



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

6.2 ▲ **0.8** ▼ **50.83** ▲

Q3 2019 Gross Domestic Product

OCTOBER 2019 Inflation Rate

Daily Peso - Dollar Exchange Rate

-1.3 ▼ **7.0** ▲

Q2 2019 Consumer Confidence

Q2 2019 Auto-buying Intention

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT



Senate chief says approval of higher 'sin' tax rates within the year 'possible'

THE FINANCE CHIEF is pushing for approval of the measure increasing excise tax rates on alcohol and tobacco products, as well as e-cigarettes and vapor products before lawmakers go on their Christmas break

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INDUSTRY NEWS



LOCAL

October automobile sales highest so far this year

MOTOR VEHICLE sales in the country continued their recovery in October as the industry recorded its "highest monthly sales" so far this year, the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines, Inc. (CAMPI) and the Truck Manufacturers Association (TMA) reported on Thursday.

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FINANCIAL TRENDS



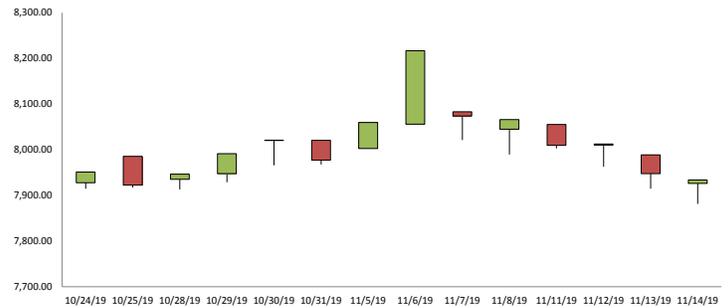
Term deposit yields inch higher as BSP halts monetary easing

YIELDS on term deposits inched up on Wednesday as markets anticipate a pause in the central bank's monetary easing after successive rate cuts this year.

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Gov't tightens watch on imported rice

The Department of Agriculture issued on Nov. 12 Memorandum Order No. 28 on "Supplementary provisions to DA Department Circular No. 4, series of 2016, entitled 'Guidelines on the importation of plants, planting materials and plant products for commercial purposes'."

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INTERNATIONAL

Mercedes-Benz to cut jobs amid tougher emissions rules

The cuts- which reports say will lead to more than 1,000 jobs being lost - come as the carmaker faces challenges from new, tougher emissions targets.

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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Trump hikes price tag for US forces in Korea almost 500% as Seoul questions alliance

Secretary of Defense Mark Esper landed in South Korea on Thursday to navigate renewed threats from an "enraged" North Korea and newly heightened strain in the alliance with Seoul that congressional aides, lawmakers and Korea experts say has been caused by President Donald Trump.

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