

The Daily Dispatch

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TODAY'S TOP NEWS

Bad loans hit highest level in over seven years

The nonperforming loan (NPL) ratio of PH banks rose for the eighth straight month in September, surging to its highest level in over seven years amid the economic slowdown. The gross NPL ratio stood at 3.4% as of end-Sept., up from the 2.15% logged a year ago. This was the highest since the 3.42% NPL ratio recorded in May 2013.

CPG income up 74% on investment gains

Profits of Century Properties Group, Inc. (CPG) surged 74% to P571.48 million in the third quarter due to gains from investment properties and non-recurring losses that were recorded the prior year.. It booked a P398.81-million gain and trimmed interest and financing charges by 38% to lift its bottomline.

Economy contracts by 11.5% in Q3

The Philippine economy continued to shrink for a third straight quarter, although at a slower pace compared with the second quarter, as lockdown restrictions were further loosened amid the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic. The economy remained in a recession as gross domestic product contracted by 11.5% in Q3 after the 16.9% plunge in Q2.

DMCI profit down 34% as pandemic hits business

Consunji-led DMCI Holdings, Inc. on Tuesday reported a 33.7% drop in its attributable net income for the third quarter to P1.88 billion, mainly due to pandemic-related challenges and sales cancellation for its project in Davao City.

Stocks soar on vaccine news, shrug off GDP plunge

The local stock market surged past the 7,000 level as investors celebrated positive reports on breakthrough in COVID-19 vaccines. The Philippine Stock Exchange index leaped 349.63 points, or 5.23 percent, to close at 7,035.48 as share prices rose across the board with the Holding Firms and Property sectors leading the charge.

Philippine Stock Market Update



Previous Close:

7,035.48

1 Yr Return:

-11.29%

Open:

6,968.93

YTD Return:

-10.94%

52-Week Range:

4,039.15 - 8,216.92

Source:

Bloomberg

Foreign Exchange

As of Nov. 10, 2020

US Dollar	Philippine Peso
1	48.35

BVAL Reference Rates

As of Nov. 10, 2020

Tenor	Rate
1Y	1.771
3Y	2.292
5Y	2.703
7Y	2.897
10Y	2.996
20Y	3.929

Daily Quote

“The best way out is always through.”

-- Robert Frost

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MORE LOCAL NEWS

Gov't dangles 8 'conditions' in Malampaya extension

The Philippine government is dangling at least eight conditions that the consortium-members of Service Contract (SC) 38 led by Shell Philippines Exploration B.V. (SPEX) must comply with for the license extension of the \$4.5 billion Malampaya deep-water-gas to power project.

Makati Med on track with P1-B expansion

The Makati Medical Center (MMC), the country's leading healthcare and medical provider, said it will maintain its close to P1 billion expansion program for 2021 they had set even before the pandemic as they move to add more facilities, equipment, and bring its services offsite to serve more people in the communities.

Dito approves terms of deal with Udenna

Dito has approved the terms for the acquisition of the issued and outstanding common shares of Udenna to gain an indirect interest in Dito. The transaction, essentially a share-swap exercise with Udenna Corp., involves 11.2-b shares of Dito that are priced between P6-P6.90.

Bloomberry incurs net loss due to closure of casinos

Bloomberry Resorts Corp., the operator of Solaire Resort and Casino, said it incurred a net loss of P2.5 billion in January to September, a reversal of last year's profit of P3.9 billion, as its casinos were shuttered during the lockdown.

RCBC sets aside P7.2B provision for bad loans

RCBC beefed up its provision for potential bad loans by 38.6 percent to P7.2 billion from January to September compared to last year's P4.51 billion due to uncertainties brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. RCBC president and chief executive officer Eugene Acevedo said the bank has yet to see the full impact of the pandemic.

DA allocates P4.5B cash, food subsidy for farmers

The Department of Agriculture will provide P4.5 billion in cash and food subsidy to nearly 900,000 marginal farmers as part of its Bayanihan 2 funds. The DA virtually launched on Monday the Cash and Food Subsidy for Marginal Farmers and Fisherfolk program with a P4.5 billion allocation.

Agri cooperatives appeal ban to engage in imports

The Department of Agriculture's decision to ban cooperatives from importing rice will lessen market competition to the detriment of consumers as the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) maintained that such a move is unjust and discriminatory.

Semirara unit to pursue coal projects in Batangas

Semirara Mining and Power Corp. (SMPC) on Tuesday said it was breaking off a four-year-old joint venture pact with Manila Electric Co. to build 700 megawatts of coal-fired generation capacity in Batangas province.

Eagle Cement Q3 income improves to P 1.4B

Ang family-led cement-maker Eagle Cement Corp. booked P1.4 billion in third quarter net profit, matching the bottom line achieved during the same period last year when the coronavirus pandemic had yet to wreak havoc on the economy.

Megawide insists it can undertake NAIA project

Megawide Constructions Corp. said it has the financial clout to lead the development of the country's main gateway following corruption claims haunting its planned multi-billion dollar project.

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TODAY'S TOP ASIAN NEWS

Softbank leads investment in e-scooter firm Tier

SoftBank Group Corp's Vision Fund 2 has led a US\$250 million investment in Berlin-based e-scooter company Tier Mobility, the German firm said on Tuesday. Existing investors, including Mubadala Investment Company's financial investment arm Mubadala Capital, participated in the Series C funding round, the company said.

CH inflation dips to 11-yr low as pork stocks rise

Falling food prices dragged China's consumer inflation to an 11-year low last month, spurred by improving supplies of pork, official data showed on Tuesday, November 10.

South Korea's jobless rate unexpectedly rises

South Korea's jobless rate unexpectedly rose in October as the coronavirus kept businesses reluctant to hire. The unemployment rate climbed to 4.2 per cent from 3.9 per cent in September, data from the statistical office showed on Wednesday (Nov 11).

Pandemic hastened Shell transition to green energy

Shell Singapore has drawn up a 10-year plan to cut CO2 emissions from its operations here by about a third. The plan builds on Shell's overarching ambition to eliminate all of its own emissions and the bulk of greenhouse gases from the fuel it sells to customers by 2050.

99 Group acquires real estate portal SRX

99 Group, which operates property portal 99.co, has acquired property platform and real estate data provider Singapore Real Estate Exchange (SRX) for an undisclosed sum. As part of the acquisition, 99 Group will acquire all the shares in StreetSine Singapore, a subsidiary of Singapore Press Holdings.

TODAY'S TOP GLOBAL NEWS

Nearly \$2 trillion traded on COVID-19 vaccine news

News of a breakthrough in the race to find a COVID-19 vaccine sparked one of the heaviest trading days since the height of the pandemic crisis, according to early data analysed by Reuters, with nearly \$2 trillion changing hands on Monday. In the United States, nearly \$500 billion worth of trades went through stock markets.

Spotify agrees to buy Megaphone for US\$235m

Spotify Technology agreed to acquire Megaphone, which creates tools for podcast advertisers, in a deal that values the acquisition at US\$235 million. Founded by the online news company Slate, Megaphone connects podcast publishers such as Vox and ESPN with networks of advertisers.

EU accuses Amazon of breaking competition law

The European Union formally accused US giant Amazon on Tuesday, November 10, of abusing its control over an online marketplace to distort competition, a breach of anti-trust rules.

TikTok challenges Trump's divestiture order

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Chinese-owned short video sharing app TikTok said late on Tuesday it had filed a petition in a U.S. Appeals Court challenging a Trump administration order set to take effect on Thursday.

Apple launches MacBook powered by its own chips

Apple Inc AAPLO on Tuesday introduced a MacBook Air notebook and other machines with its first central processor designed in-house for Macs, a move that will tie its computers and iPhones closer together technologically.