

PHILIPPINES  
FACT SHEET

1. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

	<u>Philippines</u>	<u>Canada</u>
Area:	299,679 sq. km.	9,203,054 sq. km.
Land Use:	53% forests; 30% arable; 5% perma-	7.3% agriculture; 35% forest; 54% wilderness (including 8.2% water); 2.8% other

2. DEMOGRAPHY (1982 estimates unless otherwise indicated)

Population:	50 million	24.625 million
Average Annual Growth:	2.4%	1%
Population Density:	160 inhabitants per sq. km.	2.6 inhabitants (1981) per sq. km.
Population Distribution:	68% rural	75.7% urban
Birth Rate per 1,000:	34	15.5 (1980)
Infant Mortality per 1,000:	65	10.4 (1980)
Life Expectancy:	61 years	74 years
Doctors per 1,000:	0.7	1.86
Refugees:	6,300 Vietnamese boat people	

3. SOCIETY

Ethnic Composition:

Filipinos are of Malay stock intermixed with Chinese, Indian, and Spanish strains. In remote districts there are many aboriginal Negritos and other primitive tribes.

Religion:

90% of the population is Christian (85% Roman Catholic), 7% Muslim, and the balance Buddhist and animist.

Language:

Filipino (Tagalog) is the national language. English is used in education and government.

4. GOVERNMENT

Head of State & Government: President Ferdinand Marcos

Minister of Foreign Affairs: Carlos P. Romulo

Type of Government:

Until martial law was declared on September 23, 1972, the Philippine Republic had a governmental system modelled on the USA. On January 17, 1981 Marcos rescinded martial law and ordered the dismantling of military tribunals. His powers, now exercised under the Constitution, include the ability to order the arrest and detention of anyone he considers subversive, while habeas corpus remains suspended in certain regions of Mindanao.