

The Daily Dispatch

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TODAY'S TOP NEWS

PDP Laban backs EastWest head for BSP governor

The ruling Partido Demokratiko Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayan (PDP-Laban) wants EastWest Bank president Antonio Moncupa Jr to become the next governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). Besides heading EastWest Bank since 1997, Moncupa also heads the PDP-Laban policy think tank.

PSE moves to delist dormant Uniwide Holdings

The Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) has initiated involuntary delisting procedures against dormant Uniwide Holdings Incorporated, a company of businessman Jimmy Gow, due to continued violation of the disclosure rules of the exchange.

PHL rice stocks down 13.5%—report

The country's rice inventory at the start of 2017 declined by 13.5 percent to 2.77 million metric tons (MMT), from 3.2 MMT recorded a year ago, according to a report from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). The rice inventory as of January 1, however, was enough for the country's rice requirement for 81 days.

PDIC bids out P 187-M foreclosed bank assets

State-run Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. (PDIC) is bidding out P187 million worth of foreclosed assets owned by banks that were ordered closed by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). According to the PDIC, 68 assets owned by various closed banks and one that was acquired by PDIC are up for bidding on Feb. 28.

Tech firm slates P 2.66-B IPO

Technology company AudioWav Media Inc. (WAV) is pushing through with its IPO next month in which it seeks to raise as much as P2.66B. WAV president and CEO Carlos Hinolan said proceeds of the IPO would be used to embark on an aggressive expansion move in China, Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam this year.

Philippine Stock Market Update



Previous Close:

7,252.66

1 Yr Return:

11.28%

Open:

7,257.72

YTD Return:

5.96%

52-Week Range:

7,248.27 - 7,265.52

Source:

Bloomberg

Foreign Exchange

As of February 10, 2017

US Dollar	Philippine Peso
1	49.907

PDST-R2 Rates

As of February 10, 2017

Tenor	Rate
1Y	2.5526
3Y	3.4662
5Y	3.8002
7Y	4.0020
10Y	4.2409
20Y	5.2321

Daily Quote

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other one thing."

-Abraham Lincoln

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MORE LOCAL NEWS

More power distributors shift to RE

More power distributors are shifting toward renewable energy supply as six Mindanao electric cooperatives (ECs) secured power supply deals with Hedcor Inc., the hydropower subsidiary of Aboitiz Power. A total of 23 MW will be supplied to the six Mindanao ECs namely, Zaneco, Zamsureco 1 and 2, Buseco, Moelco, Sirelco.

SolarPH ready to export solar panels from Batangas

Solar Philippines will commence exporting solar panels within the year, and is preparing to start the operations of the first phase of its 600MW solar-panel factory in Batangas. Also, the company will soon announce a partnership with one of the world's leading solar manufacturers to produce panels.

Silicon Valley executive changes PH remittance

4 years ago, an American IT professional based in Silicon Valley packed his things and decided to fly to the Philippines where he did not know anybody. Sensing a great opportunity, he built a startup financial technology company that would eventually redefine the local financial sector, including the remittance business.

NLEX-SLEX connector road completed by 2018

THE connector road project between NLEX and SLEX is expected to be finished by 2018, San Miguel Holdings Corp. said on Friday. The 3.4-kilometer Segment 1 of the P23-billion project set to be completed this year, Alec Cruz, head of San Miguel Holdings' tollway project, said in a radio interview.

PH trade deficit widens

The trade deficit more than doubled in 2016 as exports contracted while imports grew in double-digit terms, official data showed on Friday. Merchandise exports in January to December dropped 4 percent to \$56.23 billion from \$58.82 billion a year earlier.

Solar factory in Batangas to generate 1k jobs

A 600-megawatt solar panel factory is set to start its operations in Santo Tomas, Batangas, marking the first time that solar panels will be produced by a Philippine-owned company. Solar Philippines said the factory will generate about 1,000 jobs and use high-end German equipment and high-efficiency Taiwanese cells.

Gaming sector faces rising competition

THE PHILIPPINES faces stiffer competition from other Asia-Pacific economies in the gaming industry, according to Fitch Ratings, but the local market should still see a high single-digit revenue growth this year.

Net FDI up 59% in Nov. at six-month high

NET INFLOWS of foreign direct investment (FDI) to the Philippines in November hit a six-month high, reversing the outflow seen in October, with the year-to-date tally inching closer to \$7 billion -- well above the central bank's full-year forecast for 2016.

Naia PPP put on hold

A massive public-private partnership (PPP) auction to expand and privatize the operations of Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) has been put on hold as the government decides to first come up with a comprehensive Luzon air gateway master plan, the head of the PPP Center said.

How Zen Rooms is disrupting PHL hotel sector

ZEN ROOMS checked in the Philippine market with the view of disrupting and consequently setting a higher standard in the budget hotel sector. But in less than a year, it has become more than a game changer.

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TODAY'S TOP ASIAN NEWS

SG big banks' bad loan woes may be getting worse

The woes of Singaporean energy-services provider Ezra Holdings Ltd. are a stark reminder to the city's biggest banks of the threat souring oil and gas loans pose to their earnings.

Trump-Abe rapport won't stop Yen from passing 100

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's success in avoiding any clash over exchange rates with U.S. President Donald Trump at a summit meeting hasn't resolved underlying conflict, according to JPMorgan Chase & Co. We continue to think politics will be a main driver for dollar-yen this year," JP Morgan analyst Tohru Sasaki said.

Vietnam poised to become Asia's 'Silicon Valley'

Vietnam is likely to become one of the most important markets for Google and other IT companies in the near future thanks to its talented IT students, high-tech projects, and pursuit of innovation. Although most of the Asean countries are developing the high-tech sectors, VN is most likely to become a leader in this field.

PCCW to sell HK\$8B of SSU at HKT Trust

PCCW, the flagship company of tycoon Richard Li Tzar-kai, and subsidiary CAS Holding No 1 aim to sell HK\$8.534 billion worth of share stapled securities in HKT Trust and operating arm HKT Limited, Hong Kong's largest telecommunications services provider.

TODAY'S TOP GLOBAL NEWS

Fake news' for markets have never been more real

Buy the news and sell the soft data. That's the conclusion drawn from a paper by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which suggests that financial news holds predictive power when it comes to a slew of economic data.

US biggest creditors dump treasuries to warn Trump

A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S, the owner of the world's biggest container shipping line, is paying particular attention to noises coming from the US that suggest the new administration is moving closer to a trade war with China.

China Faces Liquidity Test as \$151-B Exit System

China will face one of the biggest tests of its campaign to contain corporate leverage next week, with more than \$151 billion set to leave the already stretched financial system.

Sears Soars On New \$1-B Restructuring Plan

Just days after troubled retailer Sears Holdings was put on deathwatch after its stock crashed to all time lows while its CDS hit a record high, earlier this week, the short squeeze is back, with the stock surging 20% pre market, after the company announced it is planning steps to improve liquidity and financial flexibility.

Ford Investing \$1-B in Startup Founded

Ford Motor Co. is investing \$1-b in a months-old startup founded by 2 pioneers in the nascent autonomous vehicle sector. The Pittsburgh-based artificial intelligence company Argo AI will develop the brains -- specifically, a virtual driver system -- for the fully autonomous vehicles Ford has promised to bring to market in 2021.

Economic Calendar

Date	Release
02.07.2017	PH: Foreign Reserves
02.09.2017	PH: Ex-Im Trade Balance
02.15.2017	PH: Overseas Remittance
02.27.2017	PH: Bank Lending YoY
02.28.2017	PH: Nikkei Philippines PMI Mfg

Source: Bloomberg Economic Calendar