

# PHILIPPINES

Capital: Manila

## GEODATA

**Area**  
300,439 km<sup>2</sup>

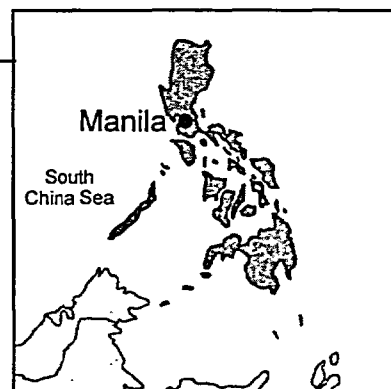
**Major languages**  
Filipino, English

**Major religious groups**  
Roman Catholic (83%),  
Protestant (9%), Muslim (5%)

**Surrounding countries**  
Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Malaysia

**Population**  
80 million (2002 est.)

**Population growth rate**  
2% (2001 est.)



## POLITICAL DATA

**Type of government**  
Republic

**National legislature**  
Upper chamber: Senate  
Lower chamber: House of Representatives;  
multiparty

**Leader**  
President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

**Secretary of Foreign Affairs**  
Blas F. Ople

**Secretary of Trade and Industry**  
Manuel A. Roxas II

**Secretary of Finance**  
Jose Isidro N. Camacho

**UN Human Development Index (2002)**  
The Philippines ranks 77th among 173 countries

**Canadian official development assistance**  
\$27.13 million (2000-01)

## ECONOMIC DATA

**GDP**  
\$71.4 billion US (2001)

**Inflation rate**  
6.1% (2001)

**GDP growth rate**  
3.4% (2001)

**Unemployment rate**  
11.2% (June 2002)

**GDP per capita**  
\$4,360 US (2001, PPP)

**Main exports**  
Electrical and electronic equipment and parts, machinery and transportation equipment, textiles

**Main imports**  
Cereals, ores, metal articles, electrical machinery

**Canadian imports from the Philippines**  
\$981.3 million (2001), including electronics, textiles, machinery, agri-food products, forest products

**Canadian exports to the Philippines**  
\$347.2 million (2001), including agri-food products, forest products, chemicals, base metals

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