

The Daily Dispatch

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TODAY'S TOP NEWS

PEZA to put up new 'industrial cities'

THE Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) will be actively involved in creating new industrial cities as part of efforts to develop economic zones in every city and province, PEZA Director General Charito Plaza said. PEZA believes that developing ecozones is the best way to spur countryside development.

PHINMA Energy pins hopes on new RE policy

PHINMA Energy Corporation plans to hold off coal projects for now as it pins its hopes on the government's new renewable energy (RE) policy, its chief said. RE advocates and developers see the long-awaited Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) as the successor to the government's previous Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) scheme.

Business optimism soars to 7-year high in Q1

Business optimism in the Philippines soared to a new high seven-year in the first quarter, ranking as the second strongest among 36 economies worldwide, a survey showed. Grant Thornton's International Business Report revealed business leaders in the country are at their most confident in seven years, with optimism rising to a net 98%.

PAL Holdings profit drops 39% in 2016

Net earnings of the parent firm of flag carrier Philippine Airlines (PAL) declined 39 percent in 2016 from a year ago amid higher expenses. PAL Holdings Inc. said in a filing to the Philippine Stock Exchange its net income reached P3.59 billion last year, down from P5.87 billion in 2015.

Factory output expands in February

Domestic manufacturing grew at a slower pace in February, supported by increased production of petroleum products, food, basic metals and transport equipment, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported yesterday.

Philippine Stock Market Update



Previous Close:

7,601.40

1 Yr Return:

6.16%

Open:

7,600.78

YTD Return:

11.44%

52-Week Range:

6,499.00 - 8,118.44

Source:

Bloomberg

Foreign Exchange

As of April 11, 2017

US Dollar	Philippine Peso
1	49.585

PDST-R2 Rates

As of April 11, 2017

Tenor	Rate
1Y	3.1661
3Y	4.0709
5Y	4.2500
7Y	5.1000
10Y	5.2161
20Y	5.0038

Daily Quote

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

-Aristotle

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MORE LOCAL NEWS

Record P67-B capital raised in Q1: PSE

Capital raised from the local stock market hit an all-time high of P67.04 billion in the first quarter of the year, the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) said yesterday. This amount was raised from initial public offerings, stock rights offerings, private placements or follow-on offerings.

Duterte has iconic jeepneys in his crosshairs

Smoke-belching jeepneys are as iconic to Manila as the cable cars of San Francisco, the gondolas on Venice's canals and the black cabs in London. The most popular public transport in the Philippines is now being targeted for the scrap heap as President Rodrigo Duterte tries to modernize the nation and clean up its air.

Quake disrupts Shell, power plants

Batangas power plants that sustained damage during the series of earthquakes that struck the province on Saturday are still being repaired, compounding the thin reserves in the Luzon grid. The repairs have prompted the DOE to hold talks with the ERC, PEMC and other industry players to mitigate price spikes.

Taiwan shipping firm set to serve Subic port

ICTSI said Tuesday Taiwan's largest shipping company will launch a new direct service at key ports of Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines. Evergreen Marine Corp. will launch its Korea-Taiwan-Philippines or KTP service in Subic port, adding the ICTSI-operated New Container Terminals 1 and 2 to its port rotation.

SEC rejects LBC Express share sale

The Securities and Exchange Commission will reject the P1.2-billion planned follow-on offering of courier operator LBC Express Holdings Inc. of the Araneta Group. Informed sources said the corporate regulator was drafting a letter informing the company about the non-approval of the planned share sale.

Trade gap widens 56% in February

The Philippines' trade deficit widened in February from a year earlier as imports remained bigger than the country's outbound shipments, official data showed on Tuesday. "The balance of trade in goods (BOT-G) for the Philippines in February 2017, however, registered a deficit of \$1.728 billion, higher than the \$1.104-billion trade deficit in the same

TODAY'S TOP ASIAN NEWS

CH chasing the Fed may be bad news for stock rally

Investors are overlooking the threat of China triggering another pullback in global equities, according to Jeffrey Kleintop. If officials in Asia's largest economy continue to pace policy tightening in the U.S., the uptick in borrowing costs has the potential to choke consumer and private-sector spending more than it has in the past.

142 yr. old Toshiba warns it may not survive

The troubles at Japan's Toshiba Corp. grew deeper as the 142-year-old conglomerate warned it may not be able to continue as a going concern because of losses from its Westinghouse Electric nuclear business. Shares fell as much as 3.6 percent in Tokyo.

Debt restructuring talks ongoing: KS Energy bosses

KS Energy bosses, Mr Kris Wiluan and his son Richard, have moved to reassure shareholders following a police probe last week. "The company's debt restructuring talks are continuing and KS Energy will release further updates when finalised," executive chairman Kris Wiluan told The Straits Times on Monday.

SG, Shanghai ink financial collaboration MOUs

A series of nine MOUs were signed by Singapore and Shanghai financial institutions on Tuesday (Apr 12) to deepen bilateral cooperation. These included a MOU between the Singapore Exchange and the Shanghai Pudong Development Bank (SPDB) to help raise the bourse's profile as a fundraising platform for Chinese firms.

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TODAY'S TOP GLOBAL NEWS

Goldman gets big endorsement for exec. pay plan

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. received an endorsement from Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. for the firm's executive-pay plan after the proxy-advisory firm urged shareholders to vote against last year's proposal.

United CEO goes from savior to man in hot seat

For most of his 19-month tenure, United Continental Holdings Inc. Chief Executive Officer Oscar Munoz has cleaned up messes left behind by others. Now he's mopping up a PR disaster that's unfolded under his watch.

German car brand gets new life on CH money

Borgward, the Bremen car brand revived by a state-owned Chinese bus maker after going bust in 1961, has surprised many including its own CEO by racking up more than 30,000 units in sales for its first model over eight months. The winning formula: touting its German heritage while saying as little as possible about its Chinese backers.

Tesla investors press for independent board

An influential group of investors is pressing Tesla Inc. to add two board directors who don't have ties to Elon Musk, a sign that concerns over the electric-car maker's corporate governance remain as its shares soar.

Wells Fargo claws back another US\$75m from execs

Wells Fargo took back another US\$75 million (\$105.4 million) in pay from two former executives who played key roles in the bank's fake accounts scandal, the bank's board announced on Monday (April 11).

KKR Among Lyft Investors at \$7.5B Valuation

Lyft Inc., the San Francisco-based ride-hailing company, said it has closed a \$600 million round of financing, valuing the company at \$7.5 billion. New Lyft investors include private equity firm KKR & Co., asset management firms Baillie Gifford and Allian

Uber loses another senior executive amid turmoil

Uber Technologies Inc. CEO Travis Kalanick is struggling to hold onto his top lieutenants as the company faces an onslaught of scandals. Rachel Whetstone, who led policy and communications under Kalanick, resigned on Tuesday. She supervised the company's expansive lobbying efforts, helping to strategize its battles with governments.

Oil in biggest rally since December

Oil is riding the longest winning streak since December on optimism Saudi Arabia will support an extension to OPEC-led output cuts just as U.S. stockpiles show signs of shrinking. Futures in New York were holding gains after rising 6.3 percent in the previous six sessions.

Real cost of Trump's victory

Last Thursday's wanton attack on a Syrian air field by the US and its bellicose actions toward North Korea have brought to the forefront the real cost of candidate Trump's landslide victory last November.

Economic Calendar

Date	Release
04.04.2017	PH: CPI YoY
04.05.2017	US: FOMC Meeting Minutes
04.06.2017	PH: Foreign Reserves
04.10.2017	PH: Ex-Im Trade Balance
04.16.2017	PH: Overseas Remittances YoY

Source: Bloomberg Economic Calendar