



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

6.1



Q4 2018 Gross Domestic Product

3.3



March 2019 Inflation Rate

52.14



Daily Peso - Dollar Exchange Rate

-0.5

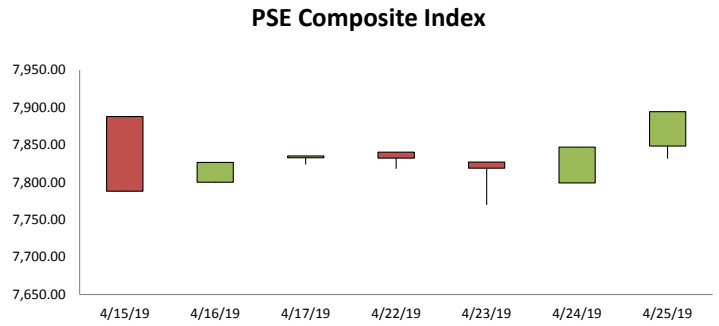


Q1 2019 Consumer Confidence

5.8



Q1 2019 Auto-buying Intention



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BOJ gives first timeframe for super-low rates, says will remain another year

The Bank of Japan told investors for the first time on Thursday it will keep interest rates at super-low levels for at least one more year. David Pollard reports.

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