

Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi)

6,098.21 ▲ 8.30 PTS. ▲ 0.13%

PSEi MEMBER STOCKS

<b>AC</b> Ayala Corp. P543.00 +P2.50 +0.46%	<b>ACEN</b> ACEN Corp. P2.97 -P0.03 -1.00%	<b>AEV</b> Aboltiz Equity Ventures, Inc. P29.80 -P0.45 -1.49%	<b>ALI</b> Ayala Land, Inc. P18.08 -P0.32 -1.74%	<b>AREIT</b> AREIT, Inc. P39.95 +P0.20 +0.50%	<b>BDO</b> BDO Unibank, Inc. P122.80 -P0.30 -0.24%	<b>BPI</b> Bank of the Philippine Islands P101.40 -P2.70 -2.59%	<b>CBC</b> China Banking Corp. P62.90 +P0.40 +0.64%	<b>CNPF</b> Century Pacific Food, Inc. P32.20 -P1.10 -3.30%	<b>CNVRG</b> Converge ICT Solutions, Inc. P12.50 +P0.16 +1.30%
<b>DMC</b> DMCI Holdings, Inc. P10.22 +P0.02 +0.20%	<b>EMI</b> Emperador, Inc. P15.44 -P0.02 -0.13%	<b>GLO</b> Globe Telecom, Inc. P1,650.00 -P1.00 -0.06%	<b>GTCAP</b> GT Capital Holdings, Inc. P513.00 -P9.00 -1.72%	<b>ICT</b> International Container Terminal Services, Inc. P720.00 +P21.00 +3.00%	<b>JFC</b> Jollibee Foods Corp. P169.50 -P3.00 -1.74%	<b>JGS</b> JG Summit Holdings, Inc. P28.70 -P0.30 -1.03%	<b>LTG</b> LT Group, Inc. P14.82 +P0.02 +0.14%	<b>MBT</b> Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co. P67.30 +P2.90 +4.50%	<b>MER</b> Manila Electric Co. P608.50 -P2.00 -0.33%
<b>MONDE</b> Monde Nissin Corp. P6.67 -P0.03 -0.45%	<b>PGOLD</b> Puregold Price Club, Inc. P41.70 -P0.20 -0.48%	<b>PLUS</b> DigiPlus Interactive Corp. P16.80 -P0.16 -0.94%	<b>RCR</b> RL Commercial REIT, Inc. P6.90 -P0.05 -0.72%	<b>SCC</b> Semirara Mining and Power Corp. P30.05 +P0.05 +0.17%	<b>SM</b> SM Investments Corp. P621.00 -P2.50 -0.40%	<b>SMC</b> San Miguel Corp. P69.30 -P0.20 -0.29%	<b>SMPH</b> SM Prime Holdings, Inc. P20.40 -P0.60 -2.86%	<b>TEL</b> PLDT Inc. P1,300.00 +P10.00 +0.78%	<b>URC</b> Universal Robina Corp. P62.00 -P0.50 -0.80%

BYD builds EV inventory in PHL on higher demand



PHOTO FROM BYD PHILIPPINES

By Beatriz Marie D. Cruz  
Senior Reporter

CHINESE electric carmaker BYD Cars Philippines is ramping up inventory in anticipation of stronger electric vehicle (EV) demand in the country, as rising oil prices are expected to push more consumers to shift to EVs.

Global oil prices have risen in recent weeks, with Brent crude averaging around \$100.75 per barrel as of April 12, driven by disruptions caused by tensions in the Middle East.

In the Philippines, pump prices have increased by a cumulative P52.30 per liter for gasoline and P100.50 for diesel since Feb. 28, based on Department of Energy (DoE) data.

Higher fuel prices tend to raise the operating cost of conventional vehicles, which may make electric vehicles a more cost-efficient option over time.

“We didn’t know that this would be happening in our country, but we had the inventory on hand,” BYD Cars Philippines Executive Director Bob Palanca told reporters on the sidelines of the Manila International Auto Show last week.

“We can easily react because our manufacturing plant is just two hours away from the Philippines, so it would be very easy for us to access vehicles,” he added.

Mr. Palanca said all BYD vehicles are sourced from China and sold in the Philippines by Ayala-led AC Mobility Holdings, Inc., its official distributor.

He said the Philippine team is preparing for a possible increase in EV demand amid the ongoing oil crisis.

“We’re prepared to provide all the vehicles the market requires, no matter how huge that is.”

The company has sold more than 30,000 EV units in the Philippines so far.

Mr. Palanca said demand varies by location. Subcompact EVs are more popular in Metro Manila, while electric pickup trucks see stronger demand in provincial markets.

BYD Cars Philippines reported a 446% increase in retail sales to 26,122 units in 2025.

Electric vehicles still account for a small share of total vehicle sales in the Philippines, estimated at 7.25% as of end-February, but adoption has been gradually increasing, according to a joint report by the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines, Inc. and the Truck Manufacturers Association.

Industry players have noted that rising fuel costs can influence consumer interest in alternative mobility options, including electric vehicles.

Mr. Palanca said the company is preparing for another vehicle launch this year but did not provide further details.

He said the planned launch had been set before the recent increase in EV demand.

“We need to ensure that we have the full lineup for the Philippine market. We’d like to cater to every need of the Filipino – from an affordable vehicle, subcompact, hatchback, all the way to our pickups,” Mr. Palanca noted.

The company currently has 79 dealerships nationwide, he said.

“I think that’s sufficient enough to support all our UIOs or units in operation as well as the services that we can cater to the customers,” Mr. Palanca said.

However, wider EV adoption in the Philippines continues to face challenges such as high vehicle prices and limited charging infrastructure, according to industry players.

Mr. Palanca said retail prices of BYD vehicles remain steady, but he did not indicate whether adjustments may be made.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

April 13, 2026

TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of Shareholders and Board of Directors of **GOZMARKETER.COM ADVERTISING INC.** (The Corporation) will be held at its principal office address at Unit P-57 Valle Verde Mansions, Capt. Henry Javier St., Orlanbo, Pasig City on **May 16, 2026**, Saturday at 2:00PM PST for the purpose of taking up the following:

1. Certification of Quorum and Call to Order;
2. Dissolution of the Corporation;
3. Appointment of authorized representative for purposes of dissolution;
4. Other matters; and
5. Adjournment.

All shareholders of record as of May 16, 2026 are entitled to vote in the said meeting. Shareholders may participate by remote communication or vote in absentia pursuant to SEC MC No. 6, series of 2020. Duly accomplished proxies shall be submitted on or before May 16, 2026 to the office of the Corporate Secretary at Unit 4 Casanova Townhomes 2, Casanova Drive, Tandang Sora, Cuiat, Quezon City or through his email [cmagcala@gmail.com](mailto:cmagcala@gmail.com). The teleconference link will be sent directly to the shareholder who will vote in absentia. Proxies shall be validated on May 16, 2026.

Thank you.

Celso Carlos Lazaro Magcalas  
Corporate Secretary

SEC warns against unregistered HTX investment platform

THE Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has issued advisories against HTS and its related entities, warning investors that these platforms have been offering securities without the required registration or license.

In a notice, the corporate regulator said HTS – also known as HTX Cryptocurrency Exchange, HTX Exchange, Huobi Global Limited, Huobi Global S.A., and Huobi – presents itself as a digital asset exchange offering trading, derivatives, wallet, and blockchain-related services. It promotes its platform

through its website, social media, and mobile applications.

The SEC said these platforms allow users, including those in the Philippines, to open accounts, deposit funds in fiat or digital assets, and trade cryptocurrencies and derivatives online. Such activities may constitute the offering and sale of securities under Section 3.1 of the Securities Regulation Code (SRC).

“Records of the Commission show that HTX is not registered as a corporation, partnership, or one-person corporation in the Philippines and does not

have the necessary license and/or authority to offer, sell, or distribute securities to the public, or to act as a broker or dealer in securities under section 28 of the SRC,” the SEC said.

The regulator added that HTX has not registered as a Crypto-Asset Service Provider (CASP), a requirement under SEC rules for entities offering crypto-related services to Philippine residents. The rules apply to both local and foreign firms and aim to mitigate risks such as fraud, financial losses, and illicit financial activity.

The Commission advised the public to exercise caution when dealing with

unregistered online investment platforms and their representatives.

It warned that those who sell or promote these platforms in the Philippines, including through online channels, may face fines of up to P5 million, imprisonment of up to 21 years, or both.

Representatives, brokers, agents, promoters, influencers, or enablers may also be held liable under the code, the regulator said.

HTX did not immediately respond to an e-mail seeking comment. — **Alexandria Grace C. Magno**

Career Opportunity in **NEW CHANGE TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS INC.**

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT**  
(1 Vacancy)

**Job Description:**

- Assist with various project-related tasks, including research, data collection, and document development.
- Ensures that all project documentation, reports, and updates are available in multiple languages, including English and Hindi.
- Ensures that the scope and schedule of projects are achievable within the given time and budget.

**Qualification:**

- Bachelor’s degree of any course or with relevant training certificate.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills in English and Hindi languages.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.

Applications may be sent to:  
Name of Company HR: **Keren Tumang**  
Email address: [cv@newchange.com](mailto:cv@newchange.com)

Company / Employer	Name of foreign national intending to apply for the position
Company Name: <b>New Change Technical Consultants Inc.</b> Complete Address: <b>7/F Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, San Lorenzo, Makati City</b> Nature of Business: <b>Other Community, Social And Personal Service Activities</b>	Name: <b>Singh, Rahull</b> Address: <b>Taguig City</b> Nationality: <b>Indian</b> Intended period of employment: <b>Two (2) years</b>

**New Change Technical Consultants Inc.** hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for this position. The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an **Alien Employment Permit** with the **Department of Labor and Employment - National Capital Region** located at **967 Maligaya Street, Malate, Manila**

OUTLIER  
Globe stock gains on cable consortium entry

By Lourdes O. Pilar  
Researcher

SHARES of Globe Telecom, Inc. rose last week, with analysts citing its participation in the Candle Cable System as a key driver.

The Ayala-led telecommunications company was among the most actively traded stocks during the week, with 215,525 shares valued at P353.97 million traded from April 6 to 10, according to data from the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE).

Trading lasted four days due to the Arawng Kagitingan holiday on April 9.

Globe shares closed at P1,650 each on Friday, up 2.2% from P1,615 on April 1. This trailed the services index, which rose 3.1%, but outpaced the benchmark PSE index, which gained 1.7%.

Year to date, Globe shares are up 4.2%. This lagged the sector’s 18% gain but exceeded the PSE index’s 0.7% increase.

Unicapital Securities, Inc. Equity Research Analyst Peter Louise D.C. Garnace said Globe’s share price rose week on week following the company’s announcement that it would connect the Philippines to the Candle Cable System.

“One of the highest-capacity submarine cables connecting to Asia’s busiest economies for AI (artificial intelligence) workloads. The integration of Candle to Globe’s domestic fiber network enhances speed, reliability, and enables more enterprise demand,” he said in an e-mail.

Mr. Garnace added that Globe’s share price may also have been supported by improved

market sentiment following the US-Iran ceasefire, which eased concerns over a prolonged oil-driven inflation shock.

“This could mitigate pressure on consumer spending, particularly for discretionary services such as internet connectivity,” he said.

“Globe became the most active stock this week after it disclosed that they are pushing for the stage 5 AI maturity which aims to improve and evolve its presence in the country,” said Jash Matthew M. Baylon, analyst at First Resources Management and Securities.

He added that Globe’s move to join the Candle Cable System consortium supported the stock’s performance last week.

“This plan will improve our digital backbone as international connectivity may benefit local users. This move will also ensure faster and more reliable connectivity, which could strengthen its service among businesses and consumers,” Mr. Baylon said in an e-mail.

Globe said it joined the Candle Cable System consortium to help establish the Philippines’ digital backbone by linking the country to submarine cable networks across Asia.

The consortium includes Meta, Japan’s SoftBank Corp., IPS, Inc., NEC Corp., Telekom Malaysia Bhd., and Indonesia’s PT XLSmart Telecom Sejahtera Tbk.

Globe will participate as both an investor and a landing party, with the cable set to land at its Nasugbu station in Batangas, complementing the Philippine landing point in Baler.

The system is expected to begin operations by 2028 and is projected to be among the highest-capacity cable systems in the region, the company said.

Globe also said it is advancing AI adoption across the organization, including the creation of a chief AI officer role.

At the Mobile World Congress, Globe President and Chief Executive Officer Carl Cruz said the company had adopted the GSMA Responsible AI Maturity Roadmap and established an AI Innovation Hub to support responsible and sustainable innovation.

“For me, the measure is simple, if AI helps us serve customers better and widen access to opportunity, then we are using it with purpose, uplifting more Filipino lives and building a #GlobeOfGood,” Mr. Cruz said.

He said Globe is investing in AI-driven tools such as personalized services, self-service platforms, and proactive network monitoring to improve customer experience.

Meanwhile, the United States and Iran agreed to a two-week ceasefire, with mediation by Pakistan, pausing a six-week conflict that had disrupted global oil supplies.

Globe reported revenue of P178.24 billion in 2025, down 1.3% from P180.59 billion in 2024.

Net income fell 4.2% to P23.26 billion from P24.29 billion a year earlier.

“In the coming weeks, we think Globe may revisit its resistance at P1,750 per share. However, once the overall market weakness affects Globe, we are placing our support at P1,600 per share level,” Mr. Baylon said.

Mr. Garnace said Globe may trade sideways next week due to a lack of significant catalysts.

“Nevertheless, we see Globe’s defensive profile cushioning any potential downside risk, with immediate resistance at P1,680 apiece and immediate support at P1,570 apiece,” he said.

Career Opportunity in **LONGFOR TRADING CORP.**

**Position: Bilingual Marketing Officer**  
1 Vacancy

**Job Description:**

- Perform other marketing-related duties that may be assigned by management.
- Prepare marketing reports, performance analysis, and market feedback summaries.
- Coordinate with sales, design, and management teams to achieve marketing objectives.
- Develop and execute marketing plans, strategies, and promotional campaigns for both local and international audiences.

**Qualification:**

- Proficiency in two or more languages (spoken and written) with strong translation and localization abilities.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills in both languages.
- Strong understanding of marketing principles, cross-cultural communication, and branding.
- Proficient in digital marketing tools and social media management.

Applications may be sent to:  
Ms. Joan Jamias  
Corporate Secretary  
[paramountapril@gmail.com](mailto:paramountapril@gmail.com)/[paramountvisaofficer@gmail.com](mailto:paramountvisaofficer@gmail.com)

Company / Employer	Name of foreign national intending to apply for the position
COMPANY NAME: <b>LONGFOR TRADING CORP.</b> Address: <b>916, Esplata St., Barangay 298, Santa Cruz, Manila City</b> Nature of Business: <b>Wholesaler</b>	Name: <b>LAN JING</b> Address: <b>Magenta Drive Goodwill 2 BF Homes Paranaque City</b> Nationality: <b>Chinese</b> Intended Period of Employment: <b>Three (3) years</b>

**LONGFOR TRADING CORP.** hereby declares that **Mr. LAN JING**, is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for this position. The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an **Alien Employment Permit** with the **Department of Labor and Employment - National Capital Region** located at **967 Maligaya Street, Malate, Manila**.