

NEDA UPDATES ON THE ECONOMY AS OF 26 February 2018									
I. REAL SECTOR	Latest Quarter	Preceding Quarter	Year to Date	Same Quarter Year Ago	III. MONETARY AND BANKING SECTOR (%) (BSP)	Latest Month	Preceding Month	Year to Date	Same Month Year Ago
A. National Income (% g.r.) (PSA)					A. Growth of U/KBs Outstanding Loans/a (m-o-m)	-1.04 (Jan '18)	3.47 (Dec '17)	-1.04 (Jan '18)	-0.75 (Jan '17)
GNI	6.2 (Q4'17)	6.8 (Q3'17)/r	6.5 (Q1-Q4'17)	6.0 (Q4'16)	B. Gross NPL to total loans ratio	1.24 (Dec '17)	1.24 (Dec '17)	1.24 (Dec '17)	1.40 (Dec '16)
GDP	6.6	7.0	6.7	6.6	C. Money Supply (M3) Growth/b (m-o-m)	-0.51 (Jan '18)	2.76 (Dec '17)	-0.51 (Jan '18)	-1.31 (Jan '17)
Supply Side									
Agriculture	2.4 (Q4'17)	2.6 (Q3'17)/r	3.9 (Q1-Q4'17)	-1.3 (Q4'16)					
Industry	7.3	7.9	7.2	7.9					
Manufacturing	8.8	10.0	8.6	7.0					
Services	6.8	7.2	6.7	7.2					
Demand Side									
Household Final Consumption Expenditures	6.1 (Q4'17)	5.3 (Q3'17)/r	5.8 (Q1-Q4'17)	6.2 (Q4'16)					
Government Final Consumption Expenditures	14.3	8.3	7.3	4.5					
Capital Formation	8.2	8.7	9.0	14.7					
Fixed Capital Formation	9.3	8.0	10.3	18.5					
Exports	18.6	17.7	19.2	13.4					
Imports	17.5	15.8	17.6	15.4					
B. Manufacturing (MISSI-PSA) (2000 - based)	Latest Month	Preceding Month	Year to Date	Same Month Year Ago	IV. PRICES	Latest Month	Preceding Month	Year to Date	Same Month Year Ago
Value of Production(% q.r.)	-10.3 (Dec '17)	-9.3 (Nov '17)	-1.3 (FY '17)	16.6 (Dec '16)	A. Headline Inflation Rate (%) (PSA)/c	4.0 (Jan'18)	3.3 (Dec'17)	4.0 (Jan'18)	2.7 (Jan'17)
Volume of Production(% q.r.)	-9.7	-9.1	-0.4	21.7	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	4.5	3.5	4.5	3.4
Value of Sales(% q.r.)	-15.0	-11.4	-0.4	17.8	Non-Food	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.0
Volume of Sales(% q.r.)	-13.4	-10.4	0.7	23.0	NCR	5.4	4.6	5.4	3.0
Weighted Ave. Capacity Utilization (%)	84.0	83.9	83.8	83.9	AONCR	3.5	2.9	3.5	2.7
C. Electricity Consumption (% g.r.) (Meralco kWh Sales)	Latest Month	Preceding Month	Year to Date	Same Month Year Ago	B. Core Inflation Rate (%) (PSA)/c	3.9 (Jan'18)	3.0 (Dec'17)	3.9 (Jan'18)	2.5 (Jan'17)
Residential	5.4 (Nov'17)	8.0 (Oct'17)	4.0 (Jan-Nov '17)	15.0 (Nov '16)	C. Lending Rate (Low, %) (BSP)	4.12 (Jan '18)	4.14 (Dec '17)	4.12 (Jan '18)	4.18 (Jan '17)
Commercial	3.7	6.2	3.7	15.0					
Industrial	5.5	8.7	2.5	23.5					
Others	1.8	2.7	1.6	0.0					
Total	4.7	7.5	3.4	17.4					
D. Building Permits (% g.r.) (PSA)	Latest Quarter	Preceding Quarter	Year to Date	Same Quarter Year Ago					
Number of Permits	1.1 (Q3'17)	-9.2 (Q2'17)	-0.9 (Q1-Q3'17)	18.4 (Q2'17)					
Value of Construction	-6.5	-35.1	-16.4	-3.8					
E. Investment Indicators (% g.r.) (PSA)	Latest Period	Preceding Period	Year to Date	Same Period Year Ago					
Total Approved Foreign Investment	-82.8 (Q4'17)	61.1 (Q3'17)	-51.8 (FY'17)	-9.3 (Q4'16)					
BOI Investment	-79.8	-64.4	-75.7	124.7					
PEZA Investment	-87.4	434.3	-35.4	-27.2					
SBMA Investment	1,346.8	-90.4	-89.6	-99.8					
CDC Investment	59.7	1239.9	70.7	-52.8					
II. EMPLOYMENT (PSA-LFS) AND WAGES	Latest Period	Preceding Period	Year to Date	Same Period Year Ago	V. EXTERNAL ACCOUNTS (BSP/PSA)	Latest Month/Quarter	Preceding Month/Quarter	Year to Date	Same Month/Quarter Year Ago
A. Unemployment Rate (%) /g	5.0 (Oct'17)	5.6 (Jul'17)	5.7 (Jan-Oct'17) ^h	4.7 (Oct'16)	A. Merchandise Exports (% g.r.) (PSA)	-4.9 (Dec'17)	2.7 (Nov'17)	9.5 (Jan-Dec'17)	6.6 (Dec'16)
B. Employment Generated ('000) /g	-134 (Oct'17)	-784 (Jul'17)	-663 (Jan-Oct'17) ^h	n.a. (Oct'16) ^g	Electronic Products/d (% q.r.)	15.0	12.4	11.2	-1.5
Agriculture	-1,428	-1,028	-803	n.a.	B. Merchandise Imports (% g.r.) (PSA)	17.6 (Dec'17)	20.1 (Nov'17)	10.2 (Jan-Dec'17)	19.0 (Dec'16)
Industry	374	434	212	n.a.	Raw mat. & intermediate goods (% g. r.)	17.0	23.2	11.3	14.1
Services	920	-189	-72	n.a.	Capital goods (% g. r.)	8.4	16.1	4.2	44.2
C. Underemployment Rate (%) /g	15.9 (Oct'17)	16.3 (Jul'17)	16.1 (Jan-Oct'17) ^h	18.0 (Oct'16)	C. Current Account Balance (US\$ M) (BSP)	553.7 (Q3'17)	-56.7 (Q2'17)	28.5 (Q1-Q3'17)	-30.3 (Q3'16)
D. Minimum Wage (in pesos) (NWPC)	NCR 475-512 (Jan'18) AONCR 256-380	475-512 (Dec '17) 243-380	475-512 (Jan'18) 243-380	454-491 (Jan'17) 235-378.5	as % of GDP	0.7	-0.1	0.005	-0.04
E. Index of Compensation Per Employee (QEI-PSA)	Nominal (1978=100) 3,052.5 (Q3'17) Constant (1978=100) 129.4 (Q3'17)	2,682.4 (Q2'17) 114.9 (Q2'17)	2,811.5 (Q1-Q3'17) 120.1 (Q1-Q3'17)	2,884.6 (Q3'16) 126.1 (Q3'16)	D. Capital Account Balance (US\$ M) (BSP)	36.3 (Q3'17)	36.7 (Q2'17)	96.8 (Q1-Q3'17)	28.0 (Q3'16)
					E. Financial Account Balance (US\$ M) (BSP)	854.8 (Q3'17)	-927.8 (Q2'17)	765.0 (Q1-Q3'17)	707.1 (Q3'16)
					Direct Investments, net	-1,864.2	-2,066.9	-4,998.2	-637.6
					F. Balance of Payments (US\$ M) (BSP)	-531.3 (Jan'18)	916.9 (Dec'17)	-531.3 (Jan'18)	-8.7 (Jan'17)
					G. Gross International Reserves (US\$ M) (BSP)	81,224.0 (end-Jan'18)	81,569.9 (end-Dec'18)	81,224.0 (end-Jan'18)	81,376.4 (end-Jan'17)
					Months' worth of imports	8.2	8.3	8.2	8.8
					H. Total External Debt (US\$ M) (BSP)	72,367.9 (end-Sep'17)	72,493.2 (end-Jun'17)	72,367.9 (end-Sep'17)	76,622.0 (end-Sep'16)
					of which: Total Short Term	14,217.9	14,217.9	14,217.9	14,088.0
					Total Private Sector	35,136.0	35,003.0	35,136.0	37,329.0
					I. Overseas Filipinos' Cash Remit. (US\$ M)(BSP)	2,741.4 (Dec'17)	2,262.3 (Nov '17)	28,059.8 (Jan-Dec'17)	2,558.8 (Dec'16)
					(percent growth rate)	7.1	2.0	4.3	3.6
					VI. NG CASH OPERATIONS (BTI) (in billion pesos)*	Latest Month	Preceding Month	Year to Date	Same Month Year Ago
					A. Revenues	223.1 (Dec '17)	243.5 (Nov '17)	2,473.1 (January-December)	165.3 (Dec '16)
					Growth Rate (y-o-y, %)	34.9	16.4	1.1	1.1
					Tax	197.0	228.3	2,250.7	152.6
					Non-tax	26.1	15.2	222.5	12.7
					B. Expenditures	330.2	252.1	2,823.8	203.6
					Growth Rate (y-o-y, %)	16.5	10.4	10.8	18.8
					C. Surplus(+) / Deficit(-)	(107.1)	(8.6)	(350.6)	(118.2)
					D. Net Foreign Financing	(2.7)	(5.0)	27.6	0.3
					E. Net Domestic Financing	226.9	(8.3)	278.5	12.6
					F. Cash Build-up(-) / Withdrawal (+)	(116.1)	21.9	(255.4)	105.3

* Details may not add up due to rounding. Includes non-cash collections and expenditures

^{/a} The Indicator changed from Growth of Loans for Other Depository Corporations (ODCs) to Loans of Universal/ Commercial Banks as the BSP revised its series. Loans of Universal/ Commercial Bank is Net of RRP

The old series covered all ODCs that included, apart from universal/commercial banks, the thrift banks and rural banks.

^{/b} Based on Depository Corporations Survey.

^{/c} Base year is 2006 (2006=100).

^{/d} Expanded the electronics coverage, which includes semi-conductors, electronic data processing, office equipment, consumer electronics, telecommunication,

communication/radar, control and instrumentation, medical/industrial instrumentation and automotive electronics.

^{/e} Includes grants.

^{/f} Net of non-budgetary accounts.

^{/g} Starting April 2016 Labor Force Survey (LFS) figures were based on a new master sample (2013 master sample). Thus, they are not comparable to historical data. Because of this, employment generation for October 2016 cannot be derived.

Abbreviation:

AONCR - Areas Outside National Capital Region

BOI - Board of Investments

BSP - Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

BTI - Bureau of the Treasury

CDC - Clark Development Corporation

GDP - Gross Domestic Product

GNI - Gross National Income

LFS - Labor Force Survey

m-o-m - Month-on-Month

NCR - National Capital Region

NPL - Non-Performing Loan

NWPC- National Wage and Productivity Commission

PEZA - Philippine Economic Zone Authority

PSA - Philippine Statistics Authority

PSE - Philippine Stock Exchange

QEI- Quarterly Economic Indicators

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^{/h} average of January, April and October 2017 rounds of the LFS

^{/i} Estimates for April 2015 exclude Leyte. Details may not add up due to rounding

^{/j} Revised

^{/k} Financing reporting includes gross proceeds of liability management transactions such as bond exchange. Prepayments from bond exchange are reflected in the amortization. Domestic Amortization reflects actual principal repayments to creditors including those serviced by the BSF.

M3 - or Broad Money Liabilities – consists of M2 plus deposit substitutes, such as promissory notes and commercial papers (i.e., securities other than shares included in broad money).

SBMA- Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority