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Olivia Rodrigo on singing karaoke: 'Hell yeah, I'm Filipino!'

During her global Cosmopolitan cover shoot, Filipino American pop superstar Olivia Rodrigo revealed that singing karaoke makes her feel Filipino.

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“

I had never been to the Philippines in my life and being able to go there and play in an arena of 55,000 people is so crazy. I loved watching the young girls in the crowd sing songs like 'traitor.'

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USA & CANADA

LA-based Echo Park Library to be Dedicated to Fil-Am Labor Activist/Writer

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA-The Board of Library Commissioners of Los Angeles has approved last April 9, 2026 the dedication of the Echo Park Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library in recognition of renowned Filipino American migrant worker, labor activist, writer, and poet Carlos Bulosan.

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PH agri-food products showcased at SIAL exhibition in Canada

Filipino agricultural and food products took center stage in Canada as the Philippines opened its country space at the 2026 Salon International de l'Alimentation (SIAL) in Montreal.

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EUROPE

'Britain's Got Talent' star Matty Juniosa joins 'Jesus Christ Superstar' on West End

MANILA, Philippines — Singer Matty Juniosa, a double Golden Buzzer recipient on "Britain's Got Talent," is living out his musical theater dreams after being cast in the West End revival of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

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Pinoy among Catholics celebrating Feast of Infant Jesus of Prague

Nearly 500 Catholic pilgrims, including Filipino migrants from different European cities, flock to the Church of Our Lady Victorious and The Infant Jesus of Prague in the Czech Republic on Sunday, May 3, 2026 for the Feast of the Infant Jesus.

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Pinoy Jeremy Luke Loses the Battle, Wins Hearts with 'Buwan' in The Voice

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Jeremy Luke may have fallen short during the Cross Battles of The Voice van Vlaanderen, but for him, the moment was never defined by winning or losing. Instead, it became a powerful expression of identity, pride, and purpose.

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ASIA AND OCEANIA



How Distance Shapes the Way Filipino Nurses Care in Regional Australia

In regional Australia, where distances are longer and services are often stretched, Filipino nurses are helping shape how care is delivered. Beyond clinical duties, they bring cultural values, resilience, and a strong sense of responsibility that builds trust and connection in the communities they serve.

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A life of service: John Rivas and the spirit of bayanihan in Australia

Long-serving Northern Territory community leader and former Philippine Honorary Consul General Januario “John” Rivas is retiring after decades of supporting Filipino migrants and helping build the Filipino-Australian community in Darwin. From

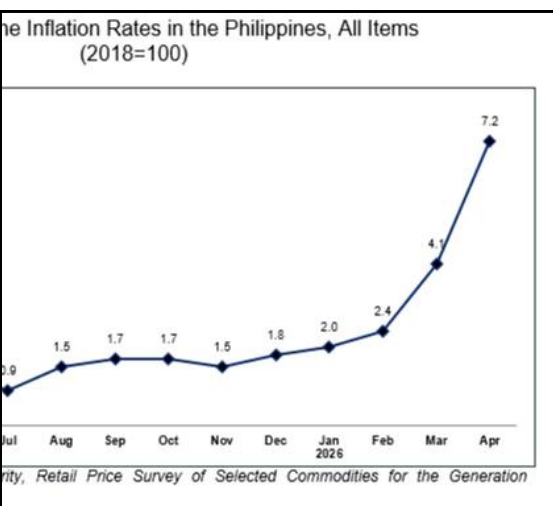
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PHILIPPINE ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT

Inflation quickens to 7.2 percent in April

MANILA (UPDATE) — The Philippines’ inflation rate quickened to 7.2 percent in April as food and fuel costs surged, the Philippine Statistics Authority said on Tuesday.

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PSEi slips as inflation surges; peso almost unchanged

MANILA - The Philippine Stock Exchange index slipped on Tuesday, driven partly by inflation surging to 7.2 percent in April, while the peso closed almost unchanged against the U.S. dollar.

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Asean+3 has made strong progress on cross-border payment connectivity, but more work lies ahead

CROSS-BORDER payments have become more convenient across Asean+3 bloc, which comprises the 11 members of Asean as well as China, Japan and South Korea.

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Philippine real estate faces polarized growth amid economic headwinds

The Philippine real estate market is navigating a polarized landscape defined by resilient demand for prime office and industrial spaces despite softening economic growth and geopolitical uncertainty, according to a Cushman & Wakefield Q1 2026 report.

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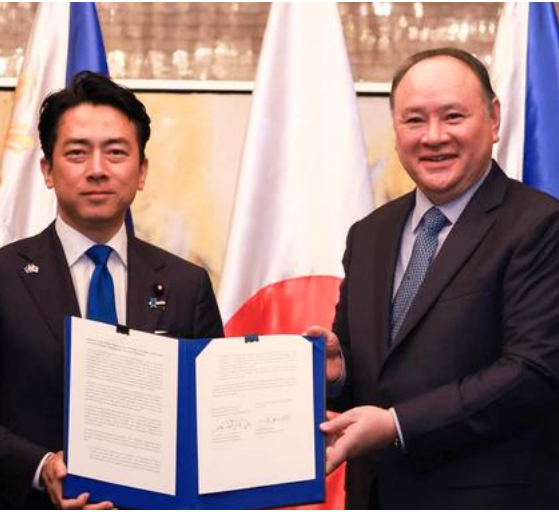
PHILIPPINE FOREIGN RELATIONS

Asean Summit in Cebu: 10 heads of state confirmed, Myanmar to send envoy

CEBU CITY, Philippines — All 11 member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) will be represented at this year's summit in Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu.

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PH, Japan boost security ties through defense equipment, technology

The Philippines and Japan took another step to deepen their ties following the signing of their statement on the further promotion of defense equipment and technology cooperation.

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Indonesia, Philippines to discuss nickel cooperation

Indonesia and the Philippines plan to discuss nickel cooperation during President Prabowo Subianto's visit to Cebu later this week, Indonesia's mining minister and an official with the country's mining association said on Wednesday.

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