

FACT SHEET -- PHILIPPINES

Date of Independence:	1946
Area:	299,679 sq km
Population:	47.9 million
Capital City:	Metro Manila (5.9 million)
Official Languages:	Pilipino, English
Religious Group:	Christian
System of Government:	Parliamentary republic with strong Presidential authority exercised by decree
President:	Ferdinand Marcos
Minister of Foreign Affairs:	Carlos P. Romulo
Governing Party:	Kilusang Bagong Lipunan (KBL), or New Society Movement
GDP:	U.S. \$ 35.2 billion (1980)
Per Capita GDP:	U.S. \$ 735 (1980)
Currency:	1 peso equals CDN \$0.1825