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MORNING NOTES

PSEi performance

PSEi Index 19 Aug 2009: 2,760.89 + 29.34

Value T/O, net Php 2,159 million
52-week High 2,894.51
Low 1,684.75

Foreign Buying: Php 846 million
Foreign Selling: Php 1,209 million

Regional performance

Dow Jones : 9,279.16 + 61.22 FTSE 100 : 4,689.67 + 3.89 Nikkei 225 : 10.284.96 + 16.35

Trading snapshot

Index Movers	Points
PLDT	+8.5
Ayala Land	+5.2
BPI	-4.4
Philex Mining	+3.5
SM Investments	+2.1
Index Out-performers	Up
Philex Mining	4.6%
Vista Land	4.0%
Lepanto Consolidated A	3.6%
Lepanto Consolidated B	3.6%
Robinsons Land	3.5%
Index Under-performers	Down
BPI	2.3%
First Gen	1.2%
Jollibee Foods Corp.	1.0%

Calendar

Aug 20 Monetary Policy Stance

Aug 25 Jun '09 MISSI

Aug 25 Jun '09 External Trade Perf.Aug 26 Dizon Copper-Silver Mines ASM

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HEADLINES

Oil data rekindles recovery hopes

U.S. stocks shook off a slide in China's equity market on Wednesday (Aug 19), as investors responded favorably to a surprising drop in May crude oil stockpiles, which suggests an improving demand outlook. U.S. front-month crude oil rose 4.7%. Exxon Mobil Corp and Chevron Corp led the blue-chip Dow industrials' advance. Healthcare stocks also outperformed the broader market. Shares of Merck & Co led the healthcare sector's advance. But the Nasdaq's climb was curbed by Hewlett-Packard Co after the company expressed caution about business demand.

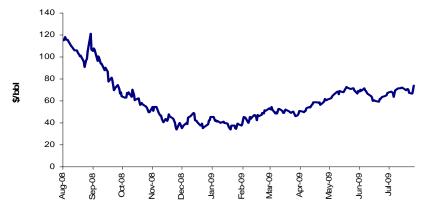
January to July Fiscal Deficit at P188 Billion

■ The January to July fiscal deficit of the National Government reached P188.0 billion. Revenue collections reached P644.1 billion. BIR collections were recorded at P433.2 billion and P129.0 billion for BOC. The Bureau of the Treasury income was recorded at P42.7 billion (+17% year-on-year) while collections from other offices was recorded at P39.2 billion. Total disbursements amounted to P832.1 billion (+18% yoy). Excluding interest payments, total disbursements increased by 22%. Netting out the interest payments in the expenditures, the National Government recorded a primary deficit at P4.3 billion.

First Gen 1H'09 net income at US\$20.3 million (FGEN; P20.50)

First Gen Corporation (FGEN) reported net income attributable to parent of US\$20.3 million in 1H'09, marginally lower than the US\$20.7 million posted in 1H'08. Consolidated net income for the period was at US\$74.4 million, 17.7% lower than last year's comparative due mainly to lower income from Energy Development Corp. (EDC). First Gen Chief Finance Officer Giles Puno said that though EDC's income is lower than last year's, FGEN expects the capital expenditures poured into the company to pay off in the coming years. Moreover, the company is already beginning to reap the benefits of the economy's improving fundamentals, the group's hedging strategy, and the fruits of refinancing efforts."

Nymex Crude 1-Yr Price Chart



Source: Bloomberg

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