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DIASPORAS AND DEVELOPMENT

THE PHILIPPINE EXPERIENCE AND PERSPECTIVE

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STOCK ESTIMATE OF FILIPINOS OVERSEAS

47%

PERMANENT

4,867,645

Immigrants, dual citizens, legal permanent residents abroad, stay does not depend on contract

10,455,788

**Overseas Filipinos
as of December 2011**

43%

TEMPORARY

4,513,171

Employment-related, overseas Filipino workers, students, trainees, entrepreneurs, businessmen, and their dependents whose stay abroad is six months or more

10%

IRREGULAR

1,074,972

Not properly documented, without valid residence or work permits or are overstaying in a foreign country



COMMISSION ON FILIPINOS OVERSEAS



Mandated to:

- 1) provide advice and assistance to the President & Congress in policy formulation**
- 2) maintain and strengthen the links between Overseas Filipinos and the Motherland**



THE PRESIDENT'S SOCIAL CONTRACT WITH THE FILIPINO PEOPLE



**H.E. President
Benigno S. Aquino III**
President, Republic of
the Philippines

A Commitment to Transformational Leadership

“From a government that treats its people as an export commodity and a means to earn foreign exchange, disregarding the social cost to Filipino families, to a government that creates jobs at home so that working abroad will be a choice rather than a necessity and when its citizens do choose to become Overseas Filipino Workers, their welfare and protection will still be the government’s priority”.



VISION & MISSION OF CFO

VISION

The CFO envisions a community of well-respected and proudly competitive Filipinos overseas who contribute significantly to the productivity and well-being of the countries where they reside or work while maintaining strong political, economic, and cultural ties with the Philippines.

MISSION

To be the Philippines' premier institution in promoting policies, programs, and projects with Migration and Development as a framework for the strengthening and empowerment of the community of Filipinos overseas.



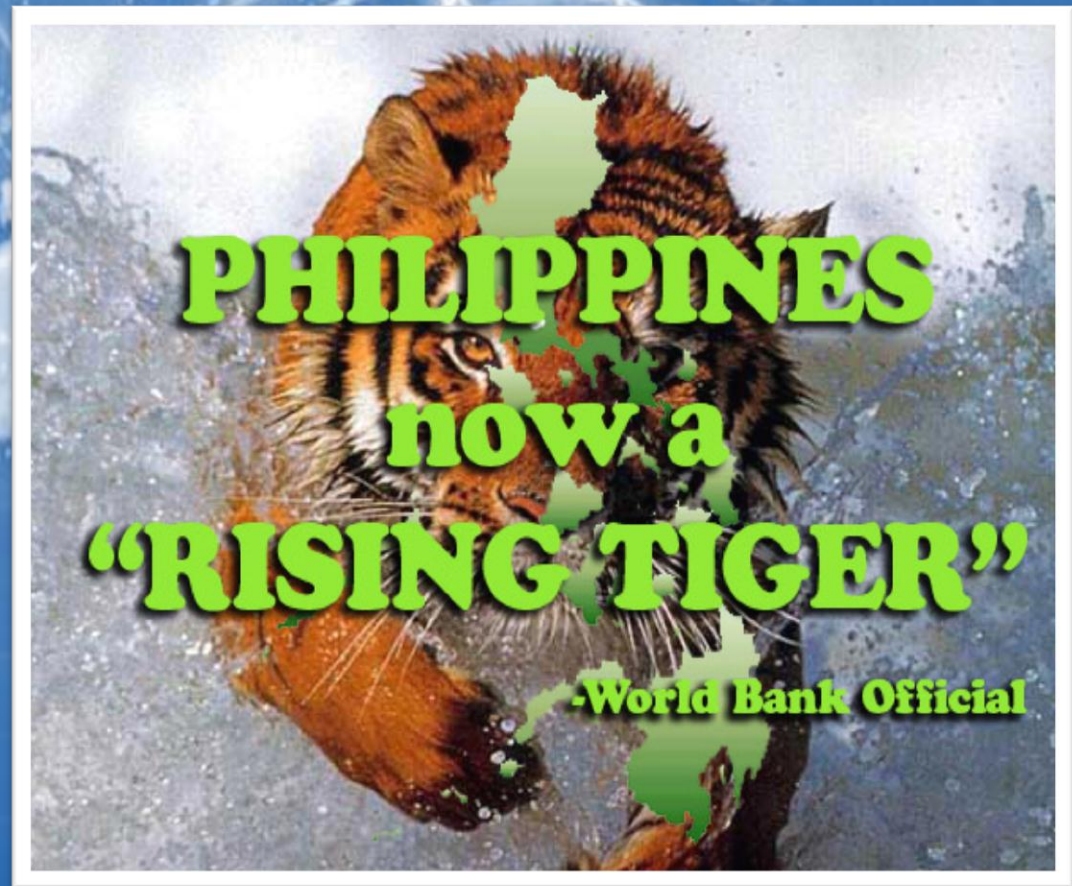
PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN ON MAINSTREAMING OF DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT

- 2013 Mid-term review of the PDP - mainstreaming of migration and development /diaspora contributions
- 2011 - 60 mentions on the issues/concerns in relation to migration. In 7 out of 10 chapters of the PDP



PHILIPPINES' CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

- Moody's tagged the Philippines as "Asia's Rising Star"
- Philippines posted 6.6% growth rate in 2012



PHILIPPINE REMITTANCES (2012)



**Philippines received
24 billion US Dollar
remittances in 2012,
making it the third top
country receiving
migrant remittances
next to India and China**

OVERSEAS FILIPINOS REMITTANCES FOR DEVELOPMENT(OF-ReD)

- A CFO project undertaken with UNDP, Western Union Foundation, and NEDA
- To identify local conduits for use of remittances for productive and job-creating investments: coops, rural banks, MFIs social enterprises



REMITTANCES FOR DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (ReDC)

ReDC serves as a consultative forum to discuss issues and concerns about remittances, as well as an advisory and policy-recommending body for channeling of individual and collective remittances for development



CONTRIBUTIONS OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS BEYOND REMITTANCES

- Transfer of skills and knowledge
- Direct investment in critical industries
- Philanthropic contributions in medical missions, school buildings etc.
- Excellent intermediaries to facilitate Philippines' integration into the global economy
- Social and political remittances



DIASPORA TO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (D2D)

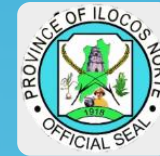
OBJECTIVES of D2D

- 1** To harness the experience/expertise of Filipinos overseas in contributing to the country's socio-economic, cultural development
- 2** To provide mechanisms for effective and efficient engagements in public-private development initiatives
- 3** To develop synergy among various stakeholders in the implementation of D2D



BaLinkBayan

Overseas Filipinos' One-Stop
Online Portal for Diaspora Engagement



PILOT SITES

- **BaLinkBayan**, the overseas Filipinos one-stop online portal for diaspora engagement specifically diaspora investment, business, philanthropy, technology transfer
- With support of 7 government agencies, the website will identify businesses, products, volunteer work in cities/town/provinces for overseas Filipinos

WHAT?
A Disposition

WHY?
Invest in the Philippines

HOW?
Start Business

WHERE?
to Invest and Start your Business

WHO?
to contact with

THE INTERACTIVE MAP

The purpose of this Interactive Map is to view the priority industry clusters of different regions according to DTI's NICCEP (National Industry Cluster Capacity Enhancement Program).
[READ MORE ABOUT DTI'S NICCEP](#)

The One Town, One Product (OTOP-Philippines) is a priority program of the government to promote entrepreneurship and create jobs.

Through OTOP, local chief executives of each cities and municipality take the lead in identifying developing and promoting a specific product or service which has a competitive advantage. [READ MORE ABOUT DTI'S OTOP](#)



Abaca is a species of banana native to the Philippines, harvested for its fiber, originally used for making twines and ropes. Now most abaca is pulped and used in a variety of specialized paper products including tea bags, filter paper and banknotes. As a priority industry cluster in the Philippines, the following regions are identified for the development of abaca:

REGION V - (BICOL REGION)

REGION VI - (WESTERN VISAYAS)
LEAD REGION

REGION VII - (CENTRAL VISAYAS)

REGION VIII - (EASTERN VISAYAS)

REGION IX - (ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA)

REGION X - (NORTHERN MINDANAO)

REGION XI - (DAVAO REGION)

REGION XIII - (CARAMBA REGION)

AUTONOMOUS REGION IN
MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM)



PRODUCTS

AICALA	ONION
BASISTA	TILAPIA
BUGALLON	DUHAT WINE
CALASIAO	PUTO
DAGUPAN CITY	MILKFISH
MANAAG	MANGO
NATIVIDAD	HONEY
ROSALES	MUSHROOM
SAN JACINTO	CORN
SISON	BANANA CHIPS

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[CLICK ON A PROVINCE
TO VIEW ITS PRODUCTS](#)



PARTNER AGENCIES

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Responding to the Challenges of Migration and Development



YOUTH LEADERS IN THE DIASPORA (YouLeaD)



- To reach out to the next generation of overseas Filipinos
- Y2Y (or youth to youth) online-peer-counseling
- Lakbay-Aral or study tours of the various regions of the country

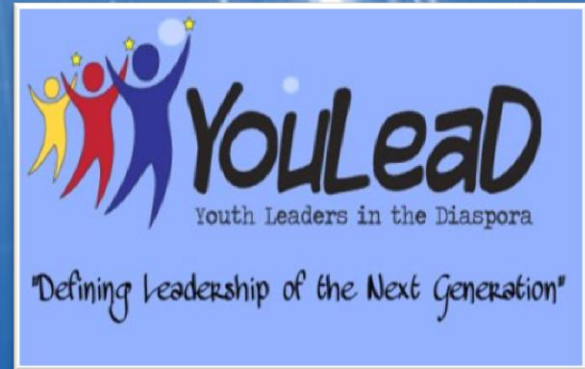


- Kiddie Katapat Savings program (KKiSS) was launched in December 2011
- Filipino youth who are 7 years old and above are encouraged to open and maintain their own ATM Savings account with the Land Bank of the Philippines
- Match savings by their parents/siblings who are overseas Filipinos
- 40 Philippine Schools Overseas commit to the Program during PSO Conference in May, 2013

GLOBAL SUMMIT OF FILIPINOS IN THE DIASPORA



**Be more than a
balikbayan!
Ang kakayahan
at ang kaalaman,
ibalik sa bayan!**



ONE OF THE SIGNIFICANT RESULTS OF THE GLOBAL SUMMIT



THANK YOU!

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