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| PRICE INDICES (Source: NSO) |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer Price Index (2000=100) | Annual 2007 | March 2008 | February 2008 | March 2007 |
| Philippines | 141.8 | 148.6 | 147.3 | 139.7 |
| National Capital Region (NCR) | 144.4 | 149.8 | 148.0 | 142.1 |
| Areas Outside NCR | 140.6 | 148.1 | 147.0 | 138.7 |
| Inflation rate |  |  |  |  |
| Headline | 2.8 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 2.2 |
| Core | 2.8 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 2.6 |
| Purchasing power of the peso | 0.71 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.72 |
| Wholesale Price Index for Construction Materials in NCR (1985=100) |  | March 2008 | February 2008 | March 2007 |
|  |  | 398.5 | 394.6 | 377.8 |
|  |  | December 2007 | November 2007 | December 2006 |
| Retail Price Index for Construction Materials in NCR (1978=100) |  | 1,184.0 | 1,184.3 | 1,152.4 |
| General Wholesale Price Index in the Philippines (1998=100) |  | 184.0 | 182.5 | 174.3 |
|  |  | November 2007 | October 2007 | November 2006 |
| General Retail Price Index in NCR (1978=100) |  | 1,317.7 | 1,310.8 | 1,272.0 |
|  |  | December 2007 | November 2007 | December 2006 |
| Producer's Price Index for Manufacturing in NCR (1994=100) |  | 253.4 | 253.6 | 250.1 |
| FOREIGN TRADE (FOB value in million US dollars)* Source: NSO | Total 2006 | January $2008{ }^{\text {p }}$ | December 2007 | January 2007 |
| Total trade | 99,184 | 9,217 | 9,473 | 7,891 |
| Exports | 47,410 | 4,231 | 4,472 | 3,987 |
| Imports | 51,774 | 4,987 | 5,001 | 3,904 |
| Balance of trade | $(4,364)$ | (756) | (529) | 83 |
| Top traders: 1. USA | 17,126 | 1,446 | 1,412 | 1,251 |
| 2. Japan | 15,188 | 1,175 | 1,296 | 1,038 |
| 3. China, People's Republic of | 8,275 | 883 | 861 | 774 |
| Top exports: 1. Electronic products | 29,683 | 2,609 | 2,540 | 2,568 |
| 2. Articles of apparel and clothing accessories | 2,646 | 172 | 181 | 204 |
| 3. Coconut oil | 579 | 131 | 107 | 18 |
| Top imports: 1. Electronic products | 24,457 | 2,308 | 2,109 | 1,880 |
| 2. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials | 7,999 | 1,023 | 1,023 | 486 |
| 3. Insdustrial machinery and equipment | 2,018 | 165 | 228 | 155 |
| MONTHLY INTEGRATED SURVEY ON SELECTED INDUSTRIES (Source: NSO) |  | January 2008 ${ }^{\text {p }}$ | December 2007 | January 2007 |
| Value of production index (2000=100) |  | 135.4 | 152.2 | 137.4 |
| Gainers over last year |  |  |  |  |
| Beverages |  | 30.0\% | 34.6\% | (10.2\%) |
| Chemical products (excluding plastic products) |  | 12.4\% | (14.5\%) | (12.0\%) |
| Tobacco products |  | 31.4\% | (15.1\%) | (56.0\%) |
| Losers over last year |  |  |  |  |
| Food manufacturing |  | (11.9\%) | (1.4\%) | 9.7\% |
| Petroleum products |  | (6.6\%) | (0.7\%) | (5.4\%) |
| Eletrical machinery |  | (3.5\%) | (3.0\%) | (3.5\%) |
| Volume of production index (2000=100) |  | 82.0 | 92.2 | 81.5 |
| Gainers over last year |  |  |  |  |
| Machinery excluding electrical |  | 18.0\% | 13.1\% | (19.3\%) |
| Electrical machinery |  | 7.9\% | 10.3\% | (2.6\%) |
| Beverages |  | 29.2\% | 33.3\% | (13.6\%) |
| Losers over last year |  |  |  |  |
| Food manufacturing |  | (15.4\%) | (4.8\%) | 2.1\% |
| Petroleum products |  | (21.3\%) | (15.2\%) | (3.9\%) |
| Basic metals |  | (11.6\%) | (18.1\%) | 17.3\% |
| Value of net sales (1994=100) |  | December 2007 ${ }^{\text {p }}$ | November 2007 | December 2006 |
| Gainers over last year |  |  |  |  |
| Petroleum products |  | 28.7\% | 17.9\% | (28.3\%) |
| Beverages |  | 35.9\% | 17.7\% | (0.8\%) |
| Transport equipment |  | 25.1\% | 22.2\% | 1.5\% |
| Losers over last year |  |  |  |  |
| Food manufacturing |  | (8.7\%) | (8.8\%) | 11.5\% |
| Electrical machinery |  | (10.2\%) | (13.7\%) | (8.8\%) |
| Footwear and wearing apparel |  | (21.2\%) | 0.2\% | 8.3\% |
| Volume of net sales (1994=100) |  |  |  |  |
| Gainers over last year |  |  |  |  |
| Beverages |  | 34.9\% | 16.8\% | (3.3\%) |
| Transport equipment |  | 22.0\% | 17.0\% | (0.1\%) |
| Petroleum products |  | 9.6\% | 3.1\% | (29.5\%) |
| Losers over last year |  |  |  |  |
| Food manufacturing |  | (11.7\%) | (12.3\%) | 3.6\% |
| Footwear and wearing apparel |  | (22.4\%) | 0.2\% | (9.3\%) |
| Tobacco |  | (26.8\%) | 4.6\% | 49.3\% |
|  |  | January $2008^{\text {p }}$ | December 2007 | January 2007 |
| Capacity utilization (2000 $=100$ ) |  | 80.2\% | 80.2\% | 79.6\% |



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| HEALTH AND VITAL STATISTICS (Source: NSO) |  | $\underline{2006}{ }^{\text {p }}$ | $\underline{2005}$ | $\underline{2004}$ |
| Births (Based on civil registration; not adjusted for underregistration) |  | 1,401,029 | 1,601,481 | 1,710,994 |
| Male |  | 728,563 | 832,802 | 890,130 |
| Female |  | 672,466 | 768,679 | 820,864 |
| Marriages (Based on civil registration; not adjusted for underregistration) |  | 449,215 | 504,763 | 582,281 |
| Deaths (Based on civil registration; not adjusted for underregistration) |  | 389,081 | 415,271 | 403,191 |
| Male |  | 229,613 | 245,069 | 237,750 |
| Female |  | 159,468 | 170,202 | 165,441 |
| Fetal deaths |  | 6,663 | 7,651 | 8,935 |
|  |  | 2015-2020 | 2010-2015 | 2005-2010 |
| Crude birth rate ${ }^{10}$ (per thousand population) |  | 18.15 | 20.40 | 22.80 |
| Crude death rate "(per thousand population) |  | 5.45 | 5.43 | 5.48 |
| Crude rate of natural increase " (per thousand population) |  | 12.70 | 14.97 | 17.32 |
|  |  | 2015-2020 | 2010-2015 | 2005-2010 |
| Total fertility rate ${ }^{2 x}$ (number of children per woman) |  | 2.76 | 2.96 | 3.18 |
| Life expectancy at birth ${ }^{4}$ (in years; medium assumption) |  |  |  |  |
| Male |  | 68.81 | 67.61 | 66.11 |
| Female |  | 74.34 | 73.14 | 71.64 |
| FAMILY PLANNING (Source: NSO, Family Planning Survey) |  | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Contraceptive prevalence rate (Based on currently married women aged 15-49 years) |  | 50.6\% | 49.3\% | 49.3\% |
| Modern method |  | 35.9\% | 36.0\% | 35.1\% |
| Traditional method |  | 14.8\% | 13.2\% | 14.2\% |
| EDUCATION (Source: NSO, FLEMMS/CPH) |  | $\underline{2003}$ | 2000 | 1994 |
| Simple literacy rate (10 years old and over; basic reading and writing skills) |  | 93.4\% | 92.3\% | 93.9\% |
| Functional literacy rate (10 to 64 years old; basic reading, writing, and computational skills) |  | 84.1\% | - | 83.8\% |
| ENROLMENT (Source: Department of Education) |  | SY 2005-2006 | SY 2004-2005 | SY 2003-2004 |
| Elementary |  | 12,913 | 13,015 | 12,987 |
| Government |  | 11,982 | 12,089 | 12,066 |
| Private |  | 931 | 926 | 921 |
| Secondary |  | 6,267 | 6,312 | 3,270 |
| Government |  | 4,979 | 5,044 | 5,026 |
| Private |  | 1,288 | 1,268 | 1,244 |
| TOURISM (Source: Department of Tourism) | 2006 | February 2008 | January 2008 | February 2007 |
| Visitors arrivals to the Philippines by country of residence | 2,843,335 | 276,809 | 293,803 | 247,731 |
| ASEAN | 202,886 | 20,087 | 19,083 | 17,869 |
| East Asia | 1,338,777 | 136,850 | 134,347 | 123,671 |
| South Asia | 31,975 | 2,910 | 3,544 | 2,650 |
| Middle East | 31,503 | 3,178 | 2,733 | 2,580 |
| North America | 648,929 | 58,437 | 69,636 | 52,316 |
| South America | 2,776 | 252 | 285 | 238 |
| Western Europe | 117,167 | 12,453 | 12,889 | 12,165 |
| Northern Europe | 106,088 | 11,759 | 13,125 | 9,570 |
| Southern Europe | 23,097 | 2,375 | 2,995 | 2,157 |
| Eastern Europe | 14,042 | 1,537 | 2,423 | 1,368 |
| Australiasia and the Paciific | 149,276 | 12,414 | 14,854 | 10,564 |
| Africa | 2,246 | 248 | 318 | 261 |
| Other unspecified residences | 28,208 | 3,327 | 3,106 | 2,763 |
| Overseas Filipinos** | 146,365 | 10,982 | 14,465 | 9,559 |

* Figures are adjusted based on the information generated from the Survey of Imported Raw Materials
${ }^{p}$ Preliminary


## and the new coverage of exports of electronic products.

* Philippine passport holders permanently residing abroad; excludes overseas Filipino workers.
${ }^{r}$ Revised
${ }^{1 /}$ Source: 1995 Census-based National, Regional, and Provincial Population Projections
${ }^{2 /}$ Source: 2000 Census-based Population Projections.

| NSO | - National Statistics Office | FLEMMS - Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Survey |
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| NSCB - National Statistical Coordination Board | CPH | - Census of Population and Housing |
| ASPBI - Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry | FOB | - Free on board |
| CPBI | - Census of Philippine Business and Industry | WAIR |

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