

# **THE PHILIPPINES AND AUSTRALIA: A TRUE AND STEADFAST FRIENDSHIP**

**A REFERENCE GUIDE TO PHILIPPINES-AUSTRALIA RELATIONS**

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## I. Timeline of Bilateral Relations

Late 1800s	Marketing of Australian fresh bottled milk in Manila
Turn of 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	First Philippine-born migrants in Australia, called “Manila men,” employed as pearl divers in pearl industry in what is now the Northern Territory
22 May 1946	Opening of an Australian Consulate-General in Manila
04 July 1946	Establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Philippines and Commonwealth of Australia
1947	Establishment of Philippine mission in Sydney
1948	Establishment of a Philippine consular office at property purchased by the Philippine Government at 11 Onslow Avenue, Elizabeth Bay, Sydney
1949	Elevation of Philippine consular office to Philippine Legation
1956	Elevation of Philippine Legation to Philippine Embassy, with H. E. Roberto Regala becoming the first Philippine Ambassador to Australia
1957	Accreditation of H.E. K.C.O. “Mick” Shann as first Australian Ambassador to the Philippines
March 1961	Philippine Embassy moved from Sydney to Canberra
1962	Commencement of construction of Philippine Embassy at 1 Moonah Place, Yarralumla, ACT  Philippine Embassy was, in the meantime, located at 1 Arkana St., Yarralumla, ACT
12 June 1964	Inauguration of the Philippine Embassy at 1 Moonah Place, Yarralumla, ACT under stewardship of Ambassador Mariano Ezpeleta
1975/76	First Australian aid projects to the Philippines focus on education and health
1987	Creation of the High Level Consultations (HLC) on Development Cooperation
1995	Visit of President Fidel V. Ramos to Australia  Philippines-Australia sign MOU to expand defense cooperation; creation of the Joint Defense Cooperation Committee (JDCC) Talks and Defense Cooperation Working Group (DCWG)
November 1996	Visit of Prime Minister John Howard to the Philippines for the 4 <sup>th</sup> APEC Summit, accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Trade Minister Tim Fischer and Foreign Minister Alexander Downer

1997	Inaugural Philippines-Australia Dialogue (PAD), Manila  1 <sup>st</sup> Philippines-Australia Dialogue on Regional Security Issues  10 <sup>th</sup> High Level Consultation (HLC) on Development Cooperation
1998	Philippines-Australia Dialogue (PAD) II, Brisbane
1999	Philippines-Australia Dialogue (PAD) III, Cebu
2001	Philippine Military Academy and Royal Australian Defence College begin exchange program of visits for military cadets  Heads of Philippines National Intelligence Coordination Agency and Australian Office of National Assessments meet to discuss regional and international security issues and developments
July 2003	Visit of Prime Minister John Howard to the Philippines  Signing of MOU on Cooperation against Transnational Crime
11 - 12 August 2005	Inaugural Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting (PAMM), Sydney; Philippine delegation led by Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto G. Romulo and Australian side led by Foreign Minister Alexander Downer
March 2006	Visit of Australian Minister of Justice and Customs Christopher Martin Ellison to Manila
27 - 28 June 2006	1 <sup>st</sup> Philippines-Australia Bilateral Inter-Agency Consultations on Counter-Terrorism, Manila; Australian side led by Australian Ambassador on Counter-Terrorism Les Luck
July 2006	Visit of Australia's Attorney General Philip Ruddock MP to the Philippines
January 2007	Visit of Prime Minister John Howard for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> East Asia Summit in Cebu
30 - 31 May 2007	State Visit of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to Australia  Signing of Status of Visiting Forces Agreement (SOVFA)
2-5 October 2007	Visit of Australian Senate President Alan Ferguson to the Philippines
11 July 2008	Visit of South Australian Deputy Premier and Minister for Industry and Trade Kevin Foley to the Philippines
26 - 27 May 2008	2 <sup>nd</sup> Philippines-Australia Bilateral Inter-Agency Consultations on Counter-Terrorism hosted by Australia in Manila
8 - 9 October 2008	2 <sup>nd</sup> Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting (PAMM 2) in Manila; Philippine side led by Foreign Affairs Alberto G. Romulo and Australian side led by Foreign Minister Stephen Smith and Trade Minister Simon Crean
3-6 November 2008	Visit of DOLE Undersecretary Rosalinda Baldoz to South Australia

19-22 April 2009	Visit of Australian parliamentary delegation to Manila as part of a study tour to ASEAN Countries (Philippines, Cambodia and Malaysia)
21-25 June 2009	Visit of House Speaker Prospero Nograles and delegation to Canberra and Sydney upon the invitation of the Parliament of Australia
12 November 2010	3 <sup>rd</sup> Philippines-Australia Bilateral Inter-Agency Consultations on Counter-Terrorism hosted by the Philippines in Makati City; Philippine side led by Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert F. Del Rosario and Trade and Industry Secretary Gregory Domingo, with Australian side led by Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd and Trade Secretary Craig Emerson
15 -16 June 2011	3 <sup>rd</sup> Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting (PAMM 3), Canberra
27 September 2011	Presentation of credentials of Ambassador Belen F. Anota
19 - 20 October 2011	Visit to Canberra of Education Secretary Armin Luistro and delegation
14 March 2012	16 <sup>th</sup> High Level Consultations on Development Cooperation; Philippine delegation led by NEDA Deputy Director General Ronaldo G. Tungpalan, with Australian side led by AusAID Deputy Director General James Batley  Signing of the Statement of Commitment for the Australia-Philippine Development Cooperation Strategy 2012-2017
11-14 April 2012	State Visit to the Philippines of Governor General Quentin Bryce
28 September 2012	Entry into force of the Status of Visiting Forces Agreement

## II. Comparative Data: Philippines and Australia

Republic of the Philippines	<i>Country Name</i>	Commonwealth of Australia
Manila	<i>Capital</i>	Canberra
total: 300,000 sq km land: 298,170 sq km water: 1,830 sq km	<i>Land Area</i>	total: 7,741,220 sq km land: 7,682,300 sq km water: 58,920 sq km
92, 337, 852' (As of 01 May 2010)	<i>Population</i>	22,696,900 <sup>2</sup> (As of 30 September 2011)
1.903% (2011 est.)	<i>Population Growth Rate</i>	1.148% (2011 est.)
25.34 births/1,000 population (2011 est.)	<i>Birth Rate</i>	12.33 births/1,000 population (2011 est.)
-1.29 migrant(s)/1,000 population (2011 est.)	<i>Net Migration Rate</i>	6.03 migrant(s)/1,000 population (2011 est.)
Filipino	<i>Nationality</i>	Australian
Catholic 82.9% (Roman Catholic 80.9%, Aglipayan 2%), Muslim 5%, Evangelical 2.8%, Iglesia ni Kristo 2.3%, other Christian 4.5%, other 1.8%, unspecified 0.6%, none 0.1% (2000 census)	<i>Religions</i>	Protestant 27.4% (Anglican 18.7%, Uniting Church 5.7%, Presbyterian and Reformed 3%), Catholic 25.8%, Eastern Orthodox 2.7%, other Christian 7.9%, Buddhist 2.1%, Muslim 1.7%, other 2.4%, unspecified 11.3%, none 18.7% (2006 Census)
Filipino (official; based on Tagalog) and English (official); eight major dialects - Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Pampango, and Pangasinan	<i>Languages</i>	English 78.5%, Chinese 2.5%, Italian 1.6%, Greek 1.3%, Arabic 1.2%, Vietnamese 1%, other 8.2%, unspecified 5.7% (2006 Census)
total population: 92.6% male: 92.5% female: 92.7% (2000 census)	<i>Literacy</i>	total population: 99% male: 99% female: 99% (2003 estimate)
Philippine Independence Day (12 June)	<i>National Holiday</i>	Australia Day (26 January)
President Benigno S. Aquino III	<i>Head of State/Government</i>	Queen Elizabeth II as represented by Governor General Quentin Bryce AC/Prime Minister Julia Gillard
Bicameral Congress	<i>Legislative Branch</i>	Bicameral Federal Parliament
Supreme Court	<i>Judicial Branch</i>	Federal High Court
US\$393.4 billion (2011 est.)	<i>GDP (PPP)</i>	US\$917.7 billion (2011 est.)
US\$216.1 billion (2011 est.)	<i>GDP (Official Exchange Rate)</i>	US\$1.507 trillion (2011 est.)
4.7% (2011 est.)	<i>GDP Growth Rate</i>	1.8% (2011 est.)
\$4,100 (2011 est.)	<i>GDP Per Capita (PPP)</i>	\$40,800 (2011 est.)
39.81 million (2011 est.)	<i>Labor Force</i>	12.02 million (2011 est.)
7.2% (2011 est.)	<i>Unemployment Rate</i>	5% (2011 est.)
5.3% (2011 est.)	<i>Inflation Rate (Consumer Prices)</i>	3.4% (2011 est.)
Philippine Peso (PHP)	<i>Currency</i>	Australian Dollar (AUD)
US\$0.02399	<i>Exchange Rate</i> <sup>3</sup>	US\$1.04759

Source: CIA World Factbook, February 2012

<sup>1</sup> Based on the 2010 Census of Population and Housing. Please see <http://www.census.gov.ph/data/pressrelease/2012/pr1227tx.html>.

<sup>2</sup> The preliminary Estimated Resident Population (ERP) of Australia. Please see <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@nsf/mf/3101.0/>.

<sup>3</sup> [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) Currency Converter, as of 21 September 2012.

### III. Highlights of Bilateral Relations

#### A. Philippine and Australian Ambassadors

##### Philippine Ambassadors to Australia

1. H.E. Dr. Roberto Regala (1950 - 1956)
2. H.E. Dr. Jose Imperial (12 Oct 1956 - 17 May 1960)
3. H.E. Mariano Ezpeleta (18 May 1960 - 15 Nov 1970)
4. H.E. Gregorio Abad (05 Apr 1971 - 03 July 1977)
5. H.E. Leticia Ramos Shahani (29 Aug 1978 - 19 Dec 1980)
6. H.E. Monico R. Vicente (23 April 1982 - 15 Sept 1986)
7. H.E. Romualdo A. Ong (16 Sept 1986 - 30 June 1989)
8. H.E. Rora Navarro-Tolentino (03 Oct 1989 - 14 April 1994)
9. H.E. Delia Domingo-Albert (10 Oct 1994 - 05 January 2002)
10. H.E. Willy C. Gaa (13 Jan 2002 - 09 November 2003)
11. H.E. Cristina G. Ortega (10 Jan 2004 - 30 May 2006)
12. H.E. Ernesto H. De Leon (09 June 2006 - 30 Sept 2010)
13. H.E. Belen F. Anota (27 Sept 2011 to present)

##### Australian Ambassadors to the Philippines

1. H.E. K.C. O. "Mick" Shamm (06 Dec 1957 - 05 July 1959)
2. H.E. Alfred Thorp Stirling (06 July 1959 - 12 Feb 1963)
3. H.E. T.W. Cutts (03 Feb 1963 - 02 May 1966)
4. H.E. F.H. Stuart (03 May 1966 - 16 July 1970)
5. H.E. James Charles Ingram (17 July 1970 - 21 June 1973)
6. H.E. Peter G F Henderson (22 June 1973 - 09 Jan 1975)
7. H.E. Gerald Nutter (10 Jan 1975 - 17 May 1978)
8. H.E. Richard Arthur Woolcott (18 May 1978 - 28 Nov 1982)
9. H.E. Roy Fernandez (29 Nov 1982 - 13 Dec 1986)
10. H.E. John Scott Holloway (14 Dec 1986 - 27 March 1989)
11. H.E. Mack Geoffrey Denis Williams (28 March 1989 - 28 March 1994)
12. H.E. Richard John Smith (29 March 1994 - 06 July 1996)
13. H.E. Miles Kupa (October 1996 - January 1999)
14. H.E. John Edward Buckley (March 1999 - March 2002)
15. H.E. Ruth Lorraine Pierce (May 2002 - February 2005)
16. H.E. Anthony John Hely (March 2005 - March 2008)
17. H.E. Roderick Campbell Smith (May 2008 - December 2011)
18. H.E. William Thomas Ross Tweddell (26 January 2012 - present)

#### B. List of Important Bilateral Agreements

1. Status of Visiting Forces Agreement (SOVFA), signed on 31 May 2007 in Canberra
2. Memorandum of Understanding on the Deployment of Air Security Officers, signed on 21 May 2006 in Manila

3. Memorandum of Understanding on Border and Migration Cooperation, signed on 18 November 2005
4. Memorandum of Understanding between the Philippine Council of Young Political Leaders (PCYPL) and the Australian Political Exchange Council (APEC), signed in September 2005
5. Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of the Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting signed on 12 August 2005 in Sydney
6. Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation to Combat International Terrorism, signed on 04 March 2003 in Canberra
7. Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Combating Transnational Crime, signed on 14 July 2003 in Manila
8. Memorandum of Understanding for Joint Action to Combat Child Sexual Abuse and Other Serious Crimes, signed on 11 October 1997 in Makati
9. Agreement on the Promotion and Protection of Investments, and Protocol, signed 25 January 1995 in Manila
10. General Agreement on Development Cooperation, signed on 28 October 1994 in Sydney
11. Treaty on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed on 28 April 1988 in Canberra
12. Treaty on Extradition, signed on 07 March 1988 in Manila
13. Working Arrangement on Inter-Country Adoption, signed on 23 June 1981 in Manila, 29 October 1980 and 13 February 1981 in Australia
14. Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention on Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on 11 May 1979 in Manila
15. Cultural Agreement, signed on 15 April 1977 in Manila
16. Trade Agreement, signed on 25 June 1975 in Manila (superseding the old Trade Agreement signed on 16 June 1965)
17. Air Transport Agreement, signed on 15 November 1971 in Manila

#### **IV. Politico-Security Relations**

Politico-security relations between the Republic of the Philippines and the Commonwealth of Australia may be prefaced by an obscure but interesting footnote to Philippine history.<sup>4</sup> Prior to the US grant of independence to the Philippines on 04 July 1946, diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Australia were conducted through the US Department of State. As a consequence of the Second World War, Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, together with his family and a small group of Cabinet officials, were evacuated to Australia the midnight of 19 February 1942 on a B-17 Flying Fortress. Travelling by train from Adelaide, the Quezon party arrived in Melbourne in March 1942, to be welcomed by General and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur, some US military officers, and Australian and Filipino friends. It was from Melbourne that President Quezon made an address to the Filipino nation regarding the reasons for leaving his country. But the Australian sanctuary proved short-lived. After the fall of Bataan on 09 April 1942, President Quezon and his party transferred to Washington to establish a government-in-exile.

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<sup>4</sup> Renato Perdon, *Footnotes to Philippine History* (Darlinghurst, NSW: The Manila Prints, 2008), pp. 92-95.

Philippine-Australian relations thus sprung from shared democratic values and aspirations, which typically see the two nations converge on matters of a political and security nature. Since the close of World War II, bilateral cooperation has grown and strengthened. The Philippines and Australia hold regular dialogues to provide institutional support to the relationship, such as through the Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting (PAMM) and its Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), Philippine-Australia Bilateral Counter-Terrorism Consultations (BCTC), High Level Consultations on Development Cooperation (HLC), and Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) and Defence Cooperation Working Group (DCWG) talks.

In 2011, the Philippines and Australia marked 65 years of diplomatic ties. It was a fruitful and active year for Philippines-Australia bilateral relations, highlighted by the Third Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting held in Canberra on 16 June and the visit to the Philippines of Australian Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd on 21 - 22 October. During these high-level exchanges, defense, trade and investment, development assistance, people-to-people linkages and important regional developments, particularly the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea), were discussed.

Moreover, after almost one year of vacancy, the Philippine Embassy finally had a head-of-mission, with the assumption of duty and presentation of credentials of Ambassador Belen F. Anota on 27 September 2011.

High-level contacts were sustained and enhanced with the visit to the Philippines of Governor General Quentin Bryce on 11-14 April 2012. Upon the invitation of the Governor General, President Benigno S. Aquino III will be visiting Australia on 24-26 October 2012.

## Philippine Liberation Medal

The Philippine Liberation Medal is a military award of the Republic of the Philippines. The Medal is awarded to any service member of both Philippine and allied militaries who participated in the liberation of the Philippines between the dates of 07 October 1944 and 02 September 1945.

Australian participation in the liberation of the Philippines involved over 4,000 personnel from the Army, Navy and Air Force, with the majority coming from the Royal Australian Navy. Nearly 100 of these brave Australians died during the period.

Among the Australian cruisers, destroyers, frigates and other smaller ships that served in the Philippines with the United States Navy, the heavy cruiser HMAS *Australia* was the most prominent, and suffered the heaviest casualties. The *Australia* had been carrying out shore bombardment at Leyte Gulf when, on 21 October 1944, she was struck by a Japanese suicide bomber. Thirty men were killed or died from their wounds, including the *Australia's* captain, Emile Dechaineux DSC, while another 62 men were wounded. Three months later at Lingayen Gulf, the *Australian* was again engaged in battle, hit five times in five days by unrelenting Japanese *kamikaze* aircraft, which resulted in 44 deaths and 69 wounded on the Australian side. (Source: Australians and the Liberation of the Philippines, 1944-45, by Dr. Karl James, compliments of the Australian War Memorial.)

Other Australian ships that participated in the campaign for the liberation of the Philippines were:

HMAS <i>HDML 1074</i>	HMAS <i>Shropshire</i>	HMAS <i>Hobart</i>
HMAS <i>Arunta</i>	HMAS <i>Manoora</i>	HMAS <i>Warramunga</i>
HMAS <i>Bishopdale</i>	HMAS <i>Merkur</i>	HMAS <i>Warreg</i>
HMAS <i>Gascoyne</i>	HMAS <i>Poyang</i>	HMAS <i>Westralia</i>
HMAS <i>Kanimbla</i>	HMAS <i>Shropshire</i>	HMAS <i>Yunan</i>

To date, more than 3,900 Australians have been awarded the Philippine Liberation Medal.

## V. Economic Relations

### A. Bilateral Merchandise Trade

#### Philippines-Australia Five-Year Bilateral Trade in US\$ Million

YEAR	TOTAL TRADE	EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA	IMPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA	BALANCE OF TRADE
2007	1,245	528	717	-189
2008	1,373	471	902	-431
2009	1,028	296	732	-436
2010	1,189	350	839	-489
2011	1,465	394	1,071	-677
2012 (Jan-Feb)	258	57	201	-144
<b>Growth Rate (%) 2007-2011</b>	1.83	-8.45	7.57	

Source: DTI - BETPEDP

#### Top 5 Philippine Exports to Australia in 2011

	HS CODE	PRODUCTS	2011 Value in US\$	% Share
		<b>TOTAL EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>393,889,738</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1	850710	Lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	34,109,716	8.66
2	854449	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 80 V, not fitted with connectors	30,577,571	7.76
3	854430	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	19,740,520	5.01
4	260400	Nickel ores and concentrates	19,499,761	4.95
5	850440	Static converters (e.g. rectifiers)	18,279,919	4.64

Source: BETP Tradeline, Based on NSO Statistics

## Top 5 Philippine Imports from Australia in 2011

	HS CODE	PRODUCTS	2011 Value in US\$	% Share
		<b>TOTAL IMPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>1,071,055,868</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1	100190	Other wheat and meslin	243,866,040	22.77
2	260300	Copper ores and concentrates	94,422,854	8.82
3	020230	Meat of bovine animals, boneless, frozen	68,246,470	6.37
4	740319	Other refined copper, unwrought	60,089,572	5.61
5	320611	Pigments and preparations based on titanium dioxide containing 80% or more by weight of titanium dioxide calculated on the dry weight	36,341,571	3.39

*Source: BETP Tradeline, Based on NSO Statistics*

### Increase in Philippine Exports to Australia

Philippine exports to Australia increased by about 12.57% from US\$ 350 million in 2010 to US\$ 394 million in 2011. The top five export products contributed 31% to total exports. Two products, motor vehicle parts, batteries and ignition wiring sets, were in the list being consistent major export products to Australia. Other top 5 products were electrical products - electric conductors and static converters - and nickel ores and concentrates.

The increase in exports was largely due to the 210.64% increase in the exports of other electric conductors.

In 2011, Australia ranked 17<sup>th</sup> as a market for Philippine exports contributing .82% share.

### Increase in Philippine Imports from Australia

Philippine imports from Australia increased by about 27.65% from US\$ 839 million in 2010 to US\$ 1,071 million in 2011. The top five import products contributed close to 47% to total imports.

The increase in imports was mainly due to increased importation of other wheat and meslin (1,024.01%), other refined copper, unwrought (364.24%), and meat of bovine animals (72.35%).

As a source of imports, Australia was in 15<sup>th</sup> place with 1.77% share.

### Philippine Trade Deficit with Australia

From 2007 to 2011, the Philippines consistently posted trade deficits with Australia. The biggest deficit for the last five years was US\$ 677 million in 2011 while the lowest was in 2007

with US\$ 189 million. Nonetheless, Australia was the Philippines' 17<sup>th</sup> largest trading partner with 1.35% share in 2011.

## B. Bilateral Trade in Services

### Top 5 Philippine Services Exports to Australia in US\$ Million

	TOP 5 SERVICES EXPORTS	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 Jan-Mar
	<b>TOTAL EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>9,766</b>	<b>9,717</b>	<b>11,014</b>	<b>14,095</b>	<b>15,450</b>	<b>4,144</b>
1	Other Business	2,439	4,182	5,186	7,600	8,306	2,152
	of which Misc. Business, Professional, Technical	2,411	4,140	5,157	7,571	8,284	2,143
2	Travel	4,933	2,499	2,330	2,630	3,152	862
3	Computer and Information	305	1,148	1,748	1,928	2,062	617
4	Transportation	1,323	1,295	1,153	1,351	1,322	378
5	Communication	517	404	354	305	391	69

*Source: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Monetary Stability Sector*

### Top 5 Philippine Services Imports from Australia in US\$ Million

	TOP 5 SERVICES IMPORTS	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 Jan-Mar
	<b>TOTAL IMPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>7,517</b>	<b>8,557</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>11,360</b>	<b>11,857</b>	<b>3,037</b>
1	Transportation	3,844	4,209	3,661	4,965	4,859	1,305
2	Travel	1,663	2,057	2,698	3,416	3,646	896
3	Other Business	834	1,070	1,263	1,575	1,616	421
	of which Misc. Business, Professional, Technical	738	936	1,056	1,311	1,300	326
4	Royalties and License Fees	385	382	421	445	440	122
5	Insurance	251	262	235	311	339	104

*Source: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Monetary Stability Sector*

The Philippines has identified the following products and services for promotion in Australia:

- Electronics (computers, semi-conductor devices, consumer electronics);
- Automotive Parts (lead acid batteries, electrical wiring harness, steel belted tires);
- Processed Food (cocoa butter, desiccated coconut, processed fruits, and vegetables like banana chips, dried mangoes and papayas, fruit juices, noodles, condiments/seasonings/mixes, ice cream, coffee and tea, marine products);

- Homestyle (furniture, houseware gifts, holiday decors);
- Wearables (fashion garments, jewelry);
- Construction Materials; and
- IT Services.

### C. Foreign Direct Investments

#### INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES (IPA) APPROVED INVESTMENTS'

With Australian Equity Investments  
2007 - 1<sup>st</sup> Q 2012  
In Million Pesos

Year	Total IPA-Approved Investments	Australian-Approved Investments	% Share to Total IPA-Approved Investments
2007	215,230.8	705.3	0.33
2008	182,680.9	1,347.3	0.74
2009	121,815.9	799.4	0.66
2010	196,068.6	614.7	0.29
2011	256,113.4	1,877.8	0.7
1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2012	18,435.1	447.2	2.1

*Source: International Marketing Department, Board of Investments (based on 1<sup>st</sup> Q 2012 NSCB Report)*

For the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2012, Australia poured in some Php447.2 million investments as compared to Php 245.6 million for the same period in 2011, which is 82.1% higher. Majority of these investments went into Manufacturing with an investment amount of Php 400.6 million; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, with Php 33.7 million; Mining, with Php 0.5 million; Information and Communication, with Php7.8 million; and Php 4.7 million for Administrative and Support Activities.

## IPA - APPROVED INVESTMENTS FROM AUSTRALIA BY SECTOR

2007 - 1<sup>st</sup> Q 2012

In Million Pesos

Industry **	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	1 <sup>st</sup> QTR 2012
	Manufacturing	354.1	1,022.9	19.3	153.8	966.9
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	-	-	-	-	-	33.7
Mining and quarrying	236.1	-	156.1	-	-	0.5
Transportation and storage	-	5.1	-	3.4	-	-
Accommodation and food service activities	-	-	-	-	21.2	-
Information and communication	-	-	-	-	207.3	7.8
Financial and insurance activities	-	-	-	-	3.5	-
Real estate activities	-	-	198.3	43.2	-	-
Professional, scientific and technical activities	-	-	-	3.8	30.5	-
Administrative and support service activities	-	-	-	396.7	639.7	4.7
Public administration and defense; compulsory	-	-	-	-	8.7	-
Other service activities (Construction; Electricity, Gas and Water; Private Services; Trade and etc...)	115.1	319.2	425.7	13.7	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>705.3</b>	<b>1,347.2</b>	<b>799.4</b>	<b>614.7</b>	<b>1,877.8</b>	<b>447.2</b>

Source: International Marketing Department, Board of Investments (based on the 1994 & 2009 Phil. Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC))

### D. Official Development Assistance (ODA)

Australia, through the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), has been a long-standing partner of the Philippines in meeting its development challenges. **Australia provides 100 per cent grant funding.**

With an estimated budget for FY 2011-2012 of around **A\$123 million**<sup>5</sup>, a slight increase from FY 2011-2010 budget of A\$118 million, the Philippines is among the **top ten** countries for Australian aid.

<sup>5</sup> Budget, Australia's International Development Assistance Program (2011-12), [http://cache.treasury.gov.au/budget/2011-12/content/download/ms\\_ausaid.pdf](http://cache.treasury.gov.au/budget/2011-12/content/download/ms_ausaid.pdf)

Based on NEDA's CY 2010 ODA Portfolio Review, AusAID ranks as the **largest development partner for grants** amounting to US\$621.66 million of all ongoing grant projects, or 28% of the Philippines' total grants portfolio.

#### E. Australian Tourism Arrivals

##### AUSTRALIAN ARRIVALS TO THE PHILIPPINES (2006-2010)<sup>6</sup>

YEAR	VOLUME	% INC./DEC.
2010	147,469	11.4%
2009	132,330	8.9
2008	121,514	8.05
2007	112,466	11.0
2006	101,313	5.0

As of December 2011, Australia ranked **6<sup>th</sup>** in tourist arrivals in the Philippines with a total of **170,736** or 4.38 per cent of the total market share.

#### V. Socio-Cultural Relations

The formal framework for cultural cooperation between the Philippines and Australia was set by the Cultural Agreement signed in Manila on 15 April 1977, and which entered into force on 20 February 1980. Also, under the Colombo Plan, Filipinos were able to study in Australia beginning in the 1950s.

In 2010-2011, 3390 international student visas were granted to Filipinos. Of these, 321 were for AusAID and Department of Defence scholars. Despite the encouraging numbers, the said period is actually the second year of student visa decline. Previously, there has been an 11-year period of growth in Filipino student participation in Australia.<sup>7</sup>

At the threshold of the Centennial of Canberra in 2013, it is also useful to note the suggestion that Baguio, the summer capital of the Philippines, informed the design of Canberra in 1911. Moreover, the architectural connection between the Philippines and Australia extends to the 1920 renovation of Sydney, which directly took ideas from the 1905 replanning of Manila by the American architect Daniel Burnham.<sup>8</sup>

Fast forward to 1964, and in conjunction with the inauguration of the Philippine Embassy Chancery and Residence in Canberra, the world-famous Bayanihan Dance Company

<sup>6</sup> Powerpoint presentation of DOT Representative Consuelo Jones, 14 November 2011

<sup>7</sup> "Country Profile: Republic of the Philippines," at [www.inmi.gov.au/media/statistics/country-profiles/\\_pdf/philippines.pdf](http://www.inmi.gov.au/media/statistics/country-profiles/_pdf/philippines.pdf).

<sup>8</sup> Christopher Vernon, "Daniel Burnham's Philippines: The Landscape Dimension and Its Australian Import," in *es.pa.syo: Journal of Philippine Architecture and the Allied Arts*, Volume 3 2011, pp. 3-19.

embarked on a three-month tour of Australia, culminating with their participation in the Adelaide Festival of Arts.

In 1998, on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Philippine Independence, the Australian Government offered to restore Carlos Vander Tolosa's 1939 film musical "Giliw Ko," in a cooperative venture between the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA).<sup>9</sup>

An official version of Philippine Christmas came to Australia with the launching of *Pasko sa Canberra* in 2003 by the Philippine Embassy, upon the initiative of Ambassador Cristina Ortega. *Pasko sa Canberra*, which is now organized by the Filipino Community Council of the ACT, will be held for the 9<sup>th</sup> time on the first Sunday of December 2012.

Cultural relations between the Philippines and Australia enter a new level with the unveiling on 26 October 2012 of a 5-meter bronze statue of Philippine national hero Jose Rizal at the Rizal Park in Campbelltown, New South Wales, to be graced by President Benigno S. Aquino III.

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<sup>9</sup> Annette Condello, "Filipino Luho and Manila's Metropolitan Theater," in *es.pa.syo: Journal of Philippine Architecture and the Allied Arts*, Volume 3 2011, p. 119; Mark Juddery, "Saving *Giliw Ko*," at [www.latrobe.edu.au/screeningthepast/shorts/reports/MJss6c.htm](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/screeningthepast/shorts/reports/MJss6c.htm).

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**B. Filipinos in Australia**

People-to-people relations preceded formal Philippines-Australia relations with the first wave of Filipino migrants in the late 1800s. A small group of Filipinos came to the Northern Territory as divers and processors of pearl shells in the local pearling industry. Though actually originating from the Visayas and Mindanao, they were then known as “Manilamen,” as Manila was the only known international gateway to the Philippines at that time. In addition to the pearling industry, “Manilamen” were employed as wharf labourers and seamen, as the maritime industries of Port Darwin relied almost exclusively on an Asian labour force prior to 1910.<sup>10</sup> In fact, a Filipino ex-pearler named (Antonio) Cubillo spearheaded efforts to form a local branch of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) at Port Darwin in 1915, since

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<sup>10</sup> Julia Martinez, “Asian Workers in Pre-War Port Darwin: Exclusion and Exemption,” p. 1. From [www.austlii.edu.au/journals/MarStudies/1999/17.html](http://www.austlii.edu.au/journals/MarStudies/1999/17.html).

Asians were not allowed membership in the Australian Workers Union (AWU).<sup>11</sup> While his efforts failed due to strong opposition from the AWU, Cubillo and wife Magdalena McKeddie, a local Larrakia girl, went on to establish a large Darwin clan that lives to this day. They now number some 400 and consider themselves Aborigines.<sup>12</sup>

In the 1950s, the Colombo Plan opened Australia's doors to some Filipino students. The period also saw the recruitment of skilled Filipino tradesmen and professionals. In the 1970s, martial law in the Philippines and the end of the White Australia Policy heralded a second wave of Filipino migration to the country, which increased rapidly in the 1980s, mainly through the migration of Filipina brides. The year 2004 marked a shift in the migration profile, with most Filipinos coming in as skilled workers/professionals. At present, skilled visas account for nearly three-quarters of all permanent visas granted to Filipinos.<sup>13</sup>

According to the 2011 Census, there are **171,233 Philippines-born in Australia** (residents, permanent residents and citizens). They comprise 3.2 percent of the overseas-born, or 0.8 percent of the total Australian population. Those claiming Filipino ancestry number even higher at **224,732**.

Filipino migrants have made and continue to make positive contributions to Australian society. The labour force participation rate of the Philippines-born is 77 percent, well above the national average of 65 percent. They can be found in the services sector as accountants, software and applications programmers and registered nurses. They help build the infrastructure backbone of Australia as engineers and miners, construction workers, welders and motor mechanics. They are also active in the civic, political and spiritual lives of their communities. Australia has recognized their contributions - there are a number of Filipinos who have been awarded the Order of Australia, typically in the area of community service, social justice, women's affairs and multiculturalism.

The Philippines is among the top 10 source countries for recent migrant arrivals in Australia.<sup>14</sup>

### C. Filipino Community Groups

#### Australian Capital Territory (Canberra)

1. Filipino Community Council of ACT
2. ACT Fil-Australian Social & Cultural Association
3. ANCOP Canberra
4. FilCom Sports Club, Inc.
5. Fil Oz Youth Group
6. Gawad Kalinga
7. Jesus Is Lord
8. Missionaries of Christ in the Eucharist
9. Missionaries of God's Love
10. Phil-Australian Association of the ACT and the Monaro Region
11. Philippine Cultural Society

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<sup>11</sup> Ibid, p. 5.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid, p.6; Profile of "Annie Duwun," at [www.nretas.nt.gov.au/knowledge-and-history/northern-territory-library/publications/territory\\_characters](http://www.nretas.nt.gov.au/knowledge-and-history/northern-territory-library/publications/territory_characters); and Interview of Gary Lee, "Keep Him My Heart," from *Kasama, Vol. 20, No.2/April-May-June 2006/Solidarity Philippines Australia Network*, at <http://cpcbrisbane.org/Kasama/2006/V20n2/KeepHimMyHeart.htm>.

<sup>13</sup> "History of Immigration from the Philippines," from [www.museumvictoria.com.au/origins/history.aspx?pid=46](http://www.museumvictoria.com.au/origins/history.aspx?pid=46); and "Country Profile: Republic of the Philippines," from [www.inmi.gov.au/media/statistics/country-profiles/pdf/philippines.pdf](http://www.inmi.gov.au/media/statistics/country-profiles/pdf/philippines.pdf).

<sup>14</sup> ABS defines recent arrivals as those who arrived in Australia from 2007 to Census Night (09 August 2011).

12. Pinoy Football Aid
13. Rondanihan
14. Sampaguita Ladies Group

**Adelaide, South Australia**

1. Timpuyog Dagiti Ilocano of South Australia, Inc.
2. Filipino Professional South Australia, Inc.
3. Fil-Australian Sports Assoc. of South Australia
4. Murraylands Filipino-Australian Association
5. The Filipino Ethnic School of South Australia
6. Filipino Home and Community Service
7. Filipino Australian Heritage Society South Australia, Inc.
8. Filipino Catholic Pastoral Support Committee, Archdiocese of Adelaide
9. Nurse Care Intl. Foundation, Inc.
10. Bayanihan Broadcasters
11. Ethnic Radyo Pilipino Inc.
12. The Filipino Association of South Australia, Inc.
13. Filipino Community in Bordertown, S.A.
14. Sampaguita Dance Group, Inc.
15. Filipino Fellowship-Adelaide Christian Centre International

**Brisbane, Queensland**

1. Filipino Community Council of Queensland, Inc.
2. Mabuhay Philippine Group
3. Filipino Australian Teacher's Association of Queensland, Inc.
4. Filipino Australian Cultural Entertainment
5. Logan Filipino Australian Community Association
6. Kabalik, Inc.
7. 4EB Radio
8. Filipino Australian Association of the Wide Bay
9. Filipino Australian International Christian Organization, Inc.
10. Australian-Filipino of Wide Bay, Inc.
11. South Burnett Filipino Australian Caring Group
12. Pilipino Senior Citizen of Brisbane
13. Cultural Australian Filipino Association, Inc.
14. MEM
15. Fil-Australian Teachers Association of Frazel Coast
16. Los Compadres
17. Mabuhay Philippine Youth Group
18. Australian-Fil Association of Gold Coast, Inc.
19. Couples for Christ
20. Silayan Acapella
21. Kahirup Society of Queensland
22. Fil-Australian Christian Fellowship
23. Fil-Australian Foundation of Queensland
24. Gawad Kalinga
25. Australian Filipino Families Association in Redlands
26. Philippine Australian Society of Queensland, Inc.
27. Catholic Filipino Australian Chaplaincy of Brisbane, Inc.

28. The Filipino Australian Families Social Club
29. Fil-Australian Gold Coast Association
30. Fil-Australian Community Services
31. Filipino Australian Chaplaincy
32. Filipinos Uniting Nationalities
33. Filipino Gold Coast Chaplaincy
34. Fil-Australian Word of Faith Church
35. Iglesia ni Kristo
36. Fil-Australian Foundation of Queensland
37. Australian Filipino Speakers Union
38. Operation Smile
39. Fil-Australian Cultural Exchange Society
40. Fil-Australian Association of the Gold Coast
41. Tender Loving Care
42. Association of Cultural and Social Harmony
43. Filipino Coordinating Council of Queensland, Inc.
44. Australian Filipino Christian Community
45. Filipino Australian Cultural Society of Darling Downs
46. Philippine Australian Society of Redlands, Inc.
47. Bayanihan Choir, Inc.
48. D'Samarinas
49. Marriage Encounter Movement
50. Philippine Networking Group
51. Filipino Nurses Association of Queensland
52. Fil-Australian Sunshine Coast Association, Inc.
53. Filipino School of Queensland
54. Manly Filipino Community
55. The Shandy Performers
56. Single Ladies Professional Group
57. Fil-Aus Cultural Entertainment
58. Ipswich Fil-Australian Assoc., Inc.
59. Gympie Fil-Australian Association
60. Fil-Australian Sunshine Group Assoc. Family Group
61. Magnificent Community Group
62. Miles Filipino Association
63. Clifton Filipino Association

#### **Darwin, Northern Territory**

1. Filipino Australian Association of Northern Territory, Inc.
2. Filipino Basketball League of Northern Territory
3. Filipino Club Darwin
4. Filipino Senior Citizens of Northern Territory, Inc.
5. Katherine Filipino Australian Association of the Northern Territory, Inc.
6. Mabuhay Multicultural Association of Alice Springs
7. Filipino Social Club of Gove

#### **Hobart, Tasmania**

1. Philippine-Australian Community of Tasmania, Inc.
2. Filipino Women's Support Group Inc.

3. Phil-Australian Friendship Association of Launceston, Inc.
4. Filipino-Australian Community Club of Tasmania, Inc.
5. Pilipino-Australia Performing Group
6. Bayanihan Club
7. LuzViMinda

### **Melbourne, Victoria**

1. 19 Holes Golf Clun Asso. of Victoria
2. 3zzz Filipino Ethnic Community Radio
3. Abucay Association of Melbourne
4. Assoc. of Fil-Aus Golden Age of Victoria
5. Australian-Filipino Community Inc.
6. Australian-Visayan Asso. of Victoria, Inc.
7. Bayanihan Australia Community Network, Inc.
8. Centre for Philippine Concerns-Australia
9. Circulo Capizeno of Melbourne, Inc.
10. Dulaang Bayan Melbourne
11. Families for Christ
12. FASCOVI (St. Albans)
13. FASMENOW(Broadmeadows)
14. FILAUST
15. Fil-Aust Business Assoc. Inc
16. Filipino Club of Werribee
17. Fil Community Council of Victori, Inc.
18. Fil Community Welfare Services
19. Fil Oz Wive
20. Fil-Aus@ Swinburne
21. Fil-Australian Association, Inc.
22. Fil-Aus Senior Citizen Org of Victoria
23. Fil-Aus Senior Citizens Advisory
24. Filipino Association of Wyndham, Inc.
25. Filipino Association of Ballarat
26. Fil-Aus Movement for Solidarity
27. Fil-Aus Social Club of Loddon Campaspe
28. Fil-Aus Friendship Association of Geelong
29. Filipino Community Org. of Lara
30. Filipino Elderly Association, Inc.
31. Filipino Elderly get-together Association
32. Filipino Fishing Club of Victoria
33. Filipino Sarong Banggui
34. Filipino Women's Support Group of Vic
35. St. Francis (Mill Park)
36. St. Francis Senior Citizen of Whittlesea
37. The Ilocano-Filipino Australian Association of Victoria, Inc.
38. Fil-Australian Friendship Association
39. FilOz Toastmasters
40. Gabriela Australia
41. GK Melbourne & Friends
42. Igorot Global Organization

43. Ilonggo Asso of Victoria, Inc.
44. Kaliwat-Bol-anon sa Australia, Inc.
45. Kapitbahay Filipino Neighbourhood Association
46. Katawan ni Kristo
47. Katipunan-Australia, Inc.
48. LUZVIMINDA
49. Migrante Melbourne
50. PAISANO
51. Pampagueno Club of Victoria, Inc.
52. Pangkat Pinoy
53. Parents & Friends PLS
54. Phil Cultural Society for Families/Friends
55. Phil Fiesta of Victoria, Inc.
56. Phil Language School of Victoria
57. Phil Rondalla Victoria Inc.
58. Phil Sports Club of Melbourne Inc.
59. Phil Australian Ballroom Asso. of Vic
60. Philippine Australian Sports Asso of Vic
61. Philippine Sports Club of Melbourne
62. Philippine TenPin Bowling League
63. Philippine-Australian Foundation of Victoria, Inc.
64. Pilipino Elderly Association of South-East Region
65. Power of Devotion
66. Salaginto-Filipino Senior Citizens Caring Group
67. Samahan ng mga Pil at Gippsland
68. Sorsogueno Group
69. Triskelion International (Melbourne)
70. Untied Elderly Filipino Group Inc.
71. Young Generation-Filipino Senior Citizens of the South East Victoria

#### **Perth, Western Australia**

1. Filipino Australian Club of Perth, Inc.
2. Damayang Filipino, Inc.
3. South West Filipino-Australian Association, Inc.
4. Filipino-Australian Sports Association
5. Sari-Sari Philippine Products
6. Manila Restaurant
7. Rockingham and Kwinana
8. Bunbury:Bumbury Multicultural Group Inc.
9. Geraldton
10. Port Hedland-Bernie's Place Restaurant
11. South Hedland
12. Karratha Chinese Restaurant
13. Newman

#### **Sydney, New South Wales**

1. Philippine Community Council-NSW
2. Aguman Capampangan Australia, Inc.
3. Alliance of Philippine Community Organizations

4. Alpha Phi Omega Australia
5. ASK Foundation
6. Association of Golden Australian Pilipinos, Inc.
7. Ateneo Alumni Association
8. Australia Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry
9. Australia Philippines Business Council
10. Australian Devotees of Our Lady of Penafrancia
11. Australian-Filipino Association of the Central Coast
12. Australian-Filipino Business and Workers Club, Inc.
13. Australian Mindanao Multicultural Communities, Inc.
14. Australian-Philippine Services League
15. Australian-Philippine Association Illawarra Inc.
16. Australian Visayan Multicultural Communities, Inc.
17. Banag-Banag, Inc.
18. Bicol Communities, Inc.
19. Boholanos & Friends Association
20. Bulacan Association of Australia
21. Campbelltown Region Filipino Community Council
22. Cebu Institute of Technology Association
23. Filipino Support Group Tweed
24. Fil-Oz Social Golf Club
25. Fine Artists Collaboration
26. Galang Migrant Workers Union, Inc.
27. Global Filipinos Australia
28. Hot Mamaz
29. Illawarra Filipino and Multicultural Women's Group Inc.
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31. Josenian Alumni Association of Sydney Australia, Inc.
32. Kananga Residents and Settlers Abroad
33. Kapitbahay Cooperative Ltd
34. Kapisananng Batangueno & Friends
35. Lodge Jose Rizal No. 1045
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37. Mapua Alumni Australia
38. Marikina Association of Sydney Australia, Inc.
39. Maubanin and Friends Australia
40. North Shore Filipino Association
41. Nuestra Senora de Penafrancia-Archdiocese of Sydney
42. Orange Filipino Australian Cultural Club
43. Order of the Knights of Rizal
44. Pangasinan Province Association of Australia
45. Philippine Australian Community Foundation, Inc.
46. Philippine Australian Community Services, Inc.
47. Philippine Australian Medical Asso. of Australia
48. Central Coast Ugnay Kabayan, Inc.
49. Damayan Cultural Dance Group
50. De La Salle Alumni Association
51. Eastern Visayas Educational, Scientific, Technical Cooperation
52. Filcos Blacktown

53. Filcos Fairfield
54. Filcos North Shore
55. Filcos Parramatta
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59. Filipino Australian Community, Eastern Sydney
60. Fil-Australian Engineers Asso., Inc.
61. Filipino Australian Lawyers
62. Fil-Australian Movement for Empowerment
63. Filipino Australian Nation
64. Fil-Australian Society of the Hunter Valley
65. Filipino Community Cooperative Ltd
66. Filipino Community of the Hunter Valley Region, Inc.
67. Filipino Community Organization of the Northern Rivers
68. Filipino Lesbian and Gay Community
69. Filipino Migrants Forum
70. Philippine Australian Society for Senior Citizens
71. Philippine Australian Sports and Culture, Inc.
72. Philippine Cordillerans NSW
73. Philippine Educational Theatre Artists Guild Sydney
74. Philippine Health Care Asso. Australia
75. Philippine Language and Cultural Association of Australia
76. Plaza Pilipino Incorporated
77. Rizal Park Movement
78. Siliman University Alumni Association Sydney Australia Chapter Inc.
79. Sto. Nino Association of Macarthur
80. St. Louis University Alumni Association
81. St. Scholastica's Alumni Association
82. Steps in Harmony
83. Sydney Australian Filipino Seniors, Inc.
84. Sydney Sonata Singers
85. The Filipino Australian Consumer
86. Timek Iti La Union
87. University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Australia, NSW Chapter
88. Visayan Association

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