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Index	Value	Change	% Change
PSEi	7,310.94	-81.26	1.10 ▼
All Shares	4,512.47	-54.61	1.20 ▼
Financials	1,893.42	-24.41	1.27 ▼
Industrial	11,009.05	-152.50	1.37 ▼
Holding Firms	6,573.08	-73.38	1.10 ▼
Services	2,136.05	-25.36	1.17 ▼
Mining and Oil	18,032.95	-620.98	3.33 ▼
Property	3,024.99	-21.01	0.69 ▼

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WORLD INDICES

S&P 500	1,658.78	+0.51%
FTSE 100	6,693.55	+0.11%
Nikkei	15,096.00	+2.29%

TRADING SNAPSHOT

Index Movers

TEL	-11.00
AGI	-9.94
BDO	-7.65
JGS	-7.20
AC	-6.89

Index Out-performers

Up

MPI	2.34%
BLOOM	1.76%
SM	0.59%
SMPH	0.49%
BPI	0.09%

Index Under-performers

Down

SMC	-5.45%
PX	-3.46%
AGI	-3.45%
MEG	-3.10%
JGS	-2.66%



PSEi Index

May 16, 2013:	7,310.94	-81.60
Value T/O, net	P 7,675	million
52-week High	7,392.20	
Low	4,863.42	

Foreign Buying:	P 6,290	million
Foreign Selling:	P 6,114	million



HEADLINES

US stocks halt record run on Fed talk

➤ From MarketWatch: U.S. stocks declined Thursday, halting the S&P 500's four-session winning streak, after a Federal Reserve official said the central bank could begin tamping back on monetary easing as soon as this June. Cisco Systems Inc. rallied nearly 13% on better-than-expected profits, helping limit the damage on the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the Nasdaq Composite and the S&P 500. After rising as much as 26.8 points, and losing as much as 59, the Dow finished at 15,233.22, off 42.47 points. The S&P 500 index fell 8.31 points to 1,650.47, with consumer discretionary the worst and technology the best performing among its 10 major sectors. The Nasdaq Composite climbed less than half a point to 3,471.98.

➤ US Economic Reports: The government reported jobless claims climbed by 32,000 to 360,000 last week, more than economists had projected. Another report had the cost of living in April declining for a second month, with the 0.4% drop in the consumer-price index coming as energy costs fell. At the same time, figures released by the Commerce Department had housing starts slipping 16.5% to their lowest level since November.

BSP incurs record P95.38 B loss

➤ Losses of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) ballooned to P95.38 B in 2012, the largest loss since the agency's establishment in 1993, preliminary data showed. It was also nearly thrice the 2011's P33.69 B. It marked the third straight year that BSP was in the red. According to BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr., "The BSP's losses resulted from the monetary authority's conduct of its stabilization function in the face of strong foreign capital inflows and ample liquidity in the system."

Japan Abenomics may be working

- Japan's economy enjoyed a stronger than expected recovery last quarter, growing at a 3.5% annual pace as the government stepped up public works spending and eased credit to encourage investment. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe took office in late December vowing to help the economy recover from two decades of deflationary malaise. His policies have helped push share prices to their highest levels in over five years, fueled by strong liquidity and expectations of improved profitability for listed companies. Apart from share prices, Japan's manufacturing and employment showed slight improvements in March, buttressing hopes that the economy may be headed for a moderate recovery. Key to the success of Abe's policies will be increased spending by households and corporations, partly due to expectations that prices will rise.

First Gen profit rises 11% to \$55.8M in Q1

- First Gen Corp. registered a net income of \$55.8 M in the first three months of the year, 11% higher YOY due to "the higher income booked by the 1,500 megawatt First Gas plants due to the full earnings contribution following the purchase in May 2012 of the 40 percent BG Group stake, higher sales volume and trading gains from EDC geothermal plants, and savings from interest expense." The company booked a higher first quarter income despite a 5.2% decrease in consolidated revenues to \$494.6 M. Of the total revenues, First Gas plants accounted for \$324.3 M, or 65.6% of the total consolidated revenues while EDC's geothermal revenues accounted for \$146 M, or 29.5%.
- EDC's revenues rose 3.2% to \$146 M on the back of higher sales volume from subsidiary Green Core Geothermal Inc. and trading gains from BacMan Geothermal Inc.

Lopez holding firms post lower income in Q1

- The two investment holding firms of the Lopez family recorded lower profits in the first quarter. First Philippine Holdings Corp. (FPHC) said its net income sank to P1.8 B from P5 B while Lopez Holdings Corp. reported a 64% YOY drop in its profits to P1 B. FPHC's consolidated revenues hit P22.2 B, down 13% from P25.4 billion in the same period last year. But FPHC benefited from a 33% growth in real estate sales of Rockwell Land Corp. to P906 M.
- Last year, FPHC and Lopez Holdings each booked a one-time gain of P6.1 B and P3.39 B, respectively, from the sale of a portion of its investment in power distribution giant Meralco.

CURRENCIES

US, Dollar	41.2850
Japan, Yen	0.4042
UK, Pound	63.0787
Hong Kong, Dollar	5.3176
EU, Euro	53.2092
China, Yuan	6.7141
Singapore, Dollar	32.9963

COMMODITIES

BRENT CRUDE OIL (USD/bbl.)	103.80	+0.12%
GOLD 100 OZ FUTR (USD/t oz.)	1,384.00	-0.21%
SILVER FUTURE (USD/t oz.)	22.59	-0.32%
CORN FUTURE (USd/bu.)	641.50	-1.42%
SUGAR #11 (USd/lb.)	16.99	+0.95%
SOYBEAN FUTURE (USd/bu.)	1,429.25	+0.12%



GMA income soars 55% in Q1

- GMA Network Inc.'s net income rose 55% YOY to P603 M in the first quarter on the back of a 24% revenue growth to P3.241 B. While political advocacies and advertisements provided 12% of the revenue increase, recurring ads still accounted for 14% of the revenue hike. Sales from Channel 7 (+26%) comprised 85% of total airtime earnings.

DOTC defers bid for MRT deal to May 24

- The DOTC has delayed anew the submission of qualification documents for the bidding of a contract worth P713 million to maintain the operations of the Metro Rail Transit 3 (MRT3) for a period of one year. The opening and submission of bids for the project was moved to May 24 from May 16. DOTC Undersecretary Jose Perpetuo Lotilla said the delay was caused by the revision of the bidding documents for the project

ANI expands banana production area

- Agrinurture Inc. is expanding its banana cultivation area and improving its cold storage facilities to increase its export sales. The company recently acquired a 1,000-hectare banana plantation in Mindanao which would add 40,000 metric tons of Cavendish banana to its annual production. The company currently ships banana and other fruits such as coconut, mangoes, pineapple and papaya to the Middle East, China, North America and Europe. ANI is also engaged in the commercial distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables to retail establishments as well as to hotels, restaurants, public wet markets and catering companies.



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