

PHILIPPINES

Capital: Manila

GEODATA

Area

300,439 km²

Major languages

Tagalog, English, Spanish

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (83%),
Protestant (9%), Muslim (5%)

Surrounding countries

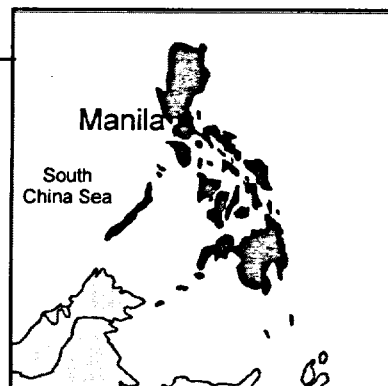
Indonesia, Malaysia, Chinese Taipei

Population

78.4 million (2000)

Population growth rate

2.07% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Representatives;
multiparty

Leader

President Gloria Macapagal-Aroyo

Secretary of Foreign Affairs

Teofisto T. Guingona, Jr.

Secretary of Trade and Industry

Manuel A. Roxas II

Secretary of Finance

Alberto G. Romulo

UN Human Development Index (2001)

The Philippines ranks 70th among 162 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$24.03 million (1999–2000)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$75.2 billion US (2000)

Real GDP growth rate

3.9% (2000)

GDP per capita

\$959 US (2000)

Main exports

Electrical and electronic equipment and parts, machinery and transportation equipment, textiles

Main imports

Cereals, ores, metal articles, electrical machinery

Main exports to Canada

\$1.4 billion (2000), including electrical machinery and parts, mechanical machinery and parts, clothing and accessories, optical equipment, clocks and watches and parts

Main imports from Canada

\$387 million (2000), including cereals, electrical machinery and parts, ores, slag and ash, wood, boilers, mechanical machinery and parts

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