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TODAY'S TOP NEWS

8990 issuing initial tranche of P5 B pref shares

8990 Holdings plans to issue an initial tranche of the planned P5 billion preferred shares in July, officials said yesterday. Proceeds would be used to refinance existing debt. 8990 has a shelf registration of P10 billion in preferred shares under the Securities and Exchange Commission's three-year shelf registration facility.

Phl seen to weather Trump headwinds

The country's trade and investment landscape can withstand the possibility of muted investments coming from American companies due to uncertainties over the policies of US President Donald Trump, Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez said.

Index subdued ahead of US Fed meeting

The stock market index continued to stay below the 7,300 level yesterday on concerns over the US Federal Reserve's upcoming moves. The benchmark Philippine Stock Exchange index closed at 7,227.45, down 2.21 points or 0.03 percent.

Security Bank earns record P8.6 B in 2016

Security Bank. recorded a record profit of P8.55B last year on the back of the strong growth in core recurring income, less than a year after the Bank of Tokyo – Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd. (BTMU) pumped in fresh equity into the bank. The growth in our net interest income more than offset the lower trading gains according to management.

Pure Energy files P1.5-B IPO

Pure Energy Holdings Corp. is seeking the nod of the PSE to raise P1.5B worth of shares from an initial public offering possibly in the first half of the year. It has tapped Abacus Capital Securities as lead underwriter for the IPO.

Philippine Stock Market Update



Previous Close:

7,227.45

1 Yr Return:

10.75%

Open:

7,228.85

YTD Return:

5.60%

52-Week Range:

6,084.28 - 8,118.44

Source:

Bloomberg (02/02/17)

Foreign Exchange

As of Feb. 2, 2017

US Dollar	Philippine Peso
1	49.77

PDST-R2 Rates

As of Feb. 2, 2017

Tenor	Rate
1Y	2.6646
3Y	3.4245
5Y	3.9283
7Y	4.7286
10Y	4.3021
20Y	5.4232

Daily Quote

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

--Arthur Ashe

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MORE LOCAL NEWS

Cemex gets \$280-million loan facility from BDO

CEMEX HOLDINGS Philippines, Inc. has secured a loan facility from BDO Unibank, Inc. for the peso equivalent of \$280 million to refinance an outstanding obligation barely seven months after joining the equities market through a P25.13-billion initial public offering.

OFW remittances buoyed by improving US economy

REMITTANCES by overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) are expected to remain on the rise and fuel further domestic spending in the Philippines, boosted by improving economic prospects in the United States, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp. (HSBC) said.

P100-B tollroad projects proposed

Two unsolicited tollroad projects valued at more than P100 billion have been proposed to ease road congestion in Metro Manila and nearby provinces. The projects were the 102-kilometer Manila to Quezon Expressway and the 17.7-km Manila to Taguig Expressway. The latter was submitted by the group that built the Metro Manila Skyway project.

Megaworld sees P20-B rental income by 2020

Megaworld Corporation is targeting P20 billion in rental income by 2020, as the developer owned by billionaire Andrew Tan aggressively beefs up its portfolio of leasing projects within its townships.

The secret behind DoubleDragon's 2500% stock surge

It's been a fast ascent for college dropout Edgar "Injap" Sia, who less than a decade ago was selling barbecue chicken in the Philippines. He now leads the real estate developer with the best stock gains in Asia.

NGCP set to spend P52b to link islands

NGCP, operator of the country's power transmission lines, is spending P52-b for the Visayas-Mindanao interconnection project until December 2020. NGCP, a private consortium led by Henry Sy Jr., commissioned a hydrographic survey from September to November last year which identified the most viable route to link the islands.

DA eyes credit finance for farmers

THE Department of Agriculture is looking for ways to improve credit facility and make it more accessible and available to the Filipino farmer, Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol said on Wednesday. "The absence of financing for farmers created a monumental problem in agriculture in the past," Piñol said.

High-end property firms bullish

Developers of luxury residential buildings, with units costing at least P15-m each, are building more projects in Metro Manila as prices continue to rise toward Singapore's level. JLL Philippines chairman Lindsay Orr said the fast growing upper middle class developed a spending force to acquire properties near or at luxury levels.

FF Cruz to build Cavite C5 link

A unit of Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. tapped FF Cruz Construction Inc. to construct the first phase of Cavite C5 South Link. "We hope to start construction this month. Our contractor FF Cruz is already notified," Cavite Infrastructure Corp. president Luigi Bautista said.

PH to top consumption, investment in Asean

"The Philippines and Vietnam will top the consumption and investment ranks," the London-based bank said in a report released on Wednesday.

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TODAY'S TOP ASIAN NEWS

Tumultuous times for China's tycoons

China's economic boom in recent decades has created a group of billionaires who amassed wealth at dazzling speed, but who are finding themselves targets in the country's opaque political and economic system.

Guam telco provider bought by Huntsman

Huntsman Family Investment, a privately-held investment company advised by former US ambassador to China, Jon Huntsman Jr, is buying the leading telecommunications provider in Guam.

Is China heading for a benchmark rate rise?

The Chinese central bank has raised one of its policy rates – on medium-term lending facility (MLF) loans – for the first time in six years, but analysts have shrugged off the possibility of a “real” rise in the lending and borrowing interest rates in the near term.

SE Asian governments are ramping up spending

Governments in Southeast Asia are ramping up spending just as central banks are putting away their policy-easing tools. States are boosting budgets for railways, roads and infrastructure projects to help bolster growth in a region facing uncertain global markets and the threat of a pullback in trade under POTUS Donald Trump.

CH developers are making their creditors anxious

Chinese property developers investing in new ventures outside their core business are hurting their bonds. The notes of Sunac China Holdings Ltd and Dalian Wanda Commercial Properties Co. may come under more pressure this year as the groups branch out into non-core businesses.

TODAY'S TOP GLOBAL NEWS

Fed leaves interest rates unchanged

The Federal Reserve held interest rates steady on Wednesday in its first meeting since President Donald Trump took office, but painted a relatively upbeat picture of the U.S. economy that suggested it was on track to tighten monetary policy this year.

Foreign policy challenges pile up for Trump

Donald Trump's brief honeymoon from global affairs is over. After a week of relative calm and domestic preoccupations, actors from Russia to Iran are testing the new US president's mettle.

Abe set to defend trade policies against Trump

Japan has begun mounting a simultaneous defence of its currency and foreign-trade policies in the face of an onslaught on both fronts by US president Donald Trump, with the counter-attack being led by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

JPMorgan Asset Seeks \$10-B Slice of Aussie Pension

Globally, JPMorgan Chase & Co. is a \$1.7 trillion asset management powerhouse, yet in the world's fourth-biggest pension fund market, it's barely known. Not for much longer, if Rachel Farrell, recently appointed the asset management unit's first Australian country head, has her way.

Economic Calendar

Date	Release
01.30.2017	PH: Bank Lending YoY
01.31.2017	Nikkei Philippines PMI Mfg
02.01.2017	US: FOMC Rate Decision
02.06.2017	PH: CPI Core YoY
02.07.2017	PH: Foreign Reserves

Source: Bloomberg Economic Calendar