PHILIPPINES: BASIC DATA

POPULATION 65.3 million (1994)

AREA

30,000,000 hectares: 53 percent forest; 40 percent agricultural cultivation.

MAIN CITIES	Quezon City	1.7 million
	Manila	1.6 million
	Davao	0.9 million
· · · · · · · · ·	Caloocan	0.8 million
	Cebu City	0.7 million
	Zamboanga	0.5 million
	Bacolod	0.4 million
	Pasay	0.4 million
	Cagayan de Oro	0.4 million

TIME 8 hours ahead of GMT in Manila.

CURRENCY Peso (P): 100 centavos.

MEASURES Metric system.

LANGUAGE Most Filipinos are bilingual, with English as the basic language in business, government, schools, and every-day communication.

WEATHER The weather in Manila: hottest month, May, 24-34 °C; coldest month, January, 21-30 °C; driest month, February, 14 mm; wettest month, July, 428 mm.

HOLIDAYS January 1; Maundy Thursday; Good Friday; May 1; June 12; August 29; November 1, 30; December 25, 30, 31.