## **QUICKSTAT - April 1997**

(A Monthly Update of NSO's Most Requested Statistics)

INDICATOR	REFERENCE PERIOD and DATA		
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1988=100)	<u>March 1997</u>	February 1997	<u> March 1996</u>
Philippines	235.8	234.0	224.9
Metro Manila (MM)	257.7	255.0	240.8 r
Areas Outside MM	228.7	227.2	219.8
Inflation Rate	4.8	4.4	11.8
Purchasing Power of the Peso	0.42	0.43	0.44
FOREIGN TRADE (FOB value in million US\$)	February 1997	January 1997	February 1996
Exports	1,812	1,692	1,594
Principal exports: 1/			
1. Electronic and components	758.45	732.80	621.36
2. Articles of apparel and clothing			
accessories	182.32	144.67	199.14
3. Input/Output/Peripheral Units	126.80	100.73	18.77
Imports	2,626	2,837	2,360
Principal imports: 1/			
1. Electronics and components	471.41	411.71	330.96
2. Telecommunication equipment and electrical			
machinery	236.97	342.62	210.40
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	241.03	316.63	265.75
Major trading partners:			
1. USA	1,181.94	1,230.70	946.41
2. Japan	941.42	851.86	749.83
3. Singapore	255.12	262.99	224.75
Total Trade	4,439	4,529	3,954
Balance of Trade	(814)	(1,145)	(766)
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT	October 1996	<u>July 1996</u>	October 1995
Total labor force (million)	29.6	29.7	28.0
Labor force participation rate	65.8%	65.5%	65.6%
Employment rate	92.6%	92.3%	91.6%
Unemployment rate	7.4%	7.7%	8.4%
INDICES OF KEY MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS (1985=100):	<u>January 1997</u>	December 1996	January 1996
Value of production	406.9	418.6	434.4
Gainers over last year 2/			
Nonmetallic mineral products	31.3%	21.9%	-4.9%
Chemicals	23.30%	5.7%	-15.4%

Furniture and fixtures	17.5%	35.6%	-9.7%
Wood & wood Products	9.4%	7.8%	-1.2%
Volume of Production	135.9	132.60r	149.5
	<u>1994</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1985</u>
ANNUAL AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME ( Source: FIES )	P83,161	P65,186	P34,695
(at current prices)			
ANNUAL AVERAGE FAMILY EXPENDITURES	P67,661	P51,991	P30,017
( at current prices)			
	1995	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>
POPULATION	68,616,536	60,703,206	48,098,460
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE	<u>1995</u> 5.1	<u>1990</u> 5.3	<u>1980</u> 5.6
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		<u>1994</u>	<u>1989</u>
LITERACY RATE ( Source: FLEMMS )		93.9%	89.8%
	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1991</u>
INFANT MORTALITY RATE 3/	20.6	21.9	20.9
(per thousand live births)			
CRUDE BIRTH RATE	25.1	25.8	26.9
(per thousand population)			
CRUDE DEATH RATE	4.8	4.9	4.7
(per thousand population)			
CRUDE MARRIAGE RATE	14.1	14	14
(per thousand population)			
		<u>1993</u>	<u>1988</u>
TOTAL FERTILITY RATE		4.09	4.26
(No. of children per woman)			
LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH (years)		<u> 1995</u>	
Male		64.9	
Female		70.2	
PRIVATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	3rd Qtr 1996	2nd Qtr 1996	3rd Qtr 1995
Philippines 4/			
Number	26,814	20,573	18,100
Total floor area (sq.m.)	4,729,829	3,956,154	3,064,879
Value (P1,000)	29,147,428	22,293,581	17,457,174
Residential			
Number	19,179	14,227	13,007
Total floor area (sq.m.)	2,092,722	1,628,952	1,351,283
Value (P1,000)	9,827,363	7,118,747	5,822,811
Nonresidential			
Number	3,259	2,472	1,992
Total floor area (sq.m.)	2,368,582	2,045,652	1,432,489
Value (P1,000)	16,304,261	13,501,913	9,402,523

<sup>1/</sup> Based on February 1997 ranking <sup>2/</sup> Based on January 1997 ranking <sup>3/</sup> Based on vital registration system <sup>4/</sup> Includes repairs and alterations

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