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TODAY'S TOP NEWS

Government seeks P140-B China loans

The government is seeking P140B from China to fund three flagship infrastructure projects, the DOF said yesterday. During a House appropriations committee hearing yesterday, Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez said Manila is firming up talks with Beijing for the funding of three big-ticket infrastructure projects worth P164.9B.

EastWest earns 60% more in H1

Gotianun-led East West Banking Corp. has upgraded its 2017 profit guidance to P4.8 billion after its net income surged 60 percent in the first half as strong core banking businesses wiped out the sharp drop in trading income.

Belle income nearly doubles in H1

Belle Corp. reported a consolidated net income of P1.77 billion in the first half, 93 percent higher than the P917 million reported a year ago. Recurring income amounted to P1.66 billion, up 82 percent from the previous year. This excludes capital gains on sales of non-core investments of P139 million in 2017.

JG Summit ventures into digital lending

A subsidiary of JG Summit has formed a JV with China-based Oriente to set up a digital financial service company to serve underbanked consumers and micro SMEs. The JV will put up a marketplace that will enable Filipinos to tap into credit facilities for their financial needs such as tuition, medical expenses, or small business.

Aboitiz Group posts modest profit in H1

Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc., the investment arm of the Aboitiz Group, managed to grow profits by 2 percent to P10.3 billion in the first half of 2017 from the P10.5 billion earned in the same period last year despite the weight of non-recurring losses.

Philippine Stock Market Update



Previous Close:

8,018.05

1 Yr Return:

-0.34%

Open:

8,015.68

YTD Return:

15.58%

52-Week Range:

6,499.00 - 8,106.74

Source:

Bloomberg

Foreign Exchange

As of August 2, 2017

US Dollar	Philippine Peso
1	50.366

PDST-R2 Rates

As of August 2, 2017

Tenor	Rate
1Y	2.8864
3Y	3.8936
5Y	4.4268
7Y	4.7714
10Y	4.9911
20Y	5.1583

Daily Quote

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."

--John Wooden

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MORE LOCAL NEWS

Why Jap. firms are teaming up with PH developers

Higher investor yields are attracting Japanese property developers into the Philippine real estate market, paving the way for more international firms to follow and allowing the country to benefit from their technological expertise.

PSE to offer more shares to bring PDS merger closer

The PSE plans on offering more shares to bring the merger with the PDS closer to fruition. One of the stumbling blocks in the long-running saga to consolidate the country's equity and fixed income or bond market is the 20% broker ownership in the PSE requirement of the SEC.

San Miguel unit eyes 500-MW hydro plant in Tarlac

A unit of listed conglomerate San Miguel Corporation (SMC) plans to build a 500-megawatt pumped storage hydro project in Tarlac province, once regulators approve its application for a service contract. In May 2017, the DOE approved 3 power projects of SMC.

Mining bureau eyes ISO mark for QMS

The Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) is eyeing the latest International Organization for Standardization (ISO) certification for its compliance with international quality management system standards.

PCC investigating cement industry

THE Philippine Competition Commission (PCC) started an investigation into the cement industry this year, with a full report on alleged anti-competitive behavior due by 2019.

Gokongweis embark on 'fintech' venture

A unit of conglomerate JG Summit Holdings Inc. has set up a financial technology (fintech) venture that offers a digital credit marketplace for Filipinos with immediate funding needs, including payments for tuition, unexpected medical expenses or even small business financing.

Govt eyes unsolicited bids for LNG facility

The government is now looking at unsolicited bids for the development of the country's first liquefied natural gas hub, as state-owned Philippine National Oil Co. has yet to find an acceptable government-to-government proposal from six countries.

BIR chief hoping to meet collection target

The Bureau of Internal Revenue remains optimistic of hitting its P1.829-trillion collection target but the tax chief says changes, including beefing up the agency's workforce, are needed for this to happen.

PCC approves 92 merger applications

The Philippine Competition Commission said it approved 92 notifications for 111 mergers and acquisitions worth P1.9 trillion. PCC commissioner Stella Luz Quimbo said the agency reviewed about 111 notifications during the first phase and approved 92 mergers so far.

Chelsea's IPO gets stronger demand

Investors snapped up shares of shipping and logistics company Chelsea Logistics Holdings Corp., with its initial public offering oversubscribed three times, the lead underwriter handling the transaction said. BDO Capital and Investments Corp. president Eduardo Francisco said demand from local institutional and retail investors for CLC

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TODAY'S TOP ASIAN NEWS

Strong export demand to lift Asian economies – ADB

Surging global demand for Asian exports and low oil prices will help China and the region's developing economies grow faster than expected this year and next, the Asian Development Bank said Thursday, July 20. The region should now grow by 5.9% this year and 5.8% in 2018, the Manila-based lender said in a report.

Casino aimed at CH's ultra rich struggles to open

It's due to feature French Baroque suites and 30 custom red Rolls Royces to squire around its guests - all part of what's promised to be the world's most luxurious casino and hotel aimed at China's ultra rich. Yet The 13 Hotel stands empty in a corner of Macau while its owners seek more cash and the necessary permits to operate.

Huaneng Power posts 96pc plummet in H1 profit

The listed flagship of the nation's largest power generator China Huaneng Group reported a net profit of 234.9 million yuan (US\$34.89 million) for the year's first six months, down from 6.18 billion yuan (US\$918 million) in the same period last year, far worse than analysts has expected.

Robo-investing by millennials driving CH stocks

Robo-advisors, or digital platforms that provide automated algorithm-driven financial planning services, are more likely to advise someone of around 28 years old to allocate as much as 30-40 per cent of their portfolio in emerging markets, far above the 10-15 per cent range by institutional investors

TODAY'S TOP GLOBAL NEWS

Bitcoin dispute results in split-coin

A dispute among developers of virtual currency Bitcoin gave birth Tuesday, August 1, to a new version of the crypto coin after they failed to agree on software changes. Bitcoin can be used to pay for a variety of products and services online and increasingly in real shops.

Apple sells 41M iPhones in 2Q, profit up by 12%

Apple on Tuesday, August 1, US time, reported stronger-than-expected results for the past quarter, with higher revenues and profits, delivering a boost to its share price. Shares rose nearly 6% to \$159.01 in after-market trades that followed released of the earnings report.

FB building device for video chat in hardware push

Featuring a laptop-sized touchscreen, the device represents a new product category and could be announced as soon as next spring's F8 developer conference, according to people familiar with the matter. They say the large screen and smart camera technology could help farflung people feel like they're in the same room

GIC to invest \$1B in Hollywood agency WME-IMG

Singapore's sovereign wealth fund, and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) are investing a combined US\$1 billion (\$1.36 billion) in US entertainment, sports and fashion agency WME-IMG.

Fading trust in pushes bond yields to 152%

Investors holding bonds from Venezuela and its state oil company have been rewarded time and time again for trusting that Nicolas Maduro's administration won't default even as cash supplies dwindle. Now, bondholders are unloading the shortest-term securities just three months before a \$1.1 billion payment comes due for Petroleos de

Economic Calendar

Date	Release
08.03.2017	PH: CPI YoY
08.06.2017	PH: Foreign Reserves
08.09.2017	PH: Trade Balance
08.10.2017	PH: BSP Overnight Borrowing Rate
08.14.2017	PH: Overseas Remittances YoY

Source: Bloomberg Economic Calendar