

CANADA-PHILIPPINES  
BILATERAL RELATIONS FACT SHEET

**1. GENERAL RELATIONS**

Establishment of Diplomatic Relations: 1945  
 Canadian Embassy opened: 1973 (Consulate General 1949-73)  
 Philippine Embassy opened: 1971  
 Prime Ministerial Visits: Louis St. Laurent, March 1954

Canadian Ambassador (since July 1979): Edward L. Bobinski, 48. B.A.,  
 Royal Military College, 1954. B.A., Hons. McGill University, 1956.  
 Canadian Army (Capt.), 1950-61. Joined Trade Commissioner Service 1961.  
 Postings: London, Manila, Vienna, Dallas, Jeddah (Ambassador, 1976-79).

Embassy Operations: Canada based staff: 22  
 locally-engaged staff: 33

Philippine Ambassador to Canada: Ramon V. del Rosario (1978)

Treaties and Agreements in Force:

- Canada-Philippines Nuclear Cooperation Agreement, signed June 1981
- Trade is carried out under a bilateral trade agreement and the GATT
- a tax treaty to prevent double taxation is in effect

**2. ECONOMIC RELATIONS**

Trade (US\$ millions)

	Canadian Exports	Canadian Imports	Trade Balance	Philippines as % of Canada's two-way trade with ASEAN
1980	107.8	101.4	6.4	19%
1981	83.0	108.7	- 25.7	19%
1982 (6 months)	42.2	45.2	- 3.0	16%

Major Canadian Exports (1982): Potassium chloride, zinc, wood pulp, ammonium nitrate, aluminum

Major Canadian Imports (1982): Clothing, canned pineapple, coconut oil, canned tuna, footwear

Canadian Investment: US\$800 million (6th largest investor)

Philippines as % of total Canadian Investment in ASEAN: 46%

Major investment projects include:

Husky Oil drilling projects (Husky Oil has greatest involvement of any international oil company in the Philippines), Marcopper Mining Corporation (est. value US\$22 m), Marfishing Co. (US\$31 m).

Resident Canadian Corporations:

At present there are 17 including Canada Wire and Cable, Falconbridge Mines, Ford Motor Co., Husky Oil, Intercane Pacific Ltd., Manufacturers Life, Marcopper Mining Corporation, Marfishing Co., Mrinduque Mining and Industrial Corporation, Philippines Resource Helicopter Inc., Pillsbury-Mindanao Flour Milling Co., Sun Life, Dowell Schlumberger, Lavalin International, CEGIR, Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia.