Philippine Investment Environment in the Investment Forum:

Opportunities in Sustainable Water Utilization and Infrastructure Development

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The Philippines is a country rich in natural resources, including abundant water.

Source: Getty Images

Despite this abundance, many Filipinos still struggle to access clean drinking water, and others face frequent flooding because of climate change.

Source: Reuters and Action Against Hunger

“The planned expansion of infrastructure projects, I believe, would be possible if we continue to encourage the participation of the private sector in the development of our programs.

Public-Private Partnerships or PPPs hold great potential for that expansion for infrastructure development and for innovation.”

President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr.

State of the Nation Address 2022

THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Rolls out a red carpet to investors, offering a stable, predictable, and competitive environment in which high-quality PPP investments can thrive

- Leverages over 30 years of experience with the Build-Operate-Transfer Law
- Integrates best practices to streamline processes, reduce costs, and enhance ease of doing business for PPPs
- IRR is in the final stages and will be released very soon

The Philippines' Build Better More Program consists of 198 flagship infrastructure investments open for PPPs.

Physical Connectivity
123 projects
PHP 7.1 trillion

WATER RESOURCES
44 projects
PHP 839.2 billion

Health
6 projects
PHP 89.1 billion

Digital
5 projects
PHP 87.1 billion

Agriculture
15 projects
PHP 661.7 billion

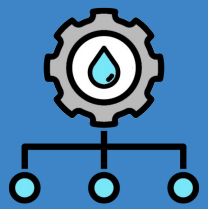
Other Infrastructure
4 projects
PHP 35.9 billion

Power and Energy
1 project
PHP 10.2 billion

SCAN TO VIEW THE LIST OF PROJECTS

The government is actively pushing for more reforms to cultivate an environment where PPP investments flourish even further.

We are amending the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Act to address investor concerns and tailor-fit incentives.



We are advocating for the passage of the Department of Water Resources Bill, creating one agency responsible for the comprehensive development of the water ecosystem in the country.

We are working closely with the Local Water Utilities Administration to ensure rigorous evaluation of water district tariff petitions.

The Philippines has a strong economic base serving as a solid foundation for positioning it as the best destination for investments.

PH is the fastest-growing economy in Asia with 5.6% GDP growth in 2023

Inflation rate has continued to drop to reach 2.8% in January 2024

Fiscal position remains strong and stable with declining debt-to-GDP ratio at 60.2% in 2023, ahead of MTFF target

PH records historic-low unemployment rate at 3.1%

Our stronger collaboration and partnership will bring us faster and farther on the road to inclusive growth and a secure future for every Filipino.

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