

KEYNOTE ON THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

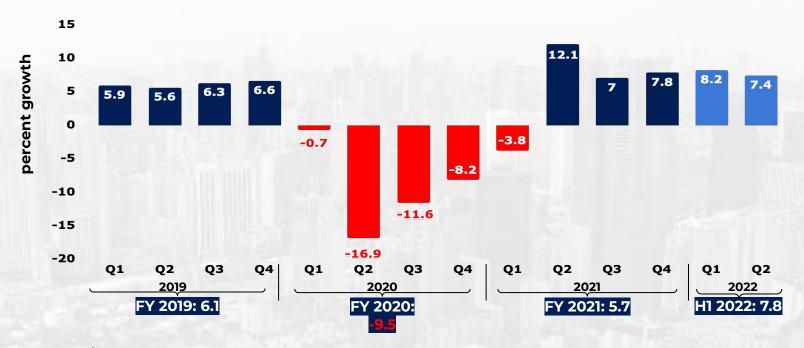
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The Philippines' high economic activity and rising investor confidence point to a rapid recovery and robust growth

Q2 2022 GDP growth shows that we are on a steady path to a strong rebound and expansion

Philippines' Real GDP growth rate (year-on-year)



The Philippine economic expansion in the second quarter of the year was broad-based





Agriculture 0.2%

6.3%

9.1%

Data Source: PSA

Investment inflows reflect confidence in the Philippines' long-term economic prospects

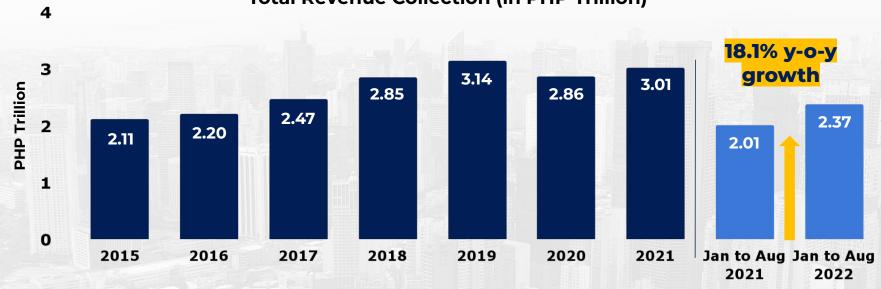
Net Foreign Direct Investment Inflows (In USD billions)



Data Source: BSP *Jan-Jun 2022 FDI data is preliminary

Revenues continue to increase due to robust economic activity

Total Revenue Collection (in PHP Trillion)



The jobs market has continued to improve

	August 2021	August 2022
Labor force participation	63.6%	66.1%
Employment	91.9%	94.7%
Unemployment	8.1%	5.3%

The Philippines is fully prepared to address geopolitical risks and shifting economic landscape

Key challenges ahead:

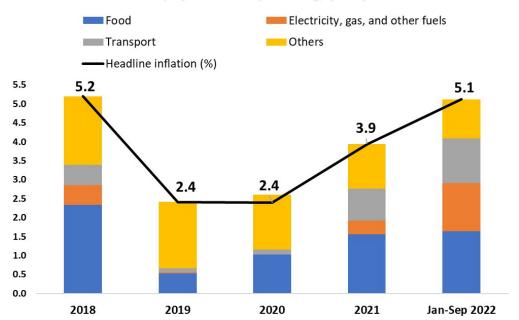






High inflation environment continues

Headline Inflation and Contribution of Major Commodities (in percent and percentage point)



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Note: Figures of 2018 (2012=100) and 2019 to 2022 (2018=100)

Government measures to address inflation



Improvement of local production



Timely importation of goods



Improvement in distribution efficiency

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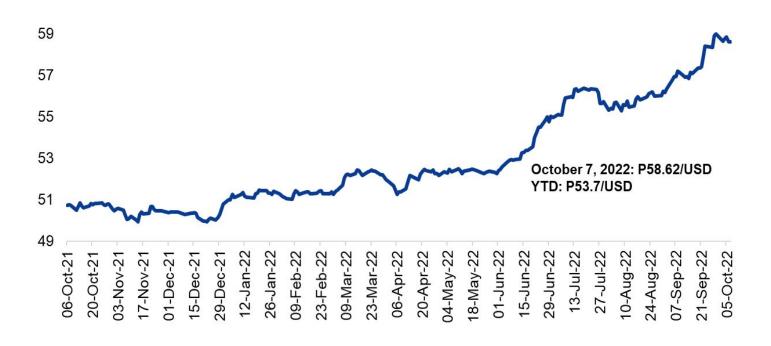


Ensure adequate power supply



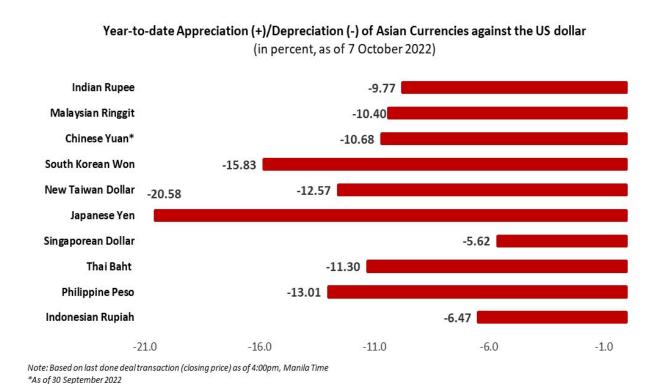
Careful consideration of any wage and transport fare hike petitions

Monetary policy tightening in Advanced Economies contributes to peso depreciation



Source: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

Peso movements in line with regional currencies



Source: Bloomberg and PDEX

Marcos administration's 8-point socioeconomic agenda in the near and medium term

ROBUST ECONOMY, INCLUSIVE AND RESILIENT SOCIETY

PROTECT THE
PURCHASING POWER
OF FAMILIES



Ensure Food Security



Reduce Transport and Logistics Cost



Reduce Energy Cost REDUCE VULNERABILITY AND MITIGATE SCARRING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Tackle Health



Strengthe n Social Protection



Address Learning Losses ENSURE SOUND MACROECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS



Improve
Bureaucratic
Efficiency



Ensure
Sound Fiscal
Management

CREATE MORE JOBS, QUALITY JOBS, GREEN JOBS



Promote Investments



Expand Digital Infrastructure



Improve Infrastructure



Encourage R&D and Innovation



Ensure Energy Security



Pursue a
Green and Blue
Economy



Increase Employability



Establish Livable and Sustainable Communities

NEAR-TERM AGENDA

MEDIUM-TERM AGENDA

The 8-point socioeconomic agenda will allow us to lift people out of poverty and improve the quality of life of Filipinos



The country's first-ever Medium-Term Fiscal Framework serves as our blueprint to steer the economy back to high growth trajectory

Particulars	Target	
Real GDP Growth	6.5 -7.5 percent in 2022 6.5-8.0 percent in 2023-2028	
Poverty Rate	9.0 percent by 2028	
Deficit-to-GDP Ratio	3.0 percent by 2028	
Debt-to-GDP Ratio	60.0 percent by 2025	
Infrastructure Spending-to-GDP Ratio	5.0-6.0 percent annually between 2023 to 2028	
Gross Net Income Per Capita	At least USD 4,256.0 or attainment of upper-middle-income status	

The Medium-Term Fiscal Framework proposes measures that will enhance the fairness and efficiency of our tax system

1. Promote efficient tax administration through digitalization



2. Put in place measures that will help our tax system catch up with the digital economy



3. Introduce tax measures that will promote environmental sustainability to address climate change



4. Pursue the remaining tax reform packages of the Duterte administration



The Medium-Term Fiscal Framework will promote sustainable long-term growth and solid fiscal management



Bring down our debt-to-GDP ratio to less than 60 percent by 2025, and 51.2 percent by 2028



Reduce fiscal deficit GDP to 3.0 percent of GDP by 2028



Maintain high investment in infrastructure at 5 to 6 percent of GDP annually

We will take advantage of the structural reforms already set in place to attract beneficial foreign investments

Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Act





Amendments to the Foreign Investments Act

Amendments to the Retail Trade Liberalization Act

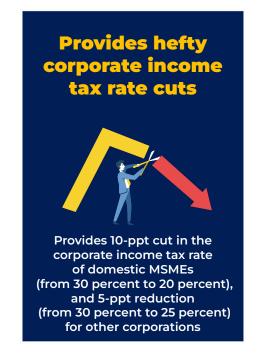




Amendments to the Public Service Act

The Marcos administration is faithfully implementing the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Act

Largest fiscal stimulus program for enterprises in the country's history **Provides nearly** USD 2 billion worth of tax relief annually to the corporate sector



Provides more flexibility in the grant of fiscal and non-fiscal incentives Provides an enhanced incentives package that is performance-based, time-bound, targeted, and transparent

Our new economic liberalization laws widen the space for international firms to invest in previously protected sectors



Amendments to the Retail Trade Liberalization Act

- Lowered the minimum paid-up capital requirement for foreign corporations from USD 2.5 million to USD 500,000.
- Simplified the qualification requirements of foreign retailers.



Amendments to the Foreign Investment Act

- Mandated a review of the Foreign Investment Negative List every two years.
- Liberalized the practice of professions.
- Enhanced transparency in monitoring foreign investments.



Amendments to the Public Service Act

 Opened up public services to 100 percent foreign ownership, and retain public utilities as majority Filipinoowned, subject to the 60-40 ownership rule. With decisive leadership, a well-calibrated fiscal strategy, and a more open economy, the Philippines is primed for a bright economic future



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