

STOCK MARKET		ASIAN MARKETS			WORLD MARKETS			PESO-DOLLAR RATES			ASIAN MONIES-US\$ RATE			WORLD CURRENCIES			DUBAI CRUDE OIL	
6530 6404 6278 6152 6026 5900 30 DAYS TO AUGUST 27, 2025	PSEI OPEN: 6,197.57 HIGH: 6,277.91 LOW: 6,184.23 CLOSE: 6,273.34 128.10 pts. 2.08% VOL.: 0.890 B VAL(P): 8.652 B	AUGUST 27, 2025 CLOSE NET % JAPAN (NIKKEI 225) 42,520.27 ▲ 125.87 0.30 HONG KONG (HANG SENG) 25,201.76 ▼ -323.16 -1.27 TAIWAN (WEIGHTED) 24,519.90 ▲ 214.80 0.88 THAILAND (SET INDEX) 1,248.31 ▼ -2.95 -0.24 S.KOREA (KSE Composite) 3,187.16 ▲ 7.80 0.25 SINGAPORE (STRAITS TIMES) 4,242.33 ▼ -1.38 -0.03 SYDNEY (All Ordinaries) 8,960.50 ▲ 24.90 0.28 MALAYSIA (KLSE Composite) 1,587.91 ▲ 6.32 0.40	AUGUST 26, 2025 CLOSE NET DOW JONES 45,418.070 ▲ 135.600 NASDAQ 21,544.270 ▲ 94.978 S&P 500 6,465.940 ▲ 26.620 FTSE 100 9,265.800 ▼ -55.600 EURO STOXX50 4,562.450 ▼ -42.640	56.50 56.35 57.40 57.85 58.30 58.75 9.00 ctns VOL. 30 DAYS TO AUGUST 27, 2025	OPEN HIGH LOW CLOSE W.AVE. PESO-DOLLAR RATES	P56.930 P56.930 P57.230 P57.160 P57.108 1,900.42 SOURCE: BAP	AUGUST 27, 2025 LATEST BID (0900GMT) PREVIOUS	JAPAN (YEN) 147.9400 ▼ 147.5700 HONG KONG (HK DOLLAR) 7.7858 ▲ 7.8008 TAIWAN (NT DOLLAR) 30.6080 ▼ 30.5510 THAILAND (BAHT) 32.4300 ▲ 32.4500 S. KOREA (WON) 1,396.7000 ▲ 1,396.9500 SINGAPORE (DOLLAR) 1.2881 ▼ 1.2858 INDONESIA (RUPIAH) 16,355.00 ▲ 16,290.00 MALAYSIA (RINGGIT) 4.2320 ▼ 4.2180	AUGUST 27, 2025 CLOSE PREVIOUS	US/UK POUND 1.3441 ▼ 1.3461 US/EURO 1.1588 ▼ 1.1620 US/AUD DOLLAR 0.6468 ▼ 0.6479 CANADA DOLLAR/US\$ 1.3851 ▼ 1.3853 SWISS FRANC/US\$ 0.8065 — 0.8065	FUTURES PRICE ON NEAREST MONTH OF DELIVERY \$70.37/BL							

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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE'S 10 MOST ACTIVE STOCKS BY VALUE TURNOVER • AUGUST 27, 2025 (PSEI snapshot on S1/2; article on S2/2)

BDO	P140.200 Value P1,426,611,838 P9.000 ▲ 6.860%	ICT	P485.000 Value P1,073,185,520 P31.800 ▲ 7.017%	ALI	P29.100 Value P788,201,530 P0.600 ▲ 2.105%	SM	P760.500 Value P709,396,240 P-9.500 ▼ -1.234%	AC	P565.000 Value P374,864,160 P2.000 ▲ 0.355%	BPI	P115.600 Value P282,235,714 P3.500 ▲ 3.122%	SMPH	P23.950 Value P218,750,485 P1.050 ▲ 4.585%	TEL	P1,214.000 Value P202,440,760 P-11.000 ▼ -0.898%	MBT	P71.400 Value P192,434,946 P-0.400 ▼ -0.557%	GLO	P1,585.000 Value P190,675,715 P-15.000 ▼ -0.938%
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Gov't officials to face lifestyle checks

By Chloe Mari A. Hufana
Reporter

PHILIPPINE President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. on Wednesday ordered lifestyle checks on government officials as the probe into questionable flood control projects continues.

"The President has ordered a lifestyle check on all officials amid the ongoing investigation into

anomalous flood control projects," Palace Press Officer Clarissa A. Castro told a news briefing in Filipino.

She said the review would begin with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), which implements flood control programs nationwide.

"There will definitely be lawsuits. Those who should be charged will be charged," she noted.

Mr. Marcos has also ordered the continuous review of DPWH records tied to questionable flood control projects.

"The government's investigation is also underway to identify those

behind the projects that were supposed to help address the country's widespread flooding problem," Ms. Castro added, noting the government will file criminal charges regardless of political ties.

Department heads will spearhead the lifestyle checks, although Ms. Castro said the Ombudsman and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) may also initiate such reviews *motu proprio*.

The President has so far visited 11 areas that were reported on the website, including a ghost project worth P55 million in Bulacan province.

As of Wednesday, Ms. Castro said the website has received 9,020 reports.

Budget Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman, Transportation Secretary Vivencio "Vince" B. Dizon, and Information and

Communications Technology Secretary Henry Rhoel R. Aguda expressed willingness to undergo a lifestyle check.

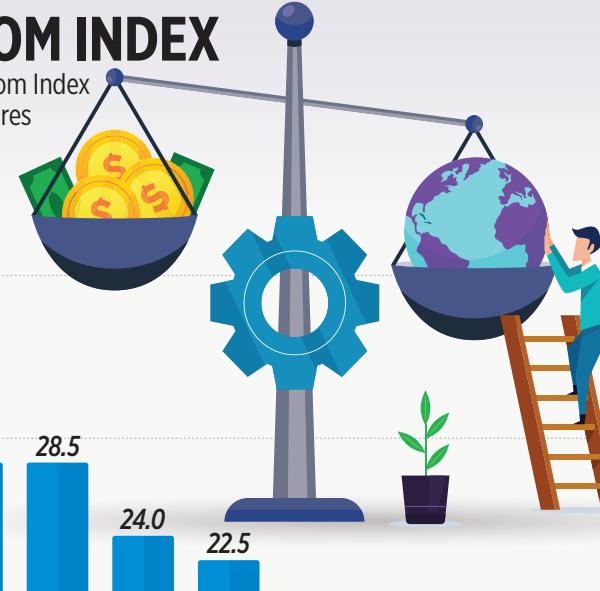
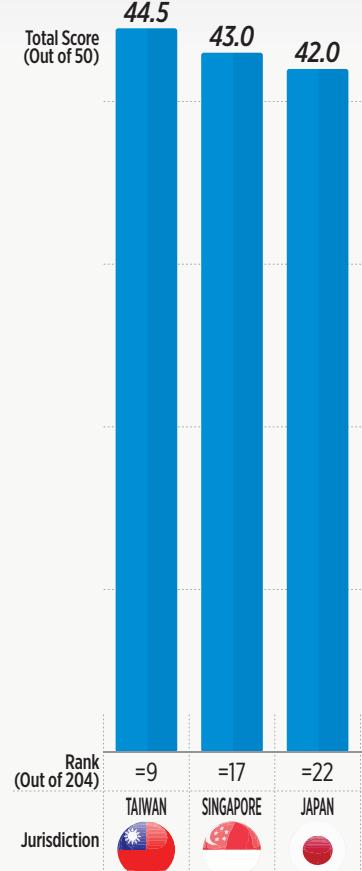
"We are open and we welcome the lifestyle checks," Ms. Pangandaman told reporters at a separate event.

Mr. Aguda said they will cooperate with the lifestyle checks. "Today with social media, you can't hide anything anymore," he added.

Lifestyle, S1/2

PHILIPPINES LANDS 124TH IN CAPITALIST FREEDOM INDEX

The Philippines ranked 124th out of 204 countries and jurisdictions in the inaugural Nomad Capitalist Freedom Index by tax and immigration consultancy Nomad Capitalist. The country scored 28.5 out of 50. The index measures freedom based on five factors: financial freedom, asset protection, human rights, safety, and quality of life.



Philippines' Profile

Total Score	28.5
Financial Freedom (30%)	30.0
Asset Protection (25%)	30.0
Human Rights (20%)	30.0
Safety (15%)	20.0
Quality of Life (10%)	30.0

Top Jurisdictions

Rank (Out of 204)	Jurisdiction	Total Score (Out of 50)
=1	Monaco	47.5
=1	Mauritius	47.5
=3	Switzerland	47.0
=3	Portugal	47.0
5	Ireland	46.5
=6	Andorra	46.0
=6	Liechtenstein	46.0
=6	Luxembourg	46.0
=9	New Zealand	44.5
=9	Finland	44.5
=9	Austria	44.5
=9	Denmark	44.5
=9	Taiwan	44.5

Bottom Jurisdictions

Rank (Out of 204)	Jurisdiction	Total Score (Out of 50)
=196	Central African Republic	10.0
=196	Sudan	10.0
=196	Myanmar	10.0
=196	South Sudan	10.0
=196	Somalia	10.0
=196	Syria	10.0
=196	Eritrea	10.0
=196	Yemen	10.0
=196	Afghanistan	10.0
=194	Mali	11.5
=194	North Korea	11.5

Source: Nomad Capitalist Freedom Index (<https://nomadcapitalist.com/nomad-freedom-index/>)

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SEC expands one-day registration to 81 industries

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Reporter

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission (SEC) recently increased the number of industries that can avail of the one-day company registration process.

In a statement, the corporate regulator said it expanded the list of industries eligible for one-day company registration to 81 from 33 previously.

Companies can apply through the One-Day Submission and Electronic Registration of Companies (OneSEC) Zuper Easy Registration online facility.

The wider coverage resulted in a 190% increase in company registrations through OneSEC to 2,938 in July from 1,014 in May.

Some of the new industries allowed to avail the one-day company registration process include computer programming, customs brokerage, deep sea commercial fishing, drugstore, laundry services, property management, radio broadcasting, and veterinary activities.

SEC, S1/II

Local automakers interested in participating in RACE program

By Justine Irish D. Tabilio
Reporter

LOCAL AUTOMAKERS have also expressed interest in participating in the Revitalizing the Automotive Industry for Competitiveness Enhancement (RACE) program, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) said.

At a budget hearing on Wednesday, Trade Secretary Ma. Cristina