

# The Daily Dispatch

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TODAY'S TOP NEWS

## Jollibee reports 14% earnings fall to P6b last year

Jollibee Foods Corp. (JFC) reported a 14.4% drop in earnings in 2019, dragged by a 25.1% decline in operating income. The listed restaurant operator said its attributable net income in the full-year 2019 was at P6.33 billion, lower year-on-year despite a 37.1% growth to P1.8 billion in the fourth quarter.

## AllHome says 2019 income to hit P1B income

AllHome Corp. is projecting its net income to hit the billion mark in 2019 as it targets to reach 450,000 square meters of selling space by end-2020. The Villar-led home development retailer said it expects its 2019 earnings to rise on the back of robust sales during the Christmas season.

## Moody's cuts PHL growth forecast

MOODY'S Investors' Service has cut its growth forecast for the Philippines while also trimming its outlook for some Asian countries as some sectors are expected to take a hit due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak.

## PAL doubling capital to P30 billion

Philippine Airlines Inc. has more than doubled its capital base in preparation for future fund raising activities. PAL increased its authorized capital stock from P13 billion to P30 billion. The increase in capital stock was approved by a majority of the company's stockholders during a special meeting held yesterday.

## Ortigas Land launches priciest tower in Ortigas CBD

Ortigas Land, formerly Ortigas & Co. has launched Residences at The Galleon, touted as the most expensive residential tower in the business district. The 51-floor residential tower, which has a sales value of P16 billion, is the company's newest high-end luxury residential tower in Ortigas Center.

## Philippine Stock Market Update



**Previous Close:**

7,322.89

**1 Yr Return:**

-4.51%

**Open:**

7,319.99

**YTD Return:**

-5.77%

**52-Week Range:**

7,129.19 - 8,419.59

**Source:**

Bloomberg

## Foreign Exchange

As of Feb. 18, 2020

US Dollar	Philippine Peso
1	50.63

## BVAL Reference Rates

As of Feb. 18, 2020

Tenor	Rate
1Y	3.876
3Y	4.129
5Y	4.250
7Y	4.325
10Y	4.391
20Y	4.934

## Daily Quote

"The minute you start caring about what other people think, is the minute you stop being yourself."

-- Meryl Streep

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## MORE LOCAL NEWS

### EastWest raises P3.7B from maiden bond issue

East West Banking Corp. raised P3.7 billion as investors swarmed its maiden bond issuance resulting in an oversubscription of almost twice the P2 billion offering. Rafael Algarra, senior executive vice president and treasurer at EastWest, said the success of the bond issuance shows the trust and confidence of the public with banks.

### Ayala secures bigger stake in West Palawan contract

ACE Enexor Inc. (formerly Phima Petroleum and Geothermal Inc.) has secured a bigger stake in service contract 55 offshore west Palawan after one of its partners withdrew. The DOE approved the assignment by Century Red Pte. Ltd. of its 37.5 percent interest in SC 55 to Palawan55 Exploration & Production Corp.

### Treasury sells P30B in bonds at 4.409%

Amid “oozing” liquidity, the Bureau of the Treasury on Tuesday sold all P30 billion in bonds and offered another P15 billion through its tap facility. The reissued 10-year treasury bonds were awarded at an average rate of 4.409 percent, aligned with yields in the secondary market.

### Citi expands credit card payment services

Clients of Citi Philippines will now be able to use their credit cards to settle big payments that were previously paid for only via check or cash. Dubbed Citi PayAll, the bank’s credit cardholders now have the means to pay for rent, school fees, condo dues, insurance policies and professional fees using their credit card via the Citi Mobile App.

### DA sets aside P 3B for innovative agri projects

The Department of Agriculture (DA) is allotting P3B for the financing of “game-changing innovations” in agriculture this year as it pushes for the long-sought modernization and industrialization of the sector.

### NGCP: All-Filipino team controls power grid

MANILA, Philippines — China’s 40-percent stake in the National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP) did not give them direct control over the country’s power transmission network, top NGCP officials said on Tuesday.

### DMW signs 50-year Aseana deal with St. Luke’s

CONSTRUCTION firm DM Wenceslao and Associates Inc. (DMW) on Tuesday said it signed a 50-year lease deal with Saint Luke’s Medical Center for the land of the hospital that it will build in Aseana City, in Parañaque. The company said the deal involves a 13,896-square-meter parcel of land in Aseana City.

### Business groups ask to renew franchise of ABS-CBN

Four business groups led by the Makati Business Club expressed support for the renewal of ABS-CBN Corp.’s congressional franchise for another 25 years. “We express our strong support for a balanced, fair and timely consideration of the bills filed by several lawmakers on the renewal of ABS-CBN Corp.’s broadcasting franchise,” MBC

### DOE intensifies pitch for nuclear power

Against the backdrop of a threatening power crisis, the Department of Energy (DOE) is intensifying its pitch for nuclear power development as it opines that this is a way forward for the country’s long-term energy security.

### Virus dampens banana exports to China

The spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in China has already affected the country’s banana shipments that go to the world’s second largest economy and it will not take long before the outbreak’s impact could spread to other agriculture commodities.

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## TODAY'S TOP ASIAN NEWS

### Mainland CH reports 1,749 new confirmed cases

Mainland China had 1,749 new confirmed cases of coronavirus infections on Tuesday, the country's National Health Commission said on Wednesday, down from 1,886 cases a day earlier and the lowest since Jan. 29. That brings the total accumulated number of confirmed cases in mainland China so far to 74,185.

### CH aviation market shrinks to smaller than PRT's

China's aviation market, projected to overtake the US this decade and become the world's biggest, has shrunk to such an extent due to the coronavirus outbreak that it's fallen from third to 25th, behind Portugal. Airlines have slashed capacity because of the epidemic centered in Hubei province, leaving the industry reeling.

### Asiana Airlines on emergency mode amid low profit

SEOUL — Korean full-service carrier Asiana Airlines said Tuesday that all executives, including the CEO, have offered to resign to improve the company's financial health, which has been severely hurt by the latest outbreak of the coronavirus that has cut into aviation services.

### Endeavour United inks two industrial deals in Japan

Japanese private equity firm Endeavour United has completed its acquisition of food packaging firm Sunrise and its sponsorship deal with resin processing pioneer Kodama Chemical, adding to the series of deals by one of the most active PE firms in Japan.

### Credify bags \$1m from Beenext, SoftBank's Deepcore

Singapore-based software development company Credify has raised \$1 million in a seed funding round from venture capital firm Beenext and Deepcore, a Japanese artificial intelligence-focused incubator set up by SoftBank. Credify co-founder and CEO Makoto Tominaga confirmed the investment to DealStreetAsia in an email interaction.

## TODAY'S TOP GLOBAL NEWS

### Bloomberg proposes protections for Wall Street

U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg on Tuesday outlined a sweeping financial services policy proposal to rein in Wall Street trading, boost consumer protections, increase Americans' access to banking services and crack down on financial crime.

### Dow, S&P 500 decline after Apple's sales warning

The Dow and S&P 500 fell on Tuesday after a sales warning from Apple left investors assessing the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on U.S. companies. But indexes ended off the day's lows and the Nasdaq ended a touch higher as Apple Inc (AAPLO) trimmed its losses in late-session trading.

### Nomura is finally making money from IB in Asia

Nomura Holdings Inc.'s investment banking business in Asia is set to return to profit this fiscal year after more than a decade of losses since its Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. acquisition, according to its division chief.

### DP World to delist, return to full state ownership

Dubai's DP World, one of the world's largest port operator's, said on Monday it would delist and return to full state ownership in a deal valuing the company at \$13.9 billion. DP World operates ports around the world, from Hong Kong to Buenos Aires, and is headquartered at its flagship Jebel Ali Port in Dubai

### US considering new wave of China tech restrictions

The Trump administration is considering new restrictions on exports of cutting-edge technology to China in a push aimed at limiting Chinese progress in developing its own passenger jets and clamping down further on tech giant Huawei's access to vital semiconductors, according to four people familiar with the discussions.