

Philippines Global Headlines: Tech, Economy, Festivals & Climate Action 2024

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1. The Philippines' 2024 Global Innovation Index (GII) ranking advanced significantly. What was its global position and its rank among lower middle-income countries, as per WIPO's report released in September 2024?

- A) 53rd globally, 3rd among lower middle-income countries**
- B) 50th globally, 2nd among lower middle-income countries
- C) 56th globally, 4th among lower middle-income countries
- D) 60th globally, 1st among lower middle-income countries

2. In August 2024, the IFC partnered with the European Union under the Green Economy Programme for the Philippines (GEPP). What is the total grant amount from the European Union for this program, and what is its primary aim?

- A) EUR 60 million; to enhance waste management and support a circular economy**
- B) EUR 50 million; to accelerate renewable energy deployment
- C) EUR 75 million; to promote climate change adaptation
- D) EUR 40 million; to improve energy efficiency technologies

3. The Philippines is actively strengthening its security partnerships. As of March 2024, how many countries had the Philippines signed or entered discussions for new security agreements with, following an incident in the South China Sea?

- A) At least 18 countries**
- B) At least 10 countries
- C) At least 25 countries
- D) At least 15 countries

4. According to the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) 2024 Economic Impact Research, what is the projected economic contribution of the Travel & Tourism sector to the Philippines' national economy in 2024, and what is the projected employment figure?

- A) Surpass PHP5.4TN; exceed 9.5 million jobs**
- B) Surpass PHP4.5TN; exceed 8.5 million jobs
- C) Surpass PHP6.0TN; exceed 10 million jobs
- D) Surpass PHP5.0TN; exceed 9.0 million jobs

5. The 45th ASEAN Summit Retreat Session in October 2024, held in Vientiane, Lao PDR, focused on several key issues. Which of the following was a primary emphasis President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. was expected to highlight?

A) Upholding ASEAN principles and the rules-based international order, and reaffirming sovereign rights in the South China Sea.

B) Finalizing the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) and promoting green finance initiatives.

C) Addressing the war in Myanmar and accelerating digitalization across ASEAN.

D) Strengthening ASEAN's response to natural disasters and enhancing regional food security.

6. In 2024, the Philippines' economy grew by 5.6%. Which Southeast Asian countries grew faster than the Philippines during that year, according to available data?

A) Vietnam (7.1%) and Cambodia (6%)

B) Vietnam (7.1%) and Malaysia (6%)

C) Cambodia (6%) and Indonesia (5.8%)

D) Vietnam (7.1%) and Thailand (5.9%)

7. The &FRIENDS Festival 2026 in Manila is set to feature major international EDM artists. Which of the following acts are confirmed headliners for the festival on June 19-20 at Okada Manila?

A) Galantis, Porter Robinson, Yellow Claw, and Subtronics

B) Martin Garrix, Tiësto, David Guetta, and Calvin Harris

C) Armin van Buuren, Above & Beyond, Deadmau5, and Eric Prydz

D) The Chainsmokers, Marshmello, Zedd, and Kygo

8. The Philippines' 2024 tourism revenue reached an all-time high of PHP760.5 billion. This figure represents a recovery rate of what percentage from the 2019 pre-pandemic levels, and how did it compare to 2023 revenues?

A) 126.75%; 9.04% higher

B) 119%; 10% higher

C) 130%; 8% higher

D) 120%; 9.5% higher