

# The Daily Dispatch

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TODAY'S TOP NEWS

## MVP Group offers to develop Clark airport

The group led by MVP has offered to operate and maintain the Clark International Airport in Pampanga as it continues to explore prospects rolled out under the government's aggressive infrastructure program. MVP Group proposed a JV with the BCDA and Clark Airport "for the expansion, operations and maintenance of Clark Airport.

## BSP keeps interest rates unchanged

BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said in a press conference the Monetary Board had decided to maintain policy rates at 3.5 percent for the overnight lending facility, three percent for the overnight reverse repurchase facility, and 2.5 percent for the overnight deposit facility.

## Tax perks set for firms going green

The Board of Investments (BOI) plans to hand out financial incentives to manufacturing companies that will promote energy efficiency and conservation in their projects. The BOI said the scheme would be implemented through the Climate Incentives for Manufacturing (CLIMA) program as included in the guidelines of the 2017 IPP.

## 8990 to issue P5B bonds

Mass Housing developer 8990 Holdings Inc. plans to offer as much as P5 billion worth of securitized bonds later this year, a company official said. In a briefing Tuesday, 8990 president and CEO Januario Jesus Atencio said the company is looking to issue the bonds in the third quarter.

## Megaworld boosts net income by 11% to P2.9B in Q1

Megaworld Corporation posted an 11 percent improvement in net income to P2.9B in the first quarter of 2017 from the P2.6B earned during the same period last year. The Philippines' largest developer of integrated urban townships said its earnings were buoyed by strong rental income and consistent residential revenues.

## Philippine Stock Market Update



**Previous Close:**

7,816.40

**1 Yr Return:**

7.80%

**Open:**

7,797.84

**YTD Return:**

13.31%

**52-Week Range:**

6,499.00 - 8,118.44

**Source:**

Bloomberg

## Foreign Exchange

As of May 11, 2017

US Dollar	Philippine Peso
1	49.869

## PDST-R2 Rates

As of May 11, 2017

Tenor	Rate
1Y	2.8797
3Y	3.9447
5Y	4.2750
7Y	4.9857
10Y	5.0268
20Y	5.2780

## Daily Quote

"Everything has beauty, but not everyone can see."  
-Confucius

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## MORE LOCAL NEWS

### SM Investments clears P7.7B in Q1

“SM is off to a strong start in the first quarter with good growth and steady profit margins across our core businesses. We are also pleased with recent acquisitions like our stake in 2GO Group, which will help us build our portfolio of investments to capture the high growth of the Phil. economy,” said SM president DyBuncio.

### Ayala Land launches 200-hectare Evo City in Cavite

Ayala Land on Thursday, May 11, unveiled Phase 1 of Evo City in Kawit, Cavite, the first of 3 planned estate launches this year. The 200-ha mixed-use estate of sub-brand Alveo Land is being positioned as a new central business district in the south which will take advantage of several major infrastructure projects in the area.

### Robinsons Bank to issue P3B LTNCD

Robinsons Bank Corp., the banking and financial services arm of the Gokongwei Group, plans to issue its first long-term negotiable certificates of deposit amounting to at least P3 billion. The board of the Bank approved the issuance which aims to support the expansion initiatives and diversification of funding sources.

### Manulife expands presence in PH

Financial services firm Manulife Philippines said it has strengthened its presence in the country by more than fourfold or by 353 percent over the past six years to a total of 10,107 agents and 47 branches nationwide.

### BSP looking to tweak rules for PERA scheme

THE CENTRAL BANK is looking into amending the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of the Personal Equity and Retirement Account (PERA) law, such as easing the guidelines imposed on cash custodians.

## TODAY'S TOP ASIAN NEWS

### China stocks are tumbling again

Global investors are still shaking off a rout that's erased more than \$560 billion from the value of Chinese equities, making them the world's worst performers since mid-April. Outside of the nation's borders, investors are indifferent to the weakness in the second-largest equity market after the U.S.

### OCBC buys Australia bank's SG and HK businesses

With Australian banks retreating from the retail business in Asia, OCBC has scooped up the retail and wealth business in Singapore and Hong Kong of Australia's largest business bank, National Australia Bank (NAB), to bump up both its mortgage portfolio and customer base.

### Xi's US\$500B push to shape world in China's image

China is one of the few countries in the world today with money to spend, and Xi Jinping is ready to write some checks. China's president will host almost 30 world leaders in Beijing on Sunday at the first Belt and Road Forum, the centerpiece of a soft-power push backed by hundreds of billions of dollars for infra. projects.

### Banyan Tree's Q1 profit surges 124% to S\$1.2m

Banyan Tree Holdings enjoyed a 124 per cent surge in net profit for the first quarter ended March 31 to S\$1.2 million. The hospitality player attributed this to "higher operating profit from fee-based segment as a result of higher revenue coupled with lower non-controlling interests' share of profits".

### Saudi reports qtr budget deficit of 26.2B Riyals

Saudi Arabia's first-quarter deficit narrowed on higher oil revenue, boosting the government's efforts to repair public finances as it implements an economic blueprint for life after oil. The budget deficit for the three months to March was 26.2 billion riyals (\$7 billion), the finance ministry said in a report on Thursday.

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## MORE ASIAN NEWS

### Bizz Buzz: Closer to Viet IPO

Homegrown fast-food giant Jollibee Foods Corp., now among the leading fast-food companies in the world, has raised its stake in the Vietnam business under SuperFoods Group from 50 percent to 60 percent to prepare for the stock market debut of this business.

### Uber chases GrabTaxi in Myanmar

The private ride-hailing service Uber officially launched operations Thursday in Myanmar's main city Yangon, aiming to tap into one of the world's youngest and fastest-growing online markets. The launch follows Singapore-based GrabTaxi's debut, which began a trial run in the Southeast Asian country about six weeks ago.

## TODAY'S TOP GLOBAL NEWS

### Fed seen doing more as conditions prove resilient

The Fed hasn't lost its mojo. Policy makers just need to work it a little harder when it comes to influencing the US business cycle. That's the conclusion of analysts with financial conditions easing in the past six months even after two interest-rate increases and the looming unwind of the central bank's balance sheet.

### After seizing \$39B, Poland to end bond ban

Three years ago, Poland's government seized \$39 billion of its bonds held by the country's pension funds and banned them from buying any more. Now, a looming revamp of the retirement-fund industry by a different government is set to end the restrictions.

### Wells Fargo Forecasts Add'l \$2B Cost Cuts by 2019

Wells Fargo & Co., unable to maintain a longstanding profitability target after a scandal in the bank's branches stained its brand, doubled a cost-cutting program and said it will plow some of the money into technology to replace an aggressive sales culture.

### Verizon wrests Straight Path from AT&T

Verizon Communications Inc. is leaving nothing to chance to remain America's wireless king. The largest U.S. carrier won a protracted bidding war with AT&T Inc. for Straight Path Communications Inc., a tiny company that controls a vast swath of airwaves considered vital for the fifth generation of wireless services, or 5G.

### Siemens to cut 2,700 jobs as it modernizes IT unit

German industrial conglomerate Siemens AG says it's cutting or outsourcing 2,700 jobs as part of efforts to modernize its IT operations and increase efficiency elsewhere. The Munich-based company said Thursday nearly 1,700 jobs will be cut in Germany over the next several years, and 1,000 more will be outsourced.

### Yili bidding to buy US yoghurt producer Stonyfield

Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group, China's biggest dairy company, is competing to buy Stonyfield, the largest American producer of organic yoghurt, in its first overseas acquisition to expand the range of its dairy products.

### Macquarie-led group buys Endeavour Energy

The Australian state of New South Wales on Thursday said it has sold power grid Endeavour Energy to consortium led by Macquarie Group, Australia's biggest investment bank, for A\$7.62 billion (\$5.61 billion).

## Economic Calendar

Date	Release
05.01.2017	PH: Nikkei Philippines PMI Manufacturing
05.04.2017	PH: CPI YoY
05.04.2017	PH: Foreign Reserves
05.10.2017	PH: Trade Balance
05.14.2017	PH: Overseas Remittances

Source: Bloomberg Economic Calendar