

PHILIPPINES (PH) – TAIWAN (TW) TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONS

PH-TW Bilateral Merchandise Trade¹, 2020-2022

(In US\$ Billion)

	Total	Exports	Imports	BOT
2020	6.80	2.12	4.68	(2.56)
2021	8.29	2.53	5.76	(3.24)
2022 ^p	9.76	2.96	6.80	(3.83)

Notes: Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

p – preliminary

- In 2022, Taiwan ranked as the Philippines' 9th major trading partner (out of 231), 8th export market (out of 213), and 8th import supplier (out of 216).
- Philippine exports to Taiwan increased by 17.37% from US\$2.53 B in 2021 to US\$2.96 B in 2022. This could be attributed to the rise in outward shipments of the following products: a) digital monolithic integrated circuits (↑20.76%); b) other digital monolithic integrated circuits, not elsewhere specified (n.e.s.) (↑134.39%); c) semiconductor devices manufactured from materials on consignment basis (↑35.00%); d) parts and accessories of instruments and apparatus of heading no. 90.30 (↑24.72%); and e) printed circuits (↑108.35%).
- Likewise, Philippine imports from Taiwan increased by 17.97% from US\$5.76 B in 2021 to US\$6.80 B in 2022. This could be attributed to the increase in the inward shipments of the following products: a) petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, other than light, n.e.s. (↑251.10%); b) other digital monolithic integrated circuits, n.e.s. (↑36.26%); c) digital monolithic integrated circuits (↑11.61%); d) materials, accessories and supplies imported on consignment basis for the manufacture of dice of any material (↑29.84%); and e) other materials, accessories and supplies imported on consignment basis for the manufacture of semiconductor devices (↑28.95%).

PH Products for Promotion to TW²

1. Electronic equipment
 - Smart cards; electronic integrated circuits; LED lamps
 - Parts of office machines
 - Computer data storage units
 - Transistors >=1W
 - Printed circuits
 - Fixed electrical capacitors, ceramic dielectric multilayer
2. Machinery/Electricity
 - Static converters
 - Inductors
3. Metals (except ferrous & precious) – Copper Cathodes

Approved Investments from TW³, 2020 – 2022

	in PhP M	in US\$ M*	Rank
2020	6,406.27	129.10	7 th
2021	1,193.96	24.24	9 th
2022	928.91	17.05	10 th

*US\$ value converted using respective BSP annual average exchange rates: PhP49.6241 (2020); PhP49.2546 (2021); and PhP54.4778 (2022)

Approved Investments from TW by Industry, 2021- 2022, (Values in PhP M)

Industry	2021	2022	GR (%)
1. Manufacturing	870.30	915.79	5.23
2. Education	-	8.09	-
3. Financial and insurance activities	4.57	3.84	(15.96)
4. Real estate activities	68.94	1.08	(98.43)
5. Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	-	0.11	-
6. Transportation and storage	111.53	-	(100.00)
7. Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	91.14	-	(100.00)
8. Construction	47.49	-	(100.00)
Total Approved Investments from TW	1,193.96	928.91	(22.20)

Notes: Ranking according to 2022 performance.

Priority Sectors for Investment Promotion to TW⁴

1. Industrial, Manufacturing and Transport (IMT)
 - Electronics
 - Automotive/E-vehicles (including batteries and charging stations)
 - Strategic Services – Maintenance repair and overhaul of aircraft and ships
2. Technology, Media and Telecommunication (TMT)
 - Business Services/IT-BPM/Creatives (design, film, animation, game development, software development) and talent pool development, among others
 - Innovation drivers and technology driven activities, Artificial Intelligence, Data Centers, Smart Mobility/E-vehicles, Smart technology, Startups
 - Digital Economy, E-commerce and support to MSMEs
3. Health and Life Science (HLS)
 - Essential goods and services/In response to COVID19 such as Life Sciences and healthcare-

¹ Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) as cited and processed by the Export Marketing Bureau (EMB)

² ITC Export Potential Map as of 08 February 2023

³ **Approved Investments** refer to investments approved by the nine (9) investment promotion agencies (IPAs), namely, BOI, PEZA, SBMA, CDC, BOI-ARMM, AFAB, CEZA, PPMC and TIEZA

Source: Quarterly Foreign Investments in the Philippines, 2020 - 2022, PSA, 15 February 2023

⁴ BOI-IIPS and PTIC-Taipei on 22 August 2022

4. Optical products, watches & medical instruments – Parts & accessories for instruments measuring electrical quantities

Top PH Commodity Exports to TW, 2022

(Values in US\$ Million, Share in Percent)

Code	Description*	Value	Share
TOTAL PH EXPORTS TO TW		2,964.31	100.00
854221	Digital monolithic integrated circuits	1,142.70	38.55
980318	Semiconductor devices manufactured from materials on consignment basis	505.17	17.04
854229	Other digital monolithic integrated circuits, n.e.s.	260.72	8.80
903090	Parts and accessories of instruments and apparatus of heading no. 90.30	187.30	6.32
847170	Storage units	115.32	3.89

*Based on the 2004 Philippine Standard Commodity Classification (PSCC04) groupings at 6 digits. Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Top PH Commodity Imports from TW, 2022

(Values in US\$ Million, Share in Percent)

Code	Description*	Value	Share
TOTAL PH IMPORTS FROM TW		6,798.45	100.00
854221	Digital monolithic integrated circuits	1,797.68	26.44
854229	Other digital monolithic integrated circuits, n.e.s.	1,000.88	14.72
980221	Materials, accessories and supplies imported on consignment basis for the manufacture of dice of any material	698.99	10.28
271019	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, other than light, n.e.s.	698.81	10.28
980229	Other materials, accessories and supplies imported on consignment basis for the manufacture of semiconductor devices	519.28	7.64

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related products and services including manufacturing, R&D in the biotech medical and pharmaceutical industry, medical devices, vaccines, test kits

4. Other essential sectors
- Agriculture – production, processing and R&D
 - Infrastructure, Construction, Eco-zones
 - Supply Chain and logistics/Smart warehousing
 - Energy/Renewable/ Sustainable energy transition
 - Recycling and Circular economy
 - Light manufacturing/traditional/MSME related, Food, Textile, Crafts, Lifestyle products and Wearables