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MORNING NOTES

PSEi performance

PSEi Index 26 Aug 2010: 3,595.58 + 41.43

Value T/O, net Php 1,883 million
52-week High 3,619.87

Low 2,754.62

Foreign Buying: Php 1,621 million
Foreign Selling: Php 1,742 million

Regional performance

Dow Jones : 9,985.81 - 74.25 FTSE 100 : 5,155.84 + 46.44 Nikkei 225 : 8,906.48 + 61.09

Trading snapshot

Index Movers	Points
Ayala Land	+9.95
Aboitiz Equity	+5.28
Philex Mining	+3.94
Megaworld Corp.	+3.04
Manila Electric Co.	+2.21
Index Out-performers	Up
Philex Mining	8.11%
Megaworld Corp.	5.35%
Filinvest Land	4.35%
GMA Network	4.07%
Aboitiz Equity	3.54%
Index Under-performers	Down
SM Prime	0.54%
Manila Water	0.11%
ABS-CBN	0.09%

Calendar

Aug 28 Far Eastern University ASM
Sep 03 IPVG Corp. ASM
Sep 07 Aug '10 Inflation Rate
Sep 07 Jul '10 Producer Price Survey

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HEADLINES

Lingering economic worries drag Dow below 10,000 level

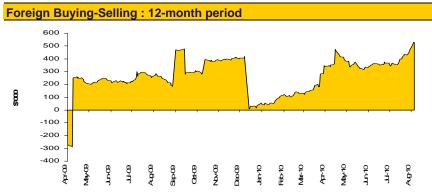
■ The Dow pierced the 10,000 psychological support level on Thursday (Aug 26), ahead of a major speech by Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke plus a widely expected downgrade in U.S. 2Q GDP growth. Earlier, stocks rose on data showing last week's new claims for jobless benefits fell more than expected, but the 4-week average rose to the highest since late November. Technology shares were among the major drags, including Cisco (-2.4%) and Intel (-1.6%). Coal companies dragged the energy sector for a second day as the price of natural gas fell. Meanwhile, Dell Inc (-0.3%) raised its bid for 3PAR to \$1.6B, but Hewlett-Packard (-0.1%) countered with a revised offer of \$1.8B, sending 3PAR's shares up 7.2% in extended-hours trading.

Philippine economy posts 7.9% GDP Growth in 2Q 2010

■ Despite the El Niño phenomenon that hit the Agriculture sector, a peaceful national elections, improved investor confidence, the global economic recovery, increased capital expenditure of government and a low base fueled the domestic economy to a scintillating 7.9% growth in 2Q 2010 from 1.2% last year. The last time the country experienced two consecutive quarters of more than 7% GDP growth was in 1Q and 2Q 2004 (7.2% and 7.1%, respectively), also preceding a presidential election. Together with an upwardly revised first quarter GDP growth of 7.8% (from 7.3%), the first semester sizzled to a 7.9% GDP growth, the highest semestral growth since 9.3% in the second semester of 1988.

Metro Pacific sells additional 15% Landco stake to AB Holdings (MPI; P3.34)

■ AB Holdings Corporation (ABHC) acquires an additional 15% of Metro Pacific Investments Corporation's (MPIC) stake Landco Pacific Corporation (Landco), bringing its stake in Landco to 81%. MPIC's interest in Landco is now down from 34% to 19%. Manuel V. Pangilinan remains as Landco's Chairman of its Board of Directors. Moreover, MPIC will grant a loan to Landco of P175M and acquire P380M of preferred shares with a ten-year redemption period. Landco will use the proceeds from the loan and the preferred share issuance to fast-track the development of its current projects. Landco is set to spend an estimated P1.1B in 2010 for project development.



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