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Index	Value	Change	% Change
PSEi	6,574.72	-8.83	0.13▼
All Shares	4,006.87	-15.28	0.38▼
Financials	1,607.29	-18.64	1.15▼
Industrial	9,796.35	-91.33	0.92▼
Holding Firms	6,054.60	30.80	0.51▲
Services	1,961.71	-3.60	0.18▼
Mining and Oil	14,194.77	-147.84	1.03▼
Property	2,582.28	1.47	0.06▲

WORLD INDICES

S&P 500	1,680.91	+0.28%
FTSE 100	6,571.93	+0.24%
Nikkei	14,615.00	+0.11%

TRADING SNAPSHOT

Index Movers

SM	+18.72
MBT	-8.67
JGS	-8.28
MER	-4.76
AC	+4.05

Index Out-performers

SM	2.61%	Up
BLOOM	2.27%	
SMC	1.49%	
AC	1.16%	
SMPH	1.15%	

Index Under-performers

MER	-4.18%	Down
JGS	-3.65%	
PCOR	-3.50%	
PX	-2.99%	
MBT	-2.92%	



PSEi Index

July 17, 2013:	6,574.72	-8.83
Value T/O, net	P 4,588	million
52-week High	7,403.65	
Low	5,114.95	

Foreign Buying:	P 3,416	million
Foreign Selling:	P 3,595	million



HEADLINES

Stocks rise on Bernanke's statement, Eyes now on China

- From Bloomberg: The S&P 500 rose 0.3% to 1,680.91. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index advanced 0.7% to 959.37. The Stoxx Europe 600 Index gained 0.6% to 297.04. Asian stock futures rallied, signaling equities in the region will follow U.S. indexes higher. Contracts on Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 Index gained 0.5%.
- Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the Fed's asset purchases "are by no means on a preset course" and could even be expanded should economic conditions warrant, in prepared testimony to the House Financial Services Committee. Weekly U.S. jobless claims data due today will help investors assess the outlook for the \$85 B-a-month bond buying program, which has contained increases in borrowing costs and stoked global equity gains over the past three years.
- Risks that China's economic growth this year will fall short of forecasts are increasing, the International Monetary Fund said in its annual assessment of the world's second-largest economy. The government needs to follow through on policy reforms aimed at sustaining expansion, according to the report. Data on property price moves in June is scheduled for today.

BSP sees ample liquidity in banking system

- "Risks are always present in the financial system in any economy. That is why we continue to monitor risks. We look for possible stress points," Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. told reporters. "But even on our stress tests, it showed that even with significant write-downs, banks will still be able to absorb it and remain above the minimum capital requirement," he added.

STI nearly triples 2012 earnings

- STI Education Systems Holdings Inc. said its net income surged 171% to P794.2 M in its fiscal year that ended in March, up from P292.6 M a year ago. This was backed by a 6% increase in revenues to P1.66 B from P1.57 B earlier.
- Also, STI said it has completed the construction of the STI Academic Center campus in Cainta, Rizal.

Philex Petroleum divests in Vietnam exploration firm for P2.1B

- Philex Petroleum Corp., a listed energy firm headed by top businessman Manuel V. Pangilinan, said yesterday that it has divested its interest in Vietnam American Exploration Co. (Vamex) for P2.1 B. Philex said its subsidiary, Pitkin Petroleum Plc, has completed the sale of all its interests in the Vietnam exploration firm.

Public infra spending seen to more than double by 2016

- In a briefing yesterday, Budget and Management Secretary Florencio Abad said the government would continue to bolster infrastructure spending to further spur GDP growth to as much as 7% this year. For this year, the Aquino administration expects to spend P299.4 B for infra-related projects, equivalent to 2.5% of gross domestic product or GDP. Public infrastructure spending is seen to more than double to P834.5 B by 2016.

Mutual funds allowed higher investment cap

- Investment companies, particularly mutual fund firms, are now allowed to allocate more resources in a single business entity. In a memorandum, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said “the maximum investment of an investment company in any single enterprise shall not exceed an amount equivalent to 15% of the investment company’s net asset value except obligations of the Philippine government and its instrumentalities.” Prior to the amendment, maximum single entity investment of a mutual fund was pegged at 10% of the investment firm’s net asset value. SEC retained the rules barring mutual funds from owning more than 10% of the outstanding shares of an investee company.
- “For liquidity purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by the SEC, at least 5% of an open-ended company fund shall be invested in liquid or semi-liquid assets,” said SEC, which relaxed the rules from the previous 10% requirement.
- The country’s mutual fund industry has assets under management (AUM) worth a record P146.2 B as of end-2012, surging 41.1% from P103.6 B in end-2011, data from the Philippine Investment Funds Association Inc. (PIFA) showed.

CURRENCIES

US, Dollar	43.3270
Japan, Yen	0.4350
UK, Pound	65.8966
Hong Kong, Dollar	5.5854
EU, Euro	56.8297
China, Yuan	7.0623
Singapore, Dollar	34.3674

COMMODITIES

BRENT CRUDE OIL (USD/bbl.)	108.61	+0.43%
GOLD 100 OZ FUTR (USD/t oz.)	1,276.20	-0.20%
SILVER FUTURE (USD/t oz.)	19.33	-0.49%
CORN FUTURE (USd/bu.)	502.00	-1.71%
SUGAR #11 (USd/lb.)	16.00	-0.50%
SOYBEAN FUTURE (USd/bu.)	1,282.75	-0.06%



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