



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

5.5



Q2 2019 Gross Domestic Product

0.9



SEPTEMBER 2019 Inflation Rate

50.77



Daily Peso - Dollar Exchange Rate

-1.3



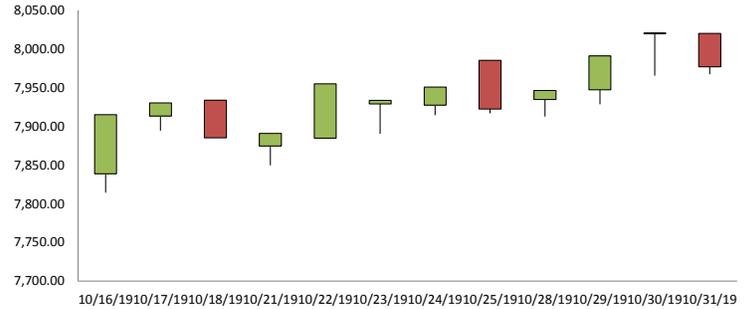
Q2 2019 Consumer Confidence

7.0



Q2 2019 Auto-buying Intention

PSE Composite Index



MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT



Economists see pickup in GDP growth

THE COUNTRY's economic growth should have recovered in the third quarter on the back of household consumption and improved government spending, according to economists asked by BusinessWorld late last week, but hitting the government's full-year target will likely still be a challenge.

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Poll bares outlook of even slower inflation in Oct.

INFLATION likely slowed further in October as a continued easing of prices of rice and fuel offset any upside pressure from pork substitutes amid the onslaught of African swine fever (ASF), according to a poll of 14 economists conducted late last week.

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LOCAL

Ford PH to launch Transit van, prices could start at Php 2.5M

Ford Philippines, it seems, is planning to launch one of their most important models into our market. No, it's not a new Focus, nor is it a new Fiesta. It's not an SUV, nor is it a pick-up truck. What they're looking at bringing to our market is a new van: the Ford Transit.

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The secret weapon that has made the peso so strong

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