

# The Daily Dispatch

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TODAY'S TOP NEWS

## BIR off-track in P1.83-T collection goal

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) is currently off-track in achieving its P1.829T revenue target for 2017 despite higher collections in the first four months, its chief said yesterday. BIR commissioner Dulay told reporters the bureau is "a little bit off" its path toward reaching its revenue goal for the year.

## SEC to double public float requirement to 20%

The SEC plans to increase the public float requirement of Philippine listed companies to 20% from the current 10% of issued and outstanding shares. In a proposed SEC memorandum circular disseminated for public comment on Wednesday, May 31, the securities regulator said it will be effective starting July 1 this year.

## Bulk of Duterte's infra plan to be locally financed

Bulk of the P7.1-trillion total infrastructure investment requirement under the 2017-2022 Public Investment Program will be implemented through local financing, according to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). NEDA clarified, however, that PPPs are not entirely out of the picture.

## Hybrid PPP scheme to speed up infra projects – DOF

The preferred hybrid PPP scheme of the Duterte administration is designed to speed up the implementation of the government's big ticket infrastructure projects, according to the Department of Finance (DOF). Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez defended the planned hybrid PPP mode of the government from criticisms.

## PH improves competitiveness rank 1 notch

The Philippines marginally improved its ranking by one notch to 41st from 42nd in the 2017 World Competitiveness Yearbook (WCY) among 63 countries as its impressive economic performance failed to offset declines in business and government efficiency categories.

## Philippine Stock Market Update



**Previous Close:**

7,837.12

**1 Yr Return:**

6.96%

**Open:**

7,835.27

**YTD Return:**

15.31%

**52-Week Range:**

6,499.00 - 8,118.44

**Source:**

Bloomberg

## Foreign Exchange

As of May 31, 2017

US Dollar	Philippine Peso
1	49.819

## PDST-R2 Rates

As of May 31, 2017

Tenor	Rate
1Y	2.8537
3Y	3.8491
5Y	4.1512
7Y	4.5854
10Y	4.9721
20Y	5.4679

## Daily Quote

"We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars."

-Oscar Wilde

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## MORE LOCAL NEWS

### Rockwell Land raises outlay to P14 B

Rockwell Land Corporation is increasing its capital expenditures by 17% to P14B this year from the P12B allotted in 2016. Rockwell president Nestor Padilla said “this is in anticipation of the completion and turnover of the first phase of The Proscenium at Rockwell in 2018 and the construction of the Aruga Hotel.”

### Mining firm bags Sucat power plant

A mining firm emerged the highest bidder for the purchase of the decommissioned 850-megawatt (MW) Sucat thermal power plant (STPP) in Muntinlupa City, state-run Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM) said yesterday. PSALM said Riverbend Consolidated Mining Corp. bested the offers of two other firms.

### Home Credit sees 3-fold increase in receivables

Home Credit Consumer Finance Philippines Inc., provider of alternative installment financing for gadget and home appliances, said yesterday it is targeting to reach P11 billion in total receivables by end-2017, up by almost three-fold from the P3.87 billion recorded in 2016.

### Eton bares five-year expansion program

Eton Properties Philippines Inc., the real estate arm of tycoon Lucio Tan, plans to add 170,000 square meters of leasable space over the next five years, a top executive said Wednesday. Eton Properties chief operating officer Josefino Lucas said in an interview the company was focusing on building leasable assets, including office and retail projects.

### Govt authorizes rice imports of 250,000 MT

The National Food Authority Council on Wednesday approved the importation of 250,000 metric tons of rice through private suppliers to boost the country’s buffer stock for the lean season. “The NFAC approved the importation of 250,000 metric tons through open tender,” NFA spokesperson Marietta Ablaza told Manila Standard.

### PLDT, Globe payment of SMC deal pre-empts courts

The PCC stands by its position that Globe Telecom and PLDT Inc. should not have proceeded with the payment of their final instalment on the telco deal with SMC. “Completing the payment for the telco assets is a move that unduly pre-empts the forthcoming rulings of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals,” the commission said in a

### Millenium Global picks 49% in Viet firm Paseco

Millenium Global Holdings Inc, a seafoods product maker in the Philippines, has completed its acquisition of 49% ownership and control in Vietnam-based Pacific Seafoods Company Limited (Paseco). Vo My Duyen sold his shares for \$755,114 (17.150 billion Vietnamese Dongs).

## TODAY’S TOP ASIAN NEWS

### China teaches Yuan bears tough lesson

China is dishing out a tough lesson to currency traders and strategists alike: don’t bet against the yuan. The currency touched its highest level in seven months offshore, soaring as much as 1.1 percent on Wednesday alone, despite analyst forecasts for declines this quarter.

### India's tax revamp likely to cause some havoc

There can be no gain without pain and that may be especially true when it comes to taxes. As about 160 countries overhauled their indirect tax systems, they confronted numerous challenges. Latecomer India is unlikely to escape some havoc.

### Aramco to build Gulf's largest shipyard

Saudi Aramco plans to build the Gulf’s largest shipyard through a joint venture with three companies - a US\$5.2 billion (S\$7.2 billion) project aimed at helping to reduce the economy's reliance on oil.

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## MORE ASIAN NEWS

### CH Estates takes HK\$26 mn windfall from Evergrande

Chinese Estates Holdings, controlled by Hong Kong property tycoon Joseph Lau Luen-hung's wife Chan Hoi-wan, has become a big winner in China Evergrande Group's share price surge, making a profit of more than HK\$26 million (US\$3.34 million) in just a few days.

### Fitch considers downgrading Baidu

Credit rating agency Fitch Ratings is considering lowering Baidu's "A" rating, on the belief that the company's growth in financial services activities has increased overall business risk.

### Nusasiri to acquire 61% from HK's Panacee Medical

The board of directors of Thai listed property developer Nusasiri Pcl gave the green light to purchase 48.8 million shares, equivalent to 61%, in Panacee Medical Hong Kong Ltd with total investment of HK\$48.8 million (\$6.3 million).

## TODAY'S TOP GLOBAL NEWS

### Investors not impressed w/ fastest growing G-7 econ.

Canada's economy is flexing its muscles. Investors are not impressed. The country's economy expanded at an annualized 3.7 percent pace in the first quarter. The performance underscores how, even with the improving economic performance, caution prevails.

### AUS home prices fall as lending curbs start to bite

Australian house prices fell in May for the first time in 17 months, in an early sign lending restrictions are starting to damp demand. The monthly decline comes after regulators tightened lending curbs amid fears of a housing bubble, and the nation's banks raised interest rates.

### Uber's revenue rises, losses narrow

Uber Technologies' revenue increased to US\$3.4 billion in the first quarter and losses narrowed, even as hundreds of thousands of people deleted the company's ride-hailing app from their phones.

### Puerto Rico releases \$9.6B budget

Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rossello released a \$9.6 billion spending plan that devotes about a fifth of the budget to covering government workers pensions because the islands retirement funds are poised to run out of money as soon as July.

### Deutsche fined \$41 mn by Fed for lapses

DEUTSCHE BANK AG agreed to pay \$41 million to settle Federal Reserve allegations that its US operations failed to maintain adequate protections against money laundering, the latest in a string of fines that have cost the German lender billions of dollars.

### AAG Energy continues its hunt for acquisitions

AAG Energy, which operates one of China's most advanced projects extracting natural gas from coal seams, will continue to scour Southeast Asia for oil and gas acquisition targets, after a potential deal was scuppered last year when the seller withdrew the asset from the market.

## Economic Calendar

Date	Release
06.05.2017	PH: CPI YoY
06.07.2017	PH: Foreign Reserves
06.08.2017	PH: Unemployment Rate
06.08.2017	PH: Trade Balance
06.14.2017	PH: Overseas Remittances YoY

Source: Bloomberg Economic Calendar