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FASTEST GROWING MAJOR ASIAN ECONOMY (2017)



The Philippines is the third fastest growing economy in East Asia after China and Vietnam

Source: NEDA

ECONOMIC GROWTH MORE BROAD-BASED

Contribution to growth: supply side (%)

6.7

3.9

2.5

0.3

2017

Consumption, services and industry as major drivers of growth

GDP breakdown by component

Contribution to growth: demand (%)



Source: PSA National Accounts Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding

YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATES BY EXPENDITURE SHARES

4.5%

GOVERNMENT FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURES





The increase in government expenditures reflects more effective budget utilization. The growth in our exports likewise expanded significantly over the previous year



Q4 2017

Source: PSA

YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATES BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN



The growth on our supply side indicates a broadening base for the economy





Source: PSA

We are confident that **revenue reforms**, sustained fiscal discipline, better spending efficiency and massive investments in infrastructure will enable us to escalate growth to between 7 to 8 percent in the near term ⁷⁷

Growth at that pace will enable our economy to bring down poverty incidence from 21.6 percent in 2015 to just 14 percent by 2022

Photo Source: Headwaters Relief Organization





2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 Jan-2018 2018F 2019F

Inflation Target Band

Headline CPI

RISING INVESTMENTS HIGHLIGHT CONFIDENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES' GROWTH PROSPECTS

Net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Flows* (USD Billion)



HEALTHY EXTERNAL FINANCES SHIELD ECONOMY FROM EXTERNAL SHOCKS

Reserve buffer provides protection against external payments shocks

International reserves (USD bn) and months of import cover



Sustained growth of remittances over the years



Overseas Filipinos' cash remittances (USD bn)

Sustained decline in external debt-to-GDP ratio underscores the health of external finances





BPO – a strong driver of employment and revenues

BPO employment ('000s) and revenues (USD bn)



Source: BSP; IBPAP

DEBT-TO-GDP RATIO



IMPROVED QUALITY OF LOAN PORTFOLIO

Total Loan Portfolio (PHP billion) and NPL coverage ratio (%)



ROBUST PIPELINE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Rapid administrative response for infrastructure development Build Build Build



Select NEDA Board Approved Flagship Infrastructure Projects

75 FLAGSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

23 projects worth over USD20bn have been approved by the NEDA Board

Agency	Type of Project	No. of Projects	Amount (USD mn)
DPWH	Roads, Bridges and Flood control	31	17,386.2
DOTr	Airport, Rail, Mass Transit & Ports	14	22,357.9
NIA	Water	8	1,140.8
DA	Ports	3	298.7
BCDA	New Cities, Mass Transit, Rail &	5	
	Airport		3,536.3
DOE	Energy	2	14.8
MWSS, CPA,	Water, Ports, Roads	3	
ARMM			595.1
Sub-Total		66	45,329.7
Cost to be Determined			
DPWH	Roads, Bridges and Flood control	5	TBD
BCDA	New Cities	1	TBD
DOTr	Airport, Rail, Mass Transit & Ports	1	TBD
DOE	Energy	2	TBD
Sub-Total		9	TBD



Source: DBM, NEDA Presentation dated 23 January 2018

Note: National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Transportation (DOTr), National Irrigation Administration (NIA), Department of Agriculture (DA), Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), Department of Energy (DOE), Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), Cebu Port Authority (CPA), Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM)

Note: Exchange Rate Used is Midpoint of USD49-52 for 2018 DBCC Exchange Rate Assumption, 22 December 2017

TAX REFORM FOR ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION

The first package of our comprehensive tax reform program passed late last year, along with complementary measures, is expected to raise **P128.8 billion in additional revenues**

FAIRER

MORE EFFICIENT

SIMPLER

PACKAGE 2

Corporate taxation and fiscal incentives

PACKAGE 2 plus

Taxes on tobacco, alcohol, mining, coal, and casinos

PACKAGE 3 and 4

Property taxation and valuation Passive income and financial taxes

MORE RAILWAYS, MASS URBAN TRANSPORT, AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS

BUILD

BUILD

BUILD

MORE BRIDGES AND ROADS

NEW AND BETTER CITIES



The Philippines now looks forward to what has been called a "demographic sweet spot"

Photo Source: Philippine Star

With reforms in other areas, such as drastically reducing red tape and cutting the Foreign Investments Negative List (FINL), we expect the dawn of a truly competitive economy for our country "

The latest Social Weather Stations survey conducted in the 4th quarter of 2017 gave President Rodrigo Roa Duterte a record-high "Excellent" +70 satisfaction rating

Photo Source: nytimes.com

I invite you to be part of Asia's next economic powerhouse

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