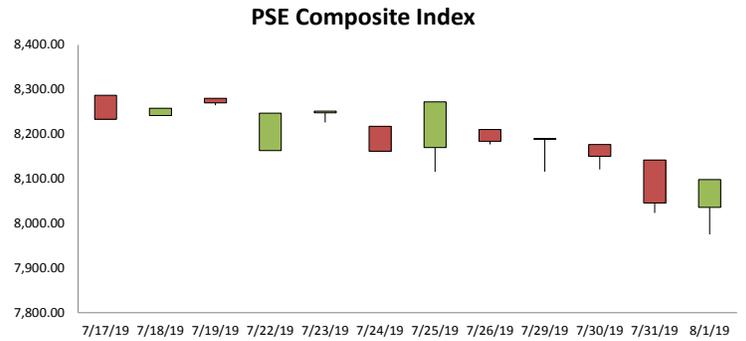


Q2 2019 Consumer Confidence

7.0



Q2 2019 Auto-buying Intention



## MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT



### Manufacturing pain spreads through Asia; more stimulus seen

HONG KONG — Asian factory activity contracted further in July, fueling worries that a Sino-US trade war and a slowdown in China could tilt the world towards a global recession, which central banks will have to fight with depleted ammunition.

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### Competition body speeds up PPP project checks

THE PHILIPPINE Competition Commission (PCC) has streamlined merger rules for solicited projects under public-private partnership (PPP), which is one of the financing modes for major infrastructure development.

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## INDUSTRY NEWS



### LOCAL

#### Is Nissan planning to kill some of its passenger cars?

It appears that Nissan's profit woes in the first quarter of 2019 will not only see the company cut 12,500 jobs. In the next few years, Nissan is also looking at reducing its model lineup, as well as offer less variants and optional features.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### All-electric Porsche Taycan could outsell the 911

This September, Porsche will officially reveal the highly anticipated all-electric Taycan at the 2019 Frankfurt Motor Show. Despite being an all-new model, it seems the German marque won't have any trouble finding buyers for it. In fact, it might even outsell the brand's most revered model – the 911.

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## FINANCIAL TRENDS



### PHL returns to 'samurai' bond market

THE PHILIPPINES has launched an offer of yen-denominated "samurai" bonds from which it plans to raise about \$750 million, National Treasurer Rosalia V. De Leon told reporters on Tuesday.

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## GLOBAL WATCHLIST



### Why Toyota killed the cult classic FJ Cruiser

The FJ Cruiser is a retro, off-road machine that debuted in the U.S. in 2003 as a salute to the classic Toyota FJ Land Cruisers. Sales began to plummet after the great recession, and Toyota pulled the vehicle out of the U.S. entirely after the 2014 model year. So why is it so popular now?

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