

Country Profile

Country Name: The Philippines

Capital: Manila

Political System	
Head of State	Benigno Aquino III (President)
Political System	Democracy
Current Ruling Party/Parties	Liberal Party of the Philippines Founded on 19 January 1946
Other Political Parties	United Nationalist Alliance Nationalist Party Nationalist People's Coalition Struggle of Democratic Filipinos Philippine Democratic Party Akbayan Citizens' Action Party Rise Up, Philippines Patriotic Coalition of the People Alliance for the Common Good Democratic Party of the Philippines Social Justice Society
Military and Defence	
Alliances	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. United States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Primarily Partners in Counterterrorism -Both the Philippines and the United States share intelligence and engage in military exercises -Mutual Defense Treaty, where the overall accord contained eight articles and dictated that both nations would support each other if either the Philippines or the United States were to be attacked by an external party 2. Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -second largest provider of defense training (against terrorism) 3. Japan 4. South Korea 5. Thailand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Agreements on: fight on drugs and human trafficking 6. New Zealand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Helps Philippines combat methamphetamine -Helps in providing training

Disputes	<p>Maritime boundaries & islands (South China Sea)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Parties involved: Philippines, China, Taiwan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei and Vietnam Issue: Dispute over South China Sea, with rich oil and gas deposits as well as fishery resources Many countries supporting Philippines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Japan strengthening links 																												
Wars	<p>Cold War (Supported US policies)</p> <p>Korean & Vietnam War (supported US)</p> <p>War on Terror (supported US)</p> <p>Spanish War</p> <p>World War II</p>																												
Civil Unrest	<p>Philippines-Mindanao Conflict</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -In the south of Philippines, Mindanao, Filipino Muslims take up 20% of the population unlike the rest of Philippines, where 80% are Roman Catholics while the Muslims only take up 5%. -The Moros, who are the Filipino Muslims, fought for a separate Muslim state in the country. Violent conflict by separatist groups have resulted in the death of many who are mainly civilians. -Till October 15, 2012, it was announced that an agreement had been reached with MILF(one of the Moros group) giving up its demands for independence for more powers in the south. 																												
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Economic Strength/ Ranking	<p>Fastest growing economy in Asia</p> <p>Ranked 40th largest in the World</p> <p>16th out of 42 countries in the Asia-Pacific region</p> <p>GDP 2013 - USD 272.0 billion</p>																												
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	<p>% Percentage – Share in the world Mio € - Million €</p> <p>2014 Data (Trading Economics, 2014) Main imports are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fuel (25%) 2. Electronic products (25%) 3. Transport equipment (7%) 4. Industrial machinery (5%) <p>Main exports are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coconut 2. Pineapple 3. Abaca 4. Electronic products like processors, chips and hard drives (>40% of total exports) <p>Main trading partners are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Japan (28% of total exports and 11% of imports) 2. United States (15% of exports and 11% of imports) 3. China (12% of exports and 11% of imports). 												
Main Sources of Income	<p>Service</p> <p>Industrial</p> <p>Agricultural</p> <p>Electronic assembly</p> <p>Automotive manufacturing plants</p> <p>Footwear</p> <p>Garments</p>												
Cultural, Religious and Social Practices													
Population	99,485,800 (2013)												
Demographics	<p>Major Ethnic Group - Tagalog</p> <p>Population growth rate of 2.04%</p>												
Official Languages	Filipino, English												
Major Religions	<p>Catholicism (Roman Catholic 80.9%, Aglipayan 2%)</p> <p>Islam 5%</p>												

	Christianity (Evangelical 2.8%, Iglesia ni Kristo 2.3%, other Christian 4.5%)
Major Social Problems	<p>Poverty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Poverty in the Philippines has recently eased to 24.9% in July 2014. --- -Poverty is largely due to the population size in the country where many children are born without the necessary resources to raise them. -Major religions like the Catholics, are discouraged from using contraceptives that will increase the chances of pregnancy, further fuelling the poverty problem in the Philippines. <p>Unemployment</p> <p>Unemployment rate in Philippines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First quarter 2014: 7% 2. Second quarter 2014: 6.70% 3. Out of those unemployed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Gender - Males 63.3%, Females 36.7% 3.2 Age Groups - Aged 15 to 24: 49.3%, Aged 25 to 34: 30.8%, Others: 19.9% 3.3 Qualification Levels - College Graduates: 23.2%, College undergraduates: 13.2%, High school graduates: 32.1%, Others: 31.5% 4. From 1994 to 2014: Averaged 8.96% 5. Highest Unemployment Rate(so far): 13.90% in the first quarter of 2000 6. Lowest Unemployment Rate(so far): 6.30% in the third quarter of 2007 <p>Corruption</p> <p>In 2013, the Philippines was ranked the 94th country in the Transparency Corruption Perception Index 2013 with a score of 36. It was behind 3 countries in ASEAN, namely Singapore, Brunei and Malaysia but ahead of the rest.</p>
Geographical Features	
Location	<p>In Southeast Asia</p> <p>In the Western Pacific Ocean</p> <p>On the Pacific Ring of Fire</p> <p>Country Coordinates 13 00 N, 122 00 E</p> <p>Capital Coordinates (Manila) 14 36 N, 120 58 E</p>
Neighbours	Taiwan, Vietnam, Borneo, Indonesia, Brunei
Water Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lack of 24-hour safe water supply -Lack of piped water

Environmental Concerns	-Prone to natural disasters like typhoons, floods, landslides, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes & tsunamis -Most recent: Typhoon Rammasun
National Resources	Timber, Petroleum, Nickel, Cobalt, Silver, Gold, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Iron ore, Chromite

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