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Philippines
Philippine National Flag

- The flag was designed in 1898 after the Americans and Spaniards ended their war and the United States promised independence to the Philippines.
- It was only in 1946 that the independence was completed.

Source: http://www.philippines.hvu.nl/flag.htm
The triangle with equal sides of the flag is symbolic of equality among men.

The sun represents the gigantic strides that have been made on the road to progress and civilization.

The eight rays of the sun in the triangle represent the first eight united provinces that rebelled for our independence.

3 stars for the three major geographical divisions of the country – Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

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The white field stands for purity.

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The red field symbolizes the willingness of the Filipino people to shed blood in defense of their country.
Philippine National Anthem

Bayang magiliw,
perlas ng silanganan.
Alab ng puso, sa
dibdib mo'y buhay.
Lupang hinirang,
duyan ka ng magiting,
Sa manlulupig di ka
pasisiil.

Land of the morning,
child of the sun
returning,
with fervour burning,
thee do our souls
adore.
Land dear and holy,
cradle of noble heroes,
Ne'er (Never) shall
invaders trample thy
sacred shore.
Sa dagat at bundok,
Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw,
May dilag ang tula
At awit sa paglayang minamahal.

Even within thy skies and through thy clouds and o'er (over) thy hills and sea do we behold the radiance, feel the throb of glorious liberty.
Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y Tagumpay na nagniningning; Ang bituin at araw niya Kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim.

Thy banner, dear to all our hearts, its sun and stars alight. O, never shall its shining field be dimmed by tyrant's might!
Lupa ng araw, ng luwalhati't pagsinta,
Buhay ay langit sa piling mo;
Aming ligaya na pag may nang-aapi
Ang mamatay nang dahil sa iyo.

Beautiful land of love, O land of light,
in thine embrace 'tis (it is) rapture to lie.
But it is glory ever, when thou art wronged,
for us, thy sons, to suffer and die.
The Philippines is made up of 7,107 islands.

Originally called Felipinas, the Philippines was named after King Philip II of Spain.

The 3 main islands of the Philippines are Luzon (Tagalogs), Visayas (Visayans), Mindanao (more Muslims compared to other regions).
Dr. Jose Rizal was a Filipino polymath, nationalist and the most prominent advocate for reforms in the Philippines during the Spanish colonial era.
The three seasons in the Philippines:

- Tag-tuyot (Dry)
- Tag-ulan (Wet)
- Tag-laming (Cold)
Chocolate Hills and nature

- The **Chocolate Hills** is an unusual geological formation in Bohol, Philippines.

- It is composed of around 1,268 perfectly cone-shaped hills of about the same size, spread over an area of more than 50 square kilometers (19 sq mi).

- They are covered in green grass that turns brown during the dry season, hence the name.

- Sometimes considered the "Eighth Wonder of the World", it has been declared the country's 3rd National Geological Monument and proposed for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chocolate_Hills
The National Fruit: Mangga (Mango)

- The mango is one of the many natural resources the Philippines is famous for.

The National Fish: Bangus (Milkfish)

- The milkfish is a national symbol of the Philippines, where it is called *bangus*.

- Because milkfish is notorious for being much bonier than other fish in the country, deboned milkfish, or "boneless bangus," has become popular in stores and markets.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milkfish
The National Animal: Kalabaw (Carabao)

- The carabao is a domesticated subspecies of the water buffalo and it is found in the Philippines.

- Carabaos are typically associated with farmers, being the farm animal of choice for pulling the plow and the cart used to haul farm produce to the market.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carabao
The Philippine Eagle (Monkey-Eating Eagle)

The Popular Mode of Transportation: Jeepneys

- Jeepneys are the most popular means of public transportation in the Philippines.
- Originally made from US military jeeps left over from World War II.
- Well known for their flamboyant decoration and crowded seating.
- They have also become a symbol of Philippine culture.

Philippine Mythology

Gods / Goddesses

- **Bathala** – God of the Sky (Tagalogs)
- **Gugurang** – supreme God of the Bikolanos
- **Buwan** – the Moon God
- **Tala** – Goddess of the stars

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippine_folklore
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- Lam-Ang: warrior
- Mariang Makiling: fairy
- Aswang (ghoul)
- Tikbalang (man with the head of a horse)
- Kapre (giant)
- Tiyanak (vampire that shows itself in the form of a baby)

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippine_folklore
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Creation Story

- **Bathala** – God of the Sky
- **Aman Sinaya** – Goddess of the Sea
- **Amihan** – the Northeast Wind

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippine_folklore
Uniquely Filipino

Balut (duck embryo)
Uniquely Filipino

Sipa
Uniquely Filipino

Mano Po
(sign of respect)
Uniquely Filipino

Bayanihan
(working together)
Island Fiestas
Filipino Deaf Poetry
Itik-Itik
Filipino Deaf Culture
Filipino Deaf Organizations

Philippine Deaf Resource Center

Filipino Deaf Visual Art Group

Philippine Federation of the Deaf

Filipino Deaf Women's Health & Crisis Center, Inc.
Filipino Deaf Organizations

- La Trinidad Association of the Deaf
- Cagayan Valley Association of the Deaf
- Labor Equalization Education Accessibility and Advancement of the Deaf Inc.
- Larix Club for the Deaf Inc.
- Deaf Association of Bacolod Inc.
- Deaf Association of Iloilo Inc.
- Filipino Deaf Visual Art Group
- Filipino Sign Learning Production
- Cebu Association of the Deaf
- Hearing and Deaf Society of Cebu Inc.
- Dumaguete Effata Association of the Deaf
- Zamboanga City Deaf Federation Inc.
- Christ Love all Deaf Inc.
- Davao Deaf Foundation
- Philippine School for the Deaf Alumni Association
- Deaf Tour Assistance, Philippines
- Filipino Deaf Women Health and Crisis Center

Source: Philippine Federation of the Deaf
Filipino Deaf Entrepreneurs

M.G.L.Q. Deaf Tour Assistance
Philippines

DRCB Photography Services
Filipino Sign Language

- There have been several publications on signing in the Philippines, but these are largely prescriptive in nature.

- There has been little descriptive study, to date, on the natural sign language of the deaf community with an insider point of view.

Source: Introduction to Filipino Sign Language, PFD and PDRC.
Foreign authors have generally referred to signing in the Philippines either as *local sign language* (or *local signs*, or *Philippine Sign Language* (e.g., Wayne, 1987; Bright 1992, 143).
Perspective of Deaf Filipinos

- Filipino Deaf culture’s unique nature draws from a combination of elements:
  - Filipino culture, in general
  - The universal Deaf experience
  - Distinctive struggles of Deaf Filipinos.

Source: Introduction to Filipino Sign Language, PFD and PDRC.
Filipino DEAF Traits

- Hospitable
- Respectful of elders
- Close Family ties
- Rationalistic
- Fatalistic
- Loyal to friends

Source: Introduction to Filipino Sign Language, PFD and PDRC.
Uniqueness of Filipino Deaf

- Long Good-byes
- Long Introduction
- Personal Sharing Experience
- Text messages (SMS)
- Love Signs
- Sharing News
Maraming Salamat Po!
(Thank You!)