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# **CURRENT CHINESE MIGRATION TO THE PHILIPPINES**

***GOVERNMENT SECURITY MEASURES & SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS***

**DR. ROMMEL BANLAOI**

# OUTLINE

- Current Status of Chinese Migration to the Philippines
- Economic Effects, Political Impacts, Social Costs
- Law Enforcement Concerns and Security Implications
- Government Safety Measures and Security Arrangements

# CURRENT STATUS OF CHINESE MIGRATION TO THE PHILIPPINES

- More than 3.5 million Chinese nationals visited the Philippines from 2016 to 2018.

➤ 2016 1.01 million

➤ 2017 1.38 million

➤ 2018 1.29 million

**2019 - Feb-March 345,000**

A 500% increase of tourist arrival from the highest peak of 226,000 in 2014.

An average of 115,000 monthly arrivals

April 2019 - 139,177 Chinese tourists arrival, a 29% increase compared last year of the same month

Source: Bureau of Immigration



Immigration

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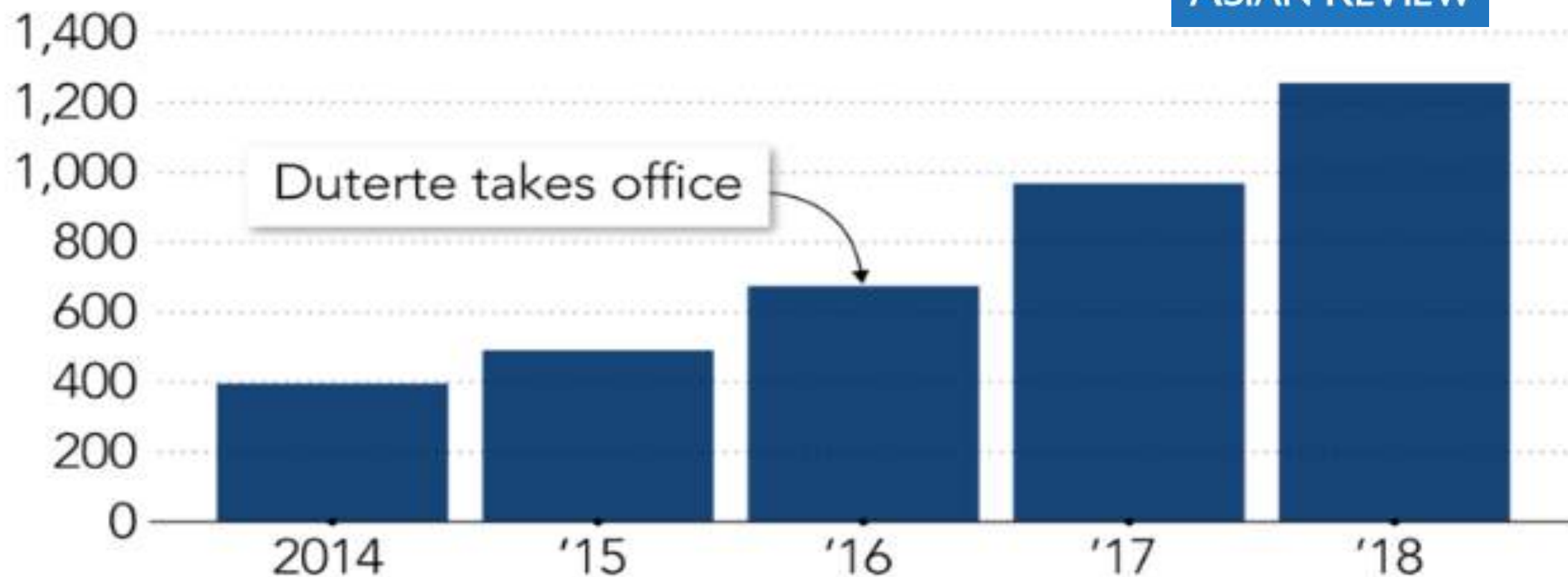
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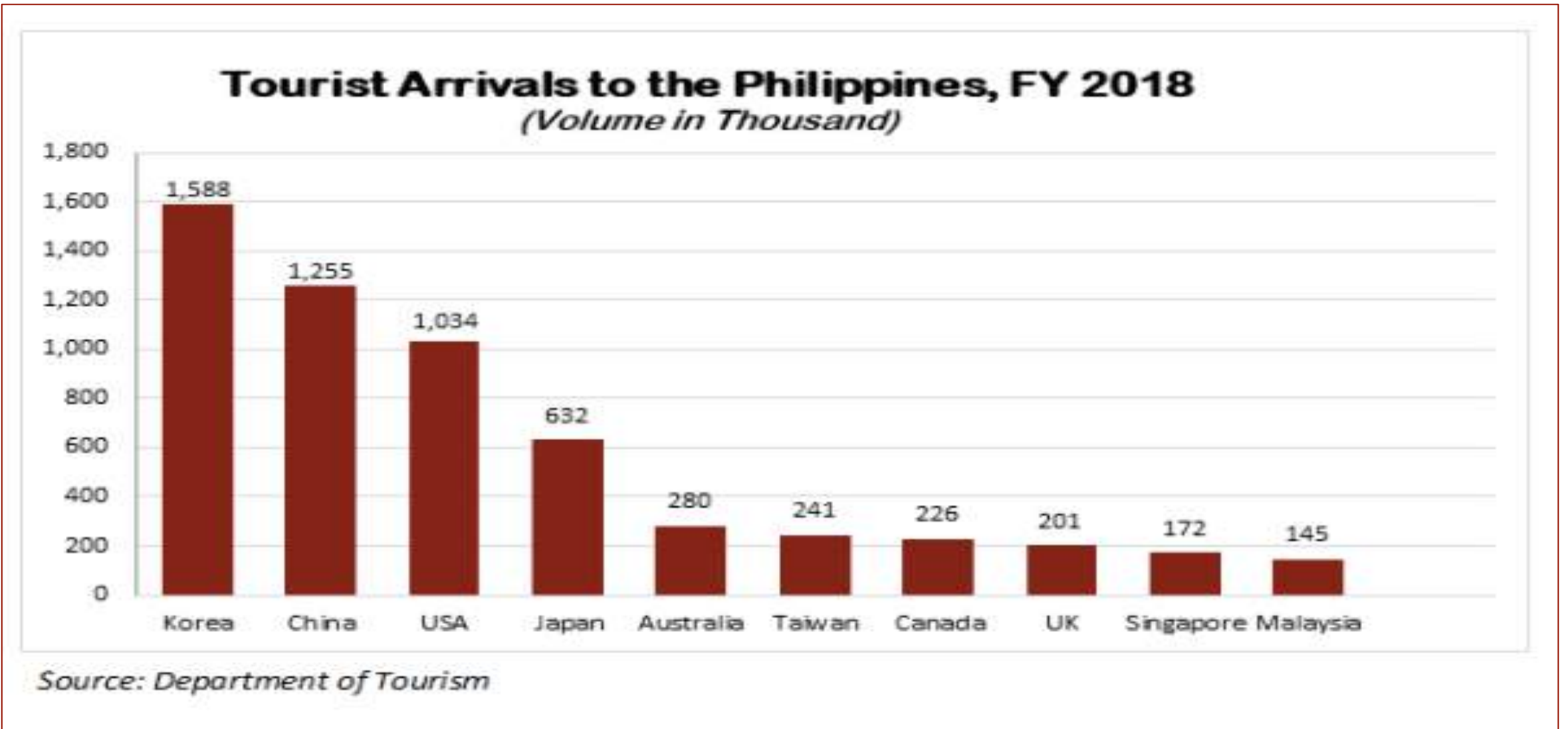
## Chinese tourist arrivals to the Philippines jump under Duterte *(in thousands)*

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Source: Department of Tourism

**In 2018, the Department of Tourism registered a total of 1,225,258 Chinese visitors to the Philippines.**



## Tourist Arrivals to the Philippines, FY 2018

*(Volume in Thousand)*

<b>Top 10</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Korea	1,340	1,475	1,608	1,588
China	491	676	968	1,255
USA	779	869	958	1,034
Japan	496	535	584	632
Australia	241	251	259	280
Taiwan	156	176	201	241
Canada	178	229	237	226
UK	155	173	183	201
Singapore	181	176	169	172
Malaysia	156	139	144	145
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,361</b>	<b>5,967</b>	<b>6,621</b>	<b>7,128</b>

*Ranking based on FY 2018 performance*

*Source: Department of Tourism*

# CURRENT STATUS OF CHINESE MIGRATION TO THE PHILIPPINES

TOURIST ARRIVALS TO PH 2016 - 2018 (Volume in Thousand, Share in Percent)

Top 10*	2016	2017	2018												Jan-Dec 2018	2018 % Share	% GR
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			
1. Korea	1,475.08	1,607.82	198.15	156.56	122.39	114.97	113.49	110.14	121.54	122.10	119.46	117.08	122.87	169.23	1,587.96	22.28	-1.24
2. China	675.66	968.45	111.34	145.54	114.55	109.79	78.07	85.80	119.01	106.08	102.37	87.24	97.51	97.96	1,255.26	17.61	29.62
3. USA	869.46	957.81	109.15	84.83	90.96	85.57	92.75	94.56	91.66	65.56	59.60	76.08	79.07	104.59	1,034.40	14.51	8.00
4. Japan	535.24	584.18	57.04	60.26	63.88	49.02	45.74	40.12	50.59	65.13	53.34	45.11	47.77	53.81	631.80	8.86	8.15
5. Australia	251.10	259.43	30.92	19.48	23.62	25.29	21.28	19.66	20.82	17.58	20.55	21.17	22.46	36.99	279.82	3.93	7.86
6. Taiwan	229.30	236.78	18.95	21.91	19.02	22.95	18.55	19.17	22.05	20.53	22.15	19.50	16.59	19.48	240.84	3.38	1.72
7. Canada	175.63	200.64	28.91	19.28	22.31	19.15	19.48	11.97	17.37	12.84	11.35	15.48	18.63	29.66	226.43	3.18	12.85
8. UK	173.30	182.71	18.11	15.44	22.97	17.91	15.35	12.66	18.85	15.38	11.64	14.71	16.25	21.78	201.04	2.82	10.03
9. Singapore	176.06	168.64	13.63	14.49	16.28	15.49	15.97	15.87	13.14	12.61	13.18	13.43	13.91	13.78	171.80	2.41	1.87
10. Malaysia	139.13	143.57	12.01	12.32	12.76	11.77	12.18	12.62	11.04	11.58	13.21	11.49	12.65	11.62	145.24	2.04	1.17
Others	1,267.04	1,310.89	134.29	123.73	134.02	119.21	104.88	106.18	115.26	92.86	85.40	97.08	111.35	128.83	1,353.10	18.98	3.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,967.01</b>	<b>6,620.91</b>	<b>732.51</b>	<b>673.83</b>	<b>642.76</b>	<b>591.14</b>	<b>537.74</b>	<b>528.75</b>	<b>601.32</b>	<b>542.25</b>	<b>512.24</b>	<b>518.36</b>	<b>559.06</b>	<b>687.73</b>	<b>7,127.68</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>7.65</b>

\*Ranking based on FY 2018 performance.

Prepared by the Bureau of Trade and Industrial Policy Research  
As of 13 February 2019



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## TOP VISITOR MARKETS

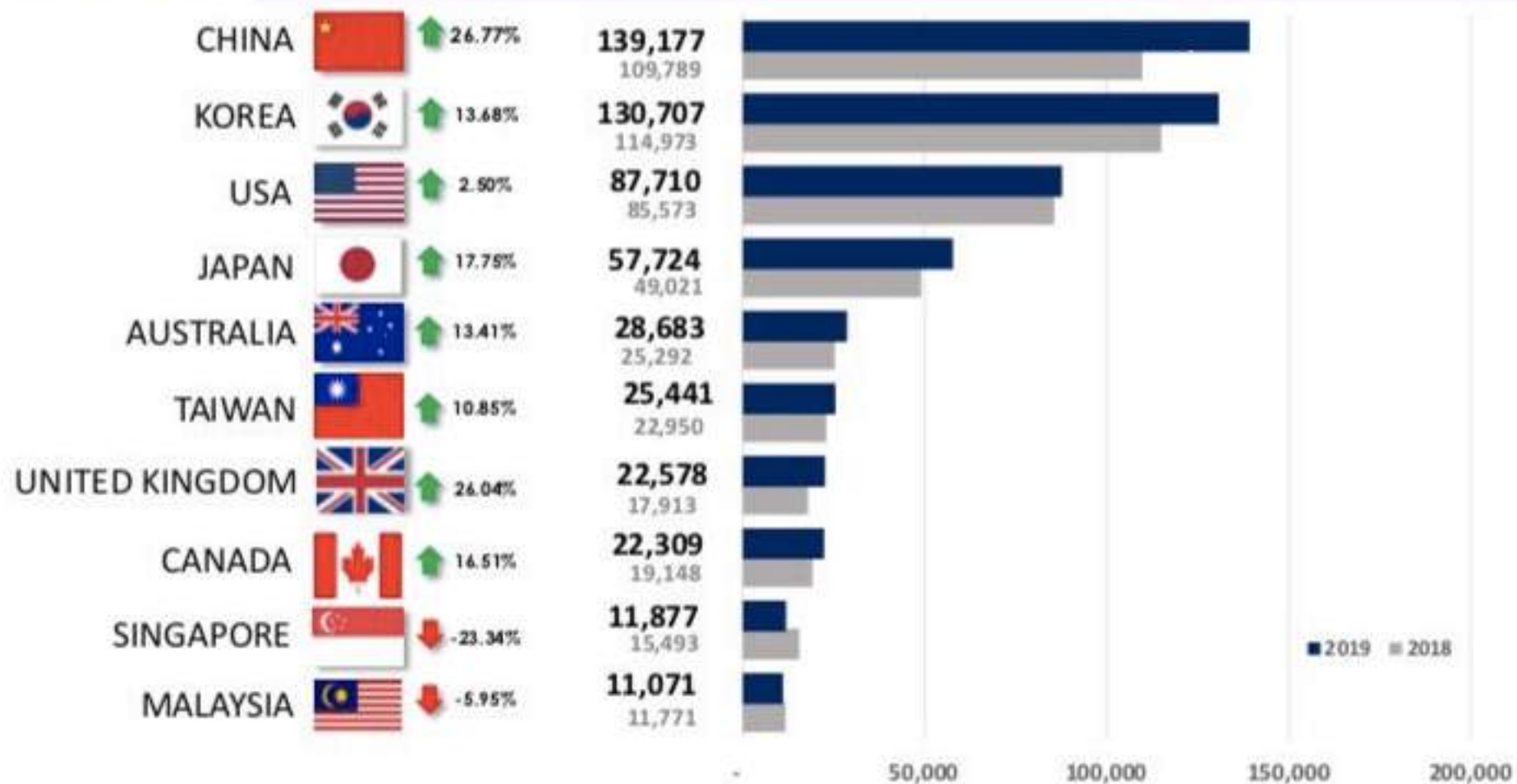
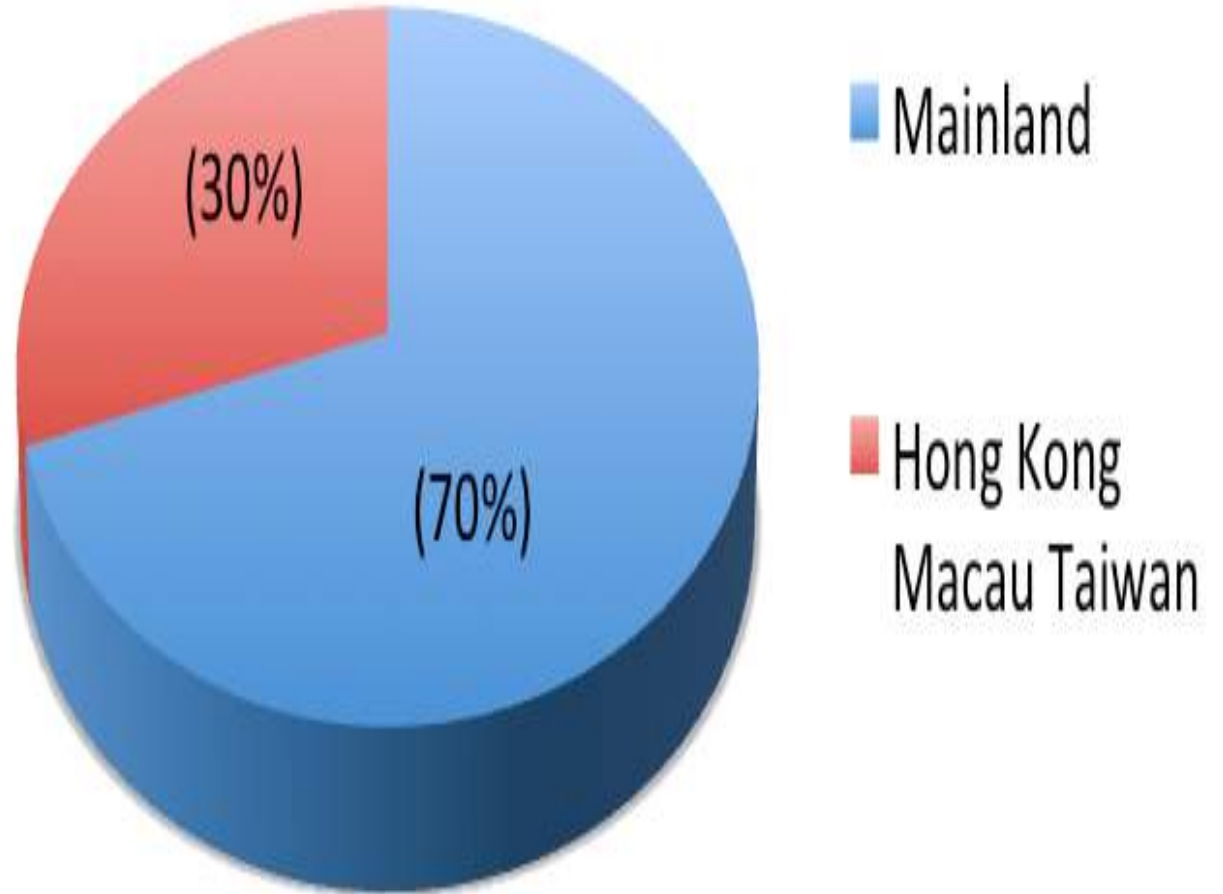


Chart 3. Arrivals of the Top Ten Visitor Markets in April 2019/2018

Source: Arrival /Departure Cards and Shipping Manifests collected by the Bureau of Immigration



- Most of the Chinese nationals came from Mainland China (70%)
- The rest came from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan (30%)



Source: Bureau of Immigration

# ECONOMIC EFFECTS

Boosting the growth of Philippine economy

–**Spending by Chinese tourists create economic activities**

- Airlines, travel, and transportation industries
- Hotels, condos, and residential places
- Restaurants, and resorts industries
- Malls and convenient stores



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## Tourism contribution to GDP highest in 18 years

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- Inbound tourism expenditures (expenditure of non-resident visitors like foreign visitors and Filipinos permanently residing abroad) within the Philippines, grew from **P311.7 billion in 2016** to **P448.6 billion in 2017** (43.9% increase).
- Inbound tourism expenditures reached more than **P600 billion in 2017**.



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BREAKING NEWS

# Tourism contribution to GDP highest in 18 years

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Resident tourists spent the most, as domestic tourism expenditure grew:

**P2.108 trillion in 2016**

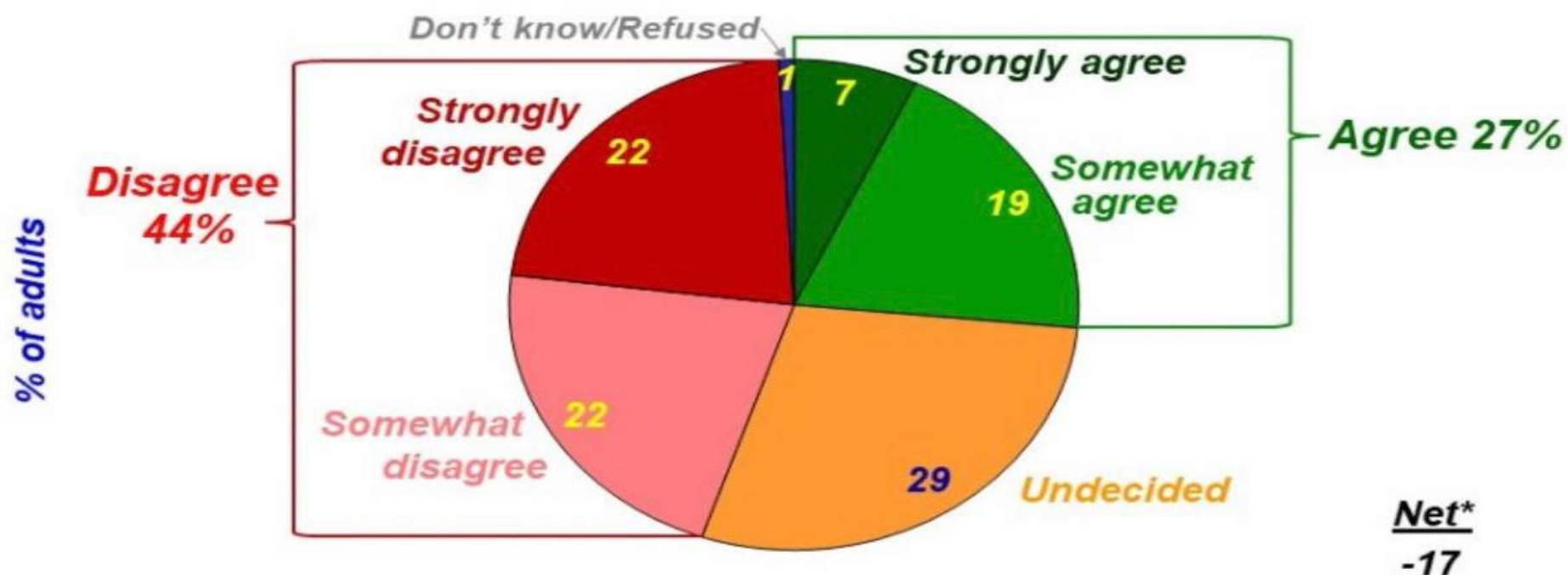
**P2.645 trillion in 2017**

**P3.201 trillion in 2018**

# POLITICAL IMPACTS

- **Labor disputes:** Chinese nationals “stealing” jobs meant for Filipinos
- **Partisan politics:** Opposition groups/Anti-PRRD groups use the issue against Duterte Administration. Became subject of Senate hearings.
- **Diplomatic Concerns:** Philippines-China bilateral ties being questioned

**OPINION ON THE STATEMENT, “Most of what the Chinese government wants to happen in the Philippines is good for the Filipinos”: PHILIPPINES, DEC 2018**



\* % Agree MINUS % Disagree, correctly rounded. Figures may not add up due to rounding errors.

Q. Pakisabi po kung kayo ay sumasang-ayon o hindi sumasang-ayon sa mga statements o pangungusap na ito:  
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# Senate probes Chinese workers influx

Mike Alquinto, ABS-CBN News

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# **SOCIAL COSTS**

- **Reinvigoration of old racial tensions** between Chinese nationals and Filipinos
- **Continuing stigmatization** against Tsinoys communities
- **Increasing criminalization** associated with Chinese migration

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# Why Filipinos distrust China

By: [Solita Collas-Monsod](#) - @inquirerdotnet Philippine Daily Inquirer / 05:18 AM November 24, 2018

What we can take to the bank, Reader, in this era of fake news and overstated achievements, is the fact that Filipinos don't trust China. Social Weather Stations (SWS) has been conducting surveys on this since 1994, and out of 47 surveys, only nine times did trust in China come out positive (but just barely).

Understand, Reader, we're not talking about trust in Chinese, but trust in the country China. Whether one spills over into the other, we have to ask my colleague Mahar Mangahas, who writes a column in the next page.



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## THOUGHT LEADERS

# [OPINION] Why I distrust Solita Monsod's 'Why Filipinos distrust China'

What the Monsod essay 'boils down to' is this: 'We don't trust China because we don't trust Chinese and Chinese-Filipinos' because, after all this time, and alas, we are still racists.

**Caroline S. Hau**

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## Stop scapegoating the Tsinoys

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There is no sense to make us Tsinoys the collateral damage in the South China Sea disputes or for that matter in the proxy supremacy positioning between China and the United States. We stand with the Filipinos as we have been one family in ancient times and even more so in modern times. We only have one ship and we sink and swim with that one ship to which we all have a duty to keep afloat. - **TERESITA ANG SEE, Founding President, Kaisa Para Sa Kaunlaran and Executive Trustee, Kaisa Heritage Center**

# LAW ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS

- **Migration problems**
  - Overstaying Chinese nationals
  - Illegal entries
  - Undocumented Chinese nationals
  - Illegal workers/fraudulent recruitments
  - Forced labors and human/sex trafficking

# PROFILE OF CHINESE WORKERS IN THE PHILIPPINES



**More than 45 POGOs operate E-Casinos.**

**POGOs provide the Philippine government an annual revenue of P6 billion.**

Sources: Department of Labor and Employment, March 2019  
Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporations.



# 60 Active Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOS)

AG Interpacific Resources Limited	Kingwell International Group Limited	SC World Development Group Limited
BBIN International Limited	Kirschner Games International Inc.	Shaw Global Leisure Ltd.
Bluefrog Contents and Support Inc.	Leading Reward Limited	Smarc Group International Limited
Cosmic Ace Holdings Ltd.	Lebo Limited	Smile World Global Limited
Defun Global Investments Ltd.	Marco Polo Enterprises Limited	Sohu Expert Int'l Management Solution Inc.
Don Tecess Asian Services Solution Inc.	MG Universal Link Limited	Swanston Asia Inc.
Dynamic System Limited	Micro Info Systems Ltd.	Synchronization Anywhere For You Inc.
Eastern Hawaii Leisure Company Limited	Most Success International Group Limited	Tech Innovation Management Limited
Far Eastern Capital Limited	New Wave Infotech Limited	Vertex Digital Entertainment Technologies Inc.
Fortuneport Enterprises Limited	Newlink Pacific Limited	VIP Global Solutions Limited
Four Leaf Technology Inc.	OG Global Access Limited	Wanfang Technology Management Ltd.
Full Strength Trasing Limited	Ole Group International Ltd.	Wilshire Worldwide Company Ltd
Genx Sports International Limited	Oriental Game Limited	Winherld Entertainment World Limited
Giant Gains Solutions, Inc.	Prestige IOM Limited	Ximax Holdings Limited
Golden Dragon Empire Ltd.	Pride Fortune Limited	Xionwei Technology Co. Ltd. Inc.
High Zone Capital Investment Group Limited	PT Transpacific Company Limited	Golden Dreamer Holdings Limited
Imperial Choice Limited	Puerto Galera Holdings Ltd	Dragon Wealth System Inc.
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## Briefer on Chinese Nationals with Alien Employment Permits

Table 1. AEP Issued to Chinese Nationals by Region, 2015- 2018

By Region	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
NCR	5,009	8,125	17,300	24,056	54,490
CAR	1	5	5	12	23
RO I	7	24	10	5	46
RO II	601	6,307	1,111	1,101	9,120
RO III	2,619	3,475	3,658	4,285	14,037
RO IV-A	635	289	392	421	1,737
RO IV-B	2	0	12	10	24
RO V	24	1	2	8	35
RO VI	62	254	121	130	567
RO VII	123	136	197	1,595	2,051
NIR	0	3	10	0	13
RO VIII	0	19	0	6	25
RO IX	4	12	7	0	23
RO X	2	238	1,001	1766	3,007
RO XI	15	28	123	117	283
RO XII	0	0	0	0	0
CARAGA	5	4	2	4	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,109</b>	<b>18,920</b>	<b>23,951</b>	<b>33,516</b>	<b>85,496</b>

Source: DOLE ROs

For the period 2015 to 2018, DOLE issued a total of 169,893 AEPs to foreign nationals. DOLE issued 50.3% or 85,496 AEPs to Chinese nationals.

The Bureau of Immigration issued around 73,000 temporary and permanent work visas to Chinese nationals from 2016-2018.

But unofficial sources indicate more than 400,000 Chinese nationals already working in the Philippines.

At least 1.2 million ethnic Chinese have obtained Filipino citizenship, to date.

Table 2. AEP Issued to Chinese Nationals by Major Industry, 2015 - 2018

Major Industry	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL
Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry, and fishing	63	48	71	106	288
Mining and Quarrying	26	69	9	5	109
Manufacturing	1,515	1,861	2,090	1,759	7,225
Electricity, Gas, and Water Supply	88	86	1,501	20	1,695
Water supply, sewerage, waste management	72	9	19	40	140
Construction	292	987	803	3,644	5,726
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods	423	538	475	336	1,772
Transport, Storage and Communication	149	160	152	32	493
Accommodation and food service	389	283	199	372	1,243
Information and Communication	876	2,334	3,607	1,888	8,705
Financial and Insurance	126	206	91	47	470
Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities	219	156	105	919	1,399
Professional, scientific and technical activities	46	2,189	1,397	82	3,714
Administrative and support service activities	3,596	3,871	9,324	21,787	38,578
Public Administration and defense	5	7	2	-	14
Education	43	150	68	84	345
Human Health and Social Work	15	55	6	8	84
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,156	5,904	3,998	2,351	13,409
Other service activities	10	7	34	36	87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,109</b>	<b>18,920</b>	<b>23,951</b>	<b>33,516</b>	<b>85,496</b>

Source: DOLE Ros

Chinese nationals issued with AEP were engaged mostly in the following industries:

- **Administrative and support service activities – 38,578 or 45.1%**
- **Arts, entertainment and recreation - 13,409 or 15.7%**
- **Information and Communication - 8,705 or 10.2%**
- **Manufacturing – 7,225 or 8.5%**
- **Construction – 6.7%**

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# LAW ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS

- Crimes associated with kidnapping, murder, homicide, torture, extortions, loan-sharking, etc
- Illegal online gaming and cybercrimes
- Human, drugs and arms smuggling/trafficking





Rising Tones

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Beijing News investigation exposes hardships faced by Chinese workers lured to Manila under false pretenses.

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**Liang Chenyu**

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## Philippines Illegal Online Gambling Dens Raided, Suspected 100K Chinese Workers Involved

OCTOBER 02, 2018 BY [DEVIN O'CONNOR](#)

Law enforcement agencies in the Philippines have been cracking down on unlicensed online gambling operations, and it's now estimated that some 100,000 Chinese foreigners are in the country helping to facilitate the illegal enterprises.





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# 80 Chinese nationals nabbed in Makati for alleged illegal online gambling

Lyza Aquino, ABS-CBN News

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Authorities arrested almost 80 Chinese nationals inside an office condominium in Makati City for their alleged involvement in illegal online gambling operations.

# More illegal Chinese workers in Philippines



Activists protesting against the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping near the Chinese Embassy in Manila last Wednesday. PHOTO: EPA-EFE

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They are stealing jobs and raising property prices, claim senators

[Raul Dancel](#) Philippines Correspondent In Manila

# SECURITY IMPLICATIONS

**Traditional security concerns:**

“Chinese creeping invasion of the Philippines”?



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# SECURITY IMPLICATIONS

## Traditional security concerns:

New Chinese migration as threat to  
Philippine national security?

- *Threat to national sovereignty?*
- *Threat to territorial integrity?*
- *Threat to national patrimony?*

# SECURITY IMPLICATIONS

## Non-traditional security concerns:

### Threats to Filipino human security

- Labor threats
- Criminal activities (kidnapping, loans sharking, murder, tortures, etc)
- Corruption and other predatory activities
- Transnational organized crimes
  - Trafficking problems (drugs, human, small arms)
  - Cybercrime

# **GOVERNMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT MEASURES AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS**

## **Tourist Protection**

- The Philippine National Police has tourist police officers in all major tourist destinations in the Philippines
- The Police Security and Protection Group (PSPG) of the PNP is mandated to ensure the safety of all tourists in the Philippines.
- The Aviation Security Group (ASG) of the PNP has deployment in all airports in the Philippines to ensure safety of all tourists and passengers.



# GOVERNMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT MEASURES AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

## Labor Protection

Labor Code of the Philippines  
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TO LABOR, PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES  
DEVELOPMENT AND INSURE INDUSTRIAL PEACE BASED ON SOCIAL  
JUSTICE

In accordance with international  
labor standards promulgated by  
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**Art. 3. Declaration of basic policy.** The State shall afford protection to labor, promote full employment, ensure equal work opportunities regardless of sex, race or creed and regulate the relations between workers and employers. The State shall assure the rights of workers to self-organization, collective bargaining, security of tenure, and just and humane conditions of work.

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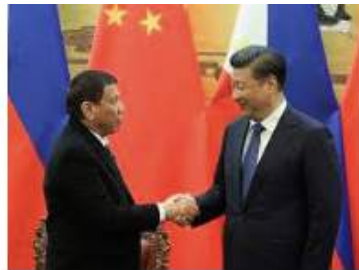
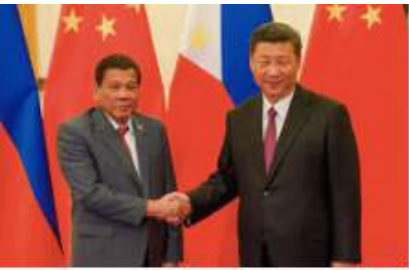
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**Art. 42. Submission of list.** Any employer employing non-resident foreign nationals on the effective date of this Code shall submit a list of such nationals to the Secretary of Labor within thirty (30) days after such date indicating their names, citizenship, foreign and local addresses, nature of employment and status of stay in the country. The Secretary of Labor shall then determine if they are entitled to an employment permit.

# GOVERNMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT MEASURES AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

- **Protection against crimes**

- Index crimes (*Murder, Homicide, Rape, Theft, Extortion, Kidnapping, etc*)
- Non-index crimes (*Illegal drugs, illegal gambling, illegal possession of firearms, etc*)
- Transnational crimes (*drug trafficking, human trafficking, arms smuggling, etc*)



# Impacts on Philippines-China Relations



# **Pursuing further bilateral cooperation in the following areas:**

- Tourism relations
- Labor relations and migration policies (salaries and welfare)
- Law enforcement cooperation against transnational organized crimes
- Security cooperation for border protection and protection of their respective nationals

# Xi: PH-China agrees to engage in 'comprehensive, strategic cooperation'

By: [Nestor Corrales](#) - Reporter / @NCorralesINQ INQUIRER.net / 08:31 PM November 20, 2018

The Philippines and China have agreed to elevate their ties into a “comprehensive, strategic cooperation,” as President Rodrigo Duterte and Chinese President Xi Jinping met in Malacañang on Tuesday.

Xi said his talk with Duterte was “a friendly, in-depth and a productive” meeting since it charted the future course of China-Philippines relations, and drew an ambitious blueprint for its development.

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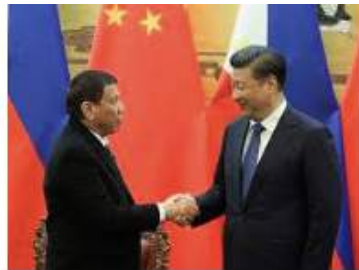
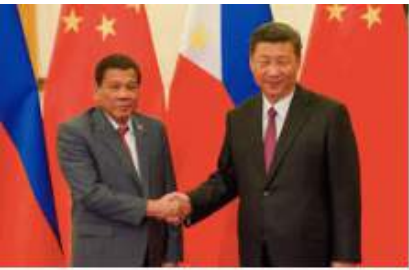
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