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TODAY'S TOP NEWS

AboitizPower adding 800 MW to generation portfolio

Aboitiz Power Corp. is set to complete 5 projects with a total capacity of 828.3 MW this year, from renewable energy developments to coal-fired power plants – as it pursues to balance its energy portfolio by 2020. This underlines their strategy to have a wide and diverse portfolio of generating assets.

NEDA rolls out new Phl Development Plan

The National Economic and Development Authority has come up with a new medium-term economic blueprint for the country, targeting an upper-middle class economy status with a per capita income of \$5,000 by 2022. The Plan is the first six-year plan to be anchored on a national long-term vision – the Ambisyon Natin 2040.

Security Bank open to mergers, acquisitions

Security Bank Corp. is open to possible mergers and acquisitions after successfully taking in the Bank of Tokyo – Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd. (BTMU) as foreign strategic partner. “When it’s there we have to look at how much you are paying and what you are getting. We are looking but let us see,” SECB CEO Alfonso Salcedo said.

Philab obtains P400M loan

Philab Holdings Corp., has secured a P400M loan from Altus Capital, an affiliate of the International Finance Corp. (IFC). Proceeds of the loan would be used as working capital to carry out contracts with several government agencies to roll out medical and education kits nationwide, the company said.

Globe secures P7B 8-year loan from BDO

Globe Telecom Inc. has signed an eight-year term loan facility worth P7B with BDO Unibank Inc. to fund this year’s capital expenditures. “The loan shall be used to finance the company’s capital expenditures and general corporate requirements,” the Ayala-led telco said in a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday.

Philippine Stock Market Update



Previous Close:

7,281.19

1 Yr Return:

8.86%

Open:

7,284.93

YTD Return:

6.16%

52-Week Range:

7,258.31 - 7,284.93

Source:

Bloomberg

Foreign Exchange

As of February 21, 2017

US Dollar	Philippine Peso
1	50.348

PDST-R2 Rates

As of February 21, 2017

Tenor	Rate
1Y	2.5734
3Y	3.5821
5Y	4.2804
7Y	4.9554
10Y	5.0000
20Y	5.3304

Daily Quote

"Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it."

-Dwight Eisenhower

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PCC maintains M&A review trigger at P1 billion

THE Philippine Competition Commission (PCC) is keeping the threshold for mergers and acquisitions (M&A) that require its approval, saying there is “no pressing need” to raise the P1-billion cap for such deals it needs to review.

Ayala Land to raise P30B from retail bonds, notes

ALI's board of directors authorized the raising of a maximum of P20 billion through retail bonds, corporate notes or bilateral term loans with maturities as long as 10 years. The board also approved the issuance of debt notes maturing not more than 21 months to raise P10 billion and refinance the company's short-term loans.

DOF: Mining closures to cost LGUs P821M in rev.

The potential closure or suspension of 28 mining firms could cost 17 cities and municipalities across 10 provinces around P821.13 million a year in foregone revenues, according to the Department of Finance (DOF).

SC stops DOE, ERC from limiting consumers' choices

The Supreme Court (SC) issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) stopping the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) and the Department of Energy (DOE) from pushing through with new regulations that would compel major power consumers to buy their electricity only from 23 designated retail electricity suppliers (RES).

Wilcon all set for P7.9-B IPO

WILCON Depot Inc. is all set for its P7.9 billion initial public offering (IPO) and is targeting a listing date of March 23 on the PSE. William T. Belo, Wilcon chairman, said the offer period will be mid-March. Wilcon will be offering 1.39 billion primary shares priced up to P5.68 per share to raise about P7.9 billion.

NZ to help PH improve ease of doing business

THE New Zealand envoy has affirmed Wellington's support to help the Philippine government improve the ease of doing business and increase revenue collections from airlines, the DoF said in a statement on Tuesday. New Zealand Ambassador to Manila David Strachan recently met with Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez 3rd.

BSP to move when P-\$ rate 'disruptive'

The central bank continues to see healthy, vibrant trading on the local currency market, but said on Tuesday it would not just stand back when the exchange rate started showing “disruptive or excessive” movements beyond what is already more than a 10-year low.

TODAY'S TOP ASIAN NEWS

Singapore eyes Asean's first carbon tax by 2019

Singapore plans to implement Southeast Asia's first carbon tax by 2019, a move that would raise energy costs in the island-nation and require more than 30 big polluters, such as power plants, to pay the levy. The proposal would charge between S\$10 and S\$20 a ton on emissions of carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases.

HSBC under probe for money laundering

The City regulator is investigating HSBC over potential breaches of money laundering rules after concerns raised last year by the anti-crime monitor installed in Britain's biggest bank. The bank did not disclose the specific concerns raised by the American lawyer Michael Cherkasky, who was appointed as the monitor five years ago.

India needs to drain deep pool of bad debt

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Viral Acharya said India needs to urgently address the large amounts of bad debt held by its lenders, outlining potential solutions including the creation of public or private agencies to buy the soured loans.

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Lenovo, SAP join forces on cloud initiative

The two companies are to jointly announce on Wednesday an agreement to deliver in the first half of this year a new cloud service for large Chinese companies on the mainland that use SAP's Hana database technology.

China's mobile market now led by 4G subscribers

Nearly 60 per cent of all mobile subscribers in mainland China are now on 4G networks, just two years after the high-speed wireless broadband service was launched in the country, which may indicate how fast the transition to 5G will happen there by the end of this decade.

Sands' Adelson sees JPN as big business opportunity

Japan is the ultimate business opportunity for Las Vegas Sands Corp., said its billionaire chairman as he envisions an integrated resort that would attract convention tourism and boast a record number of slot machines. "Singapore was a warm-up to this," Sheldon Adelson, who's also chief executive officer, said in Tokyo Tuesday.

Warning signal goes out to struggling SG firms

For struggling firms in Singapore, the writing is on the wall - or rather, in Budget 2017. Finance Minister Heng Swee Keat on Monday promised short-term help to support companies hit by the cyclical downturn, but this help was limited to those in specific sectors.

TODAY'S TOP GLOBAL NEWS

Yahoo slashes price of Verizon after data breaches

Yahoo slashed the price of the sale of its core Internet business to Verizon by \$350 million following a pair of major data breaches at Yahoo, the two companies announced Tuesday, February 21. Under the revised terms of the deal, Verizon's purchase the Yahoo assets will now total \$4.48 billion.

Fed's Williams says low interest rates will persist

Historically low interest rates are here to stay, making it much harder for central banks in wealthy countries to prevent and limit recessions in the future, according San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank President John Williams.

Auto Loan Bubble Bursting

Cracks have been rearing their heads over the last few months, but nothing like we are seeing as of late. According to the latest data, auto loan delinquencies are now at levels not seen since the last financial crisis.

OPEC's Pushing for Full Compliance With Oil Cuts

Implementation of an agreement between OPEC and other major producers to reduce output has been "very encouraging" and the agreement is on track to reduce the global oil surplus, said the group's top official.

Record A\$20-B Demand for Australian Bond Sale

Australia is generating unprecedented demand for its syndicated sale of November 2028 bonds, according to Pacific Investment Management Co. Investors are shrugging off concerns about Australia's capacity to keep its top credit score as the nation's debt looks attractive relative to U.S. Treasuries, Robert Mead, managing director at Pimco in

Economic Calendar

Date	Release
02.07.2017	PH: Foreign Reserves
02.09.2017	PH: Ex-Im Trade Balance
02.15.2017	PH: Overseas Remittance
02.27.2017	PH: Bank Lending YoY
02.28.2017	PH: Nikkei Philippines PMI Mfg

Source: Bloomberg Economic Calendar