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The Philippines

Priorities

Enhance EU's relations with the Philippines in the context of forging a strong relationship with Asia.

Provide EU political and financial support to the Peace Process in Mindanao between the Government of the Philippines and Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

Strong Philippine focus on South China Sea.

Top 3 Facts

Lower middle income country with second highest GDP growth in Asia of **7.2% in 2013**.

EU - Philippines Partnership and Cooperation Agreement signed in July 2012 provides basis for strengthening bilateral cooperation.

EU a major development partner with focus on energy, governance, trade related technical assistance and the support to the **Mindanao Peace Process**.

The bulk of EU-PH trade is in electronics and other manufactured goods, but agriculture is growing in importance.

Did you know?

The Philippines is an archipelago of **7,107 islands in the Pacific Ocean**.

The 12th most populous country in the world (**almost 100 million inhabitants**) with the largest diaspora networks in the world and the largest supplier of nurses worldwide.

The Philippines has a **rich bio-diversity and world's best diving**, beach and snorkelling sites.

The largest Catholic country in Asia and the **University of Santo Tomas in Manila is the oldest existing university in Asia**.

The Philippine flag is the only flag displayed upside down during war.

EU Ambassador:
EU Ambassador Guy Ledoux announces the lifting of the EU ban on Philippine Airlines to the press.



EU Commissioner:
EU Commissioner for Climate Action Connie Hedergaard meets the Chair of the Philippine Senate Committee on Climate Change Loren Legarda.

Andris Piebalgs:
Teresita Quintos-Deles, Advisor to the President of the Philippines for the Peace Process, and Development Commissioner Andris Piebalgs at the signing of an agreement for an €8M contribution to the Mindanao Trust Fund.



EU Commissioner:
EU Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva, responsible for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response visits survivors of supertyphoon Hainan in Tacloban.

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