

# The Daily Dispatch

June 01, 2023  
TODAY'S TOP NEWS

## BSP expects inflation to fall further in May

Inflation likely eased further to as low as 5.8 percent in May from 6.6 percent in April following the rollback in petroleum prices and the reduction in poultry and fish prices, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said Wednesday.

## DBP appeals proposed merger with LandBank

State-run Development Bank of the Philippines said Wednesday it will continue to exhaust available remedies under existing laws on its proposed merger with Land Bank of the Philippines.

## IOPHL buys two floors of Taguig building

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines said Wednesday it closed a deal with Arthaland Development Corp. over the purchase of two floors spanning 5,999 square meters in Savya Financial Center in Arca South where it will relocate its offices soon.

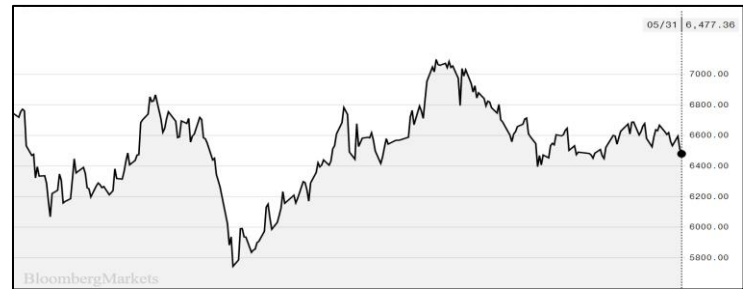
## FDC appoints ex-Jollibee exec as COO

Ysmael V. Baysa, a former CFO of fastfood giant Jollibee Foods Corp., has been appointed as COO of Gotianun-led Filinvest Development Corp. (FDC). FDC said it aims to capitalize on emerging opportunities and leverage its diverse portfolio to create long-term value and contribute to a sustainable future.

## SMC power unit prepares to issue P25 bn securities

San Miguel Global Power Holdings Corp., formerly SMC Miguel Global Power Holdings Corp., said its board approved the issuance of up to P25 billion in redeemable perpetual securities. SMCGP said the securities would be issued under such terms and conditions determined by management to be most beneficial to the corporation.

## Philippine Stock Market Update



Previous Close:

6,477.36

1 Yr Return:

-1.82%

Open:

6,502.76

YTD Return:

-2.07%

52-Week Range:

5,699.30 - 7,137.62

Source:

Bloomberg

## Foreign Exchange

As of May 31, 2023

US Dollar	Philippine Peso
1	56.150

## BVAL Reference Rates

As of May 31, 2023

Tenor	Rate
1Y	5.9218
3Y	5.8057
5Y	5.7640
7Y	5.8001
10Y	5.8574
20Y	5.9131

## Daily Quote

“To dare is to lose one's footing momentarily. Not to dare is to lose oneself.”

— Soren Kierkegaard

# The Daily Dispatch

## MORE LOCAL NEWS

### CPG to fully own PHirst as Mitsubishi sells stake

CENTURY Properties Group, Inc. (CPG) is set to acquire full ownership of its two affordable housing subsidiaries as its Japanese partner Mitsubishi Corp. has decided to sell its share, the listed developer said on Wednesday.

### AEV board clears P17.5-B bond issuance

ABOITIZ Equity Ventures, Inc.'s (AEV) board of directors on Wednesday approved the company's issuance of up to P17.45 billion for its second tranche of fixed-rate retail bonds, inclusive of an oversubscription option.

### MWSS considers fine for Maynilad

THE Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) is looking at penalizing Maynilad Water Services, Inc. for failing to fulfill its obligations amid the recurring water service interruptions.

### NG debt inches up to P13.9T as of April

THE NATIONAL Government's (NG) total outstanding debt hit a fresh high of P13.91 trillion at the end of April, the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) said. Data from the BTr showed that the outstanding debt inched up by 0.4% from P13.86 trillion at the end of March.

### Eton Properties plans township project in Cebu

LUCIO C. TAN'S Eton Properties Philippines, Inc. plans to build a 35-hectare integrated township in Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu as it continues to expand its core businesses.

### BIR exceeds April collection goal by 11.67%

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) on Wednesday said it surpassed its tax collection target in April this year. The BIR said it collected P336.020 billion last month, which was 11.67% or P35.114 billion higher than its collection goal of P300.9 billion for the period.

### Maynilad, Manila Water to deal with stricter rules

Maynilad Water Services Inc. and Manila Water Company Inc. will be governed by stricter rules under revised concession agreements with the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS).

### Bank lending expands 9.7 percent in April

Bank lending continues to grow despite several interest rate hikes, central bank data showed. Outstanding loans of universal and commercial banks, net of reverse repurchase placements with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas grew 9.7 percent in April.

### MPIC to delay delisting pending final report

Metro Pacific Investments Corp. will delay its voluntary delisting from the stock exchange as the company's major shareholders wait for the final fairness opinion and valuation report for the tender offer.

### NGCP cites improvement in grid performance

The National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP) said it has significantly improved the performance of the power grid since taking over as the country's transmission service provider, having increased transmission system availability, as well as reducing transmission outages and interruptions.

# The Daily Dispatch

## TODAY'S TOP ASIAN NEWS

### ID, MY freeze trade talks with EU over palm oil: FT

INDONESIA and Malaysia will delay trade talks with the European Union (EU) while they seek fairer treatment for small palm oil producers, the Financial Times (FT) reported on Wednesday (May 31).

### Aims Apac Reit's private placement closes at S\$1.214

AIMS Apac Reit (AA Reit) has closed its private placement at S\$1.214 per new unit, said its manager on Thursday. The private placement closed at the low end of the estimated price range of between S\$1.214 and S\$1.249. The manager announced plans to launch an equity funding exercise on Wednesday, to raise around S\$100 million.

### Indonesia set to become EV battery battleground

Indonesia is set to become a battleground for the batteries used in electric vehicles (EVs) as a major Chinese company and its local partner gear up to build Indonesia's first electric bus and lorry assembly facility. The competition is between the longer-range nickel-based battery and the cheaper, iron-based battery.

### SE Asia's digital economy set to hit \$1 trillion

The digital economy across 6 countries within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations — comprising Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam — is projected to grow 6% annually, according to the latest e-Conomy SEA 2022 report released by Google, Temasek and Bain & Company.

### SoKor factory activity slumps into longest downtrend

South Korea's factory activity shrank for an 11th consecutive month in May, slumping into its longest downtrend in 14 years as a slowing global economy hit output and orders and ratcheted up pressure on manufacturers. The S&P Global's seasonally adjusted purchasing managers' index (PMI) for South Korea stood at 48.4 last month.

## TODAY'S TOP GLOBAL NEWS

### Ikea stores owner Ingka buys warehouse software firm

THE largest owner of Ikea stores has acquired supply chain software firm Made4Net as the Swedish furniture retailer plans a major expansion in the US and aims to grow its online sales.

### Gold trades in tight range, awaits debt ceiling vote

GOLD prices ticked up in early Asian trade on Thursday (Jun 1), helped by a softer dollar, but were stuck in a tight range as traders focused on the US debt ceiling vote. Spot gold edged up 0.2 per cent to US\$1,965.61 per ounce by 0008 GMT. US gold futures rose 0.2 per cent to US\$1,965.20.

### Morgan Stanley sets \$12B profit goal for wealth unit

MORGAN Stanley is betting its wealth-management juggernaut is only just getting started as it outlined a plan to nearly double profit from the business in coming years.

### Credit Suisse bank execs sue over wiped AT1 bonuses

About 50 Credit Suisse Group bank executives are suing Switzerland's financial regulator, Finma, for rendering their bond-based bonuses worthless as part of the stricken lender's state-brokered takeover by UBS Group. The employees are suing over the write-down of contingent capital awards (CCAs) based Additional Tier 1 (AT1) bonds.

### OpenAI pursues fight against A.I. 'hallucinations'

OpenAI is taking up the mantle against AI "hallucinations," the company announced Wednesday, with a newer method for training artificial intelligence models. This comes at a time when misinformation stemming from AI systems is hotly debated than ever, amid the generative AI boom and the nearing 2024 U.S. presidential election.