

Country Historic Profile: PHILIPPINES

World Bank Group Archives

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Basic Historical Information

Membership days for each affiliate

Information is taken from [World Bank Group membership page](#).

- IBRD: December 27, 1945
- IDA: October 28, 1960
- IFC: August 12, 1957
- MIGA: February 8, 1994
- ICSID: December 17, 1978

First loan(s)

Information taken from [Projects & Operations website](#).

- November 22, 1957: [Binga Power Project](#)

Resident Mission establishment

Information taken from internal World Bank Group Archives resource.

- November 17, 1986

Photo resources related to country

Hyperlink links to photos in the World Bank Group Archives' [Photo Catalog](#) for a given country. Digitization and description of archival photos are ongoing, and photos are added to the catalog regularly. In instances where the catalog contains no photos for a given country, check back frequently for additions, or contact the Archives for consultation by emailing archives@worldbank.org.

- [Historical photos related to the Philippines](#)

Project profiles related to country

Link is to a list in the [Projects & Operations website](#) of all projects approved, dropped, or in the pipeline for a given country. Each project links to a project profile that includes description, financial details, and lists of reports, archival record folders, and photos, when available. This can be helpful to study the evolution of the Bank's work in the country over time, and to identify notable projects that represent important shifts or moments in the country's history. Projects are also excellent examples of case

studies of how the Bank made an impact in a particular sector. The WBG Archives have original records and other information related to these projects. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

- [Philippine project profiles in Projects & Operations](#)

Description of operational records in Archives Holdings

Archival records relating to Bank operations are described according to the ISAD(g) standard and are accessible in our [Archives Holdings catalog](#). Descriptions include lengthy organizational histories of the regional vice presidency responsible for operations in that region and a description of records created and transferred to the Archives by that vice presidency. The descriptions in the catalog can be helpful to understand the organizational context of Bank work, and to understand more about the content of the records in the Archives.

- [Records of the East Asia and Pacific Regional Vice Presidency](#)

Chronology events

Events have been selected from the Archivists' Chronology, an 800+ page resource compiled by Bank Group archivists over the course of the institution's history. Events chosen include important firsts, milestones and other events that evidence the country's development history and/or its relationship with the World Bank Group. The Archivists' Chronology is accessible on [this page](#). This list of events can be helpful to determine if you'd like to dig deeper into any moments in the country's history of engagement with the Bank. The WBG Archives may have original records and other information about these events. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

Bretton Woods Conference; Representatives of the Philippines Attend

July 1-22, 1944

IBRD Articles of Agreement Signed by the Philippines

December 27, 1945

Bank Mission to the Philippines Announced

December 31, 1947

First Philippine Loan Application

September 15, 1948

World Bank Announces Preliminary Phase of Inquiry into Philippine Hydroelectric Power Projects

November 15, 1948

Bank Mission to the Philippines, Thailand, India and Pakistan

December 5, 1949

Economic Development Institute Opens; Participants from the Philippines among First to Attend

January 9, 1956

President Black Takes First Trip to Japan, Formosa, and the Philippines

May 6, 1957

IFC Articles of Agreement Signed by Philippines

August 12, 1957

First Funding for Philippines

November 22, 1957

IDA Articles of Agreement Signed by Philippines

October 28, 1960

Meeting to Consider Establishment of a Consultative Group for the Philippines

October 1, 1970

First Meeting of the Consultative Group for the Philippines

April 22, 1971

Annual Meetings Open in Manila

October 4, 1976 1976

IDA credit for multisectoral rural infrastructure project to the Philippines approved

April 11, 1978

Philippines Join ICSID

December 17, 1978

Resident Mission in Manila Established

October 16, 1986

MIGA Articles of Agreement Signed by the Philippines

February 8, 1994

Wolfensohn Begins Tour of Southeast Asia, Including the Philippines

February 16, 2000

Bank Issues Statement on Allegations of Corruption by Philippine Public Officials

October 17, 2000

World Bank Group Timeline Events

Events are selected from the [World Bank Group Timeline](#). The Timeline is an online platform created by the Archives designed to highlight the important events in the Bank Group's history and to illuminate those events through a variety of archival records, photos, video and audio clips, oral history transcripts, reports, and more.

April 11, 1978

Early Country Economic Reports

Reports have been selected from the [Documents & Reports website](#), a database of publicly available World Bank Group authored reports and publications dating to the opening of the Bank in 1946. Country economic reports selected here are, in many cases, some of the earliest economic studies ever published on Bank member countries. Reports discussing the whole economy of a country, rather than individual sectors, are prioritized in this list.

Philippines - Conclusions from the discussions with the Philippine Economic Mission	January 1, 1948
Philippines - Recent economic and financial developments	July 6, 1949
The economic and financial situation in the Philippines	February 16, 1950
Philippines - Economic position and prospects	November 30, 1957
Philippines - Economic position and prospects of the Philippines	April 30, 1960
Philippines - Economic growth	February 28, 1962
Philippines - Current economic position and prospects	January 31, 1964
Philippines - Current economic position and prospects	June 30, 1965
Philippines - Current economic position and prospects	January 31, 1967
Philippines - Current economic position and prospects	May 31, 1968
	July 24, 1969
Philippines - Current economic position and prospects: Main report	
Philippines - Current economic position and prospects (Vol. 2): Special annexes	July 24, 1969
Philippines - Current economic position and prospects	August 31, 1970
Employments problems and policies in the Philippines	August 31, 1970
Philippines - Prospects and problems of the economy	March 31, 1971
Philippines - Current economic position and prospects	May 31, 1972
	April 20, 1973
Philippines - Current economic position and prospects: The main report	
Philippines - Current economic position and prospects (Vol. 3): Statistical appendix	April 20, 1973
Philippines - Current economic position and prospects (Vol. 2): Special annexes	July 25, 1973
Philippines - Current economic position and prospects	November 30, 1974
Philippines - Priorities and prospects for development: basic economic report: Summary and conclusions, an overview of development prospects in the Philippines, statistical appendix	May 5, 1976
Philippines - Priorities and prospects for development: basic economic report (Vol. 2): The sectors	May 5, 1976
Philippines - Priorities and prospects for development: basic economic report (Vol. 3): Investments & resource management	May 5, 1976

Philippines - Country economic memorandum	October 31, 1977
Philippines - Domestic and external resources for development	November 30, 1979
Aspects of poverty: a review and assessment - Philippines (two volumes): Overview	December 1, 1980
Aspects of poverty: a review and assessment - Philippines (two volumes) (Vol. 2): Main report with annexes and statistical appendix	December 1, 1980

Country Assistance Strategies

List is based on a similar list compiled by World Bank's Secretary's staff. Introduced in 1990 and replaced by the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) in 2014, the CAS is an overview of each borrowing country's current economic situation and contains a discussion of its development challenges, prospects, and project-planning. CASs were often initially published as part of project documents but later on were published as standalone documents.

Country Strategies Included within Project Documents	
Philippines - Environment and Natural Resources Sector Adjustment Program Project	May 29, 1991
Philippines - Second Vocational Training Project	May 11, 1992
Philippines - Economic Integration Program	November 2, 1992
Philippines - Leyte - Cebu Geothermal Project	January 6, 1994
Stand-alone country strategies	
Philippines - Country assistance strategy	February 15, 1996
Philippines - Country assistance strategy progress report	March 2, 1998
Philippines - Country assistance strategy	May 11, 1999
Philippines - Country assistance strategy	April 30, 2002
Philippines - Country Assistance Strategy	April 19, 2005
The World Bank Group in the Philippines: supporting islands of good governance - country assistance strategy, 2006-2008	May 17, 2005
Philippines - Country assistance strategy progress report	June 21, 2007
Philippines - Country assistance strategy for the period FY2010-2012	April 2, 2009
Philippines - Country assistance strategy progress report	April 20, 2011
Philippines - Country partnership strategy for the period FY2015-2018	May 14, 2014
Philippines - Performance and learning review of the country partnership strategy for the period FY15 - FY19	August 31, 2017
Philippines - Country Partnership Framework for the Period July 2019 - December 2023	November 21, 2019

Staff Newsletters

Resources have been selected from the World Bank Group's [Documents & Reports website](#). The World Bank has produced a staff newsletter since 1947. The publication has changed its name twice: from

International Bank Notes to Bank Notes in 1971 and then to Bank's World in 1982. The newsletter moved online in 2000 and physical publication ceased. In addition to offering news relating to Bank operations and country development, the newsletters were intended to foster a sense of community among staff by highlighting social events, marriages and births, arrival of new staff, recreational events, favorite cooking recipes submitted by staff, and features on different aspects of staff's home country and culture.

International Bank Notes -- Vol. 2, Iss. 6	April 1, 1948	"The Philippines as they are today"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 2, Iss. 7	April 15, 1948	"Food in the Philippines"
Bank Notes -- Vol. 1, Iss. 9	August 1, 1972	"Disastrous floods hit the Philippines; home leave spent marooned in hotel"
Bank Notes -- Vol. 2, Iss. 4	February 1, 1973	"Prompt action in Managua"
Bank Notes	March 1, 1981	"Providing housing for the poor: self-help methods work best"
Bank's World -- Vol. 1, Iss. 9	September 1, 1982	"Urban development in the Philippines"
Bank's World -- Vol. 2, Iss. 6	June 1, 1983	"The generous land - Irrigation means bountiful harvests in Philippines"
Bank's World -- Vol. 5, Iss. 6	June 1, 1986	"Millions benefit from Bank-funded project - More water for Metro Manila"
Bank's World -- Vol. 6, Iss. 4	April 1, 1987	"New Road Spurs Development in Mindoro, Philippines - The Way to San Jose"
Bank's World -- Vol. 8, Iss. 6	June 1, 1989	"Barrio Residents in Philippines Build Roads with Their Own Hands - Linking Tabogon to the Rest of the World"
Bank's World -- Vol. 8, Iss. 11	November 1, 1989	"An Electrifying Job in the Philippines"
Bank's World -- Vol. 11, Iss. 1	January 1, 1992	"IFC's First BOT Venture"
Bank's World -- Vol. 11, Iss. 3	March 1, 1992	"World Bank Health Care Training Project in the Philippines - Interactive Multimedia"
Bank's World -- Vol. 14, Iss. 2	February 1, 1995	"Saving the forests - A unique approach in the Philippines"
Bank's World -- Vol. 1, Iss. 11	August 22, 1997	"Mindanao rebels swap guns for gold"

Oral histories

Oral histories are selected from the World Bank Group Archives' [Oral History website](#). The site contains transcripts of oral history interviews with departed staff and, in lesser number, Executive Directors and other individuals affiliated with or impacted by the World Bank Group. Interviews were conducted as

part of an ongoing effort by the Archives to collect the personal stories and reflections of Bank Group staff. A portion of the interviews were conducted as research for publications. Each transcript provides a valuable first-person account of Bank activities and decision-making from the very beginning of its operations.

William Diamond	July 17 and 26, 1986
Martin Karcher	October 10, 1991
Bradley O. Babson	October 22, 1991
Gloria Davis	June 28 and 29, 2004
Jamil Sopher	September 2 and 9 and November 18, 2005

Online exhibits

Online exhibits are authored by World Bank Group staff and are accessible on both the Archives' [external site](#) and as a [series of older exhibits](#) in the Documents & Reports website. Exhibits focus on notable personalities and accomplishments in the Bank Group's history.

None.

Executive Directors

The list is based on the World Bank Group [Board of Directors website](#). The country following the name of each ED indicates their nationality.

MOLLER, Victor (Chile)	May 7, 1946	October 8, 1948
BARREDA-MOLLER, Jose (Peru)	November 1, 1948	October 31, 1950
DIEZ, Manuel Jose (Panama)	November 1, 1950	October 31, 1952
FERNANDEZ, Alfonso (Chile)	November 1, 1952	October 31, 1954
MEJIA-PALACIO, Jorge (Colombia)	November 1, 1954	October 31, 1968
BARCO, Virgilio (Colombia)	November 1, 1968	October 31, 1974
FRANCO-HOLGUIN, Ernesto	November 1, 1974	March 31, 1979
MAPA, Placido L., Jr. (Philippines)	April 1, 1979	October 31, 1980
CONSTAIN, Guillermo (Colombia)	November 1, 1980	February 4, 1981
GARCIA-PARRA, Jaime (Colombia)	February 5, 1981	July 31, 1982
ROMUALDEZ, Antonio V.	August 1, 1982	October 31, 1984
GUTIERREZ-CASTRO, Edgar (Colombia)	November 1, 1984	October 31, 1986
MALAN, Pedro S. (Brazil)	November 1, 1986	October 31, 1988
WIESNER, Eduardo (Colombia)	November 1, 1988	October 31, 1990
LEUNG, Ernest (Philippines)	November 1, 1990	October 31, 1992
MALAN, Pedro S. (Brazil)	November 1, 1992	October 31, 1993
DE PAIVA, Marcos Caramuru (Brazil)	November 1, 1993	October 31, 1996
AMATONG, Juanita D. (Philippines)	June 1, 1995	October 31, 1996
PORTUGAL, Murilo (Brazil)	November 1, 1996	October 31, 1998

RUIZ, Jaime (Colombia)	November 1, 2000	October 31, 2002
BIER, Amaury (Brazil)	November 1, 2002	January 5, 2004
CANUTO, Otaviano (Brazil)	January 5, 2004	May 31, 2007
STUDART, Rogerio (Brazil)	June 20, 2007	October 31, 2008
BOTERO, JORGE (Colombia)	November 1, 2008	April 8, 2009
RENTERIA, Carolina	April 9, 2009	October 31, 2010
STUDART, Rogerio (Brazil)	November 1, 2010	October 31, 2012
TAN, Roberto (Philippines)	November 1, 2012	October 31, 2014
SILVEIRA, Antonio Henrique	November 1, 2014	June 30, 2016
CANUTO, Otaviano (Brazil)	July 1, 2016	October 31, 2018
KANCZUK, Fabio (Brazil)	November 1, 2018	December 3, 2019
WEINTRAUB, Abraham (Brazil)	September 16, 2020	present

For More Information

If you would like information or guidance on accessing more historic sources, we invite you to contact us by emailing archives@worldbank.org.