MIGRATION PROFILES: DEVELOPING EVIDENCE BASED MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES Panel 1: Migration Profile as an **Ongoing Process**

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Philippine migration and national development

The Philippines is mainly an outmigration country

Pre-World War 150,000 plantation workers to Hawaii 1960's family reunification and jobs in the US after its immigration reforms 1970's to date with increased mobility and demand for foreign workers

1400's trade with China & Mexico

8.579 million stock estimate of Filipinos abroad (2009)



4.056 M -

Permanent migrants

3.864 M-

Temporary migrants

658 thousand - irregulars

Top Destinations

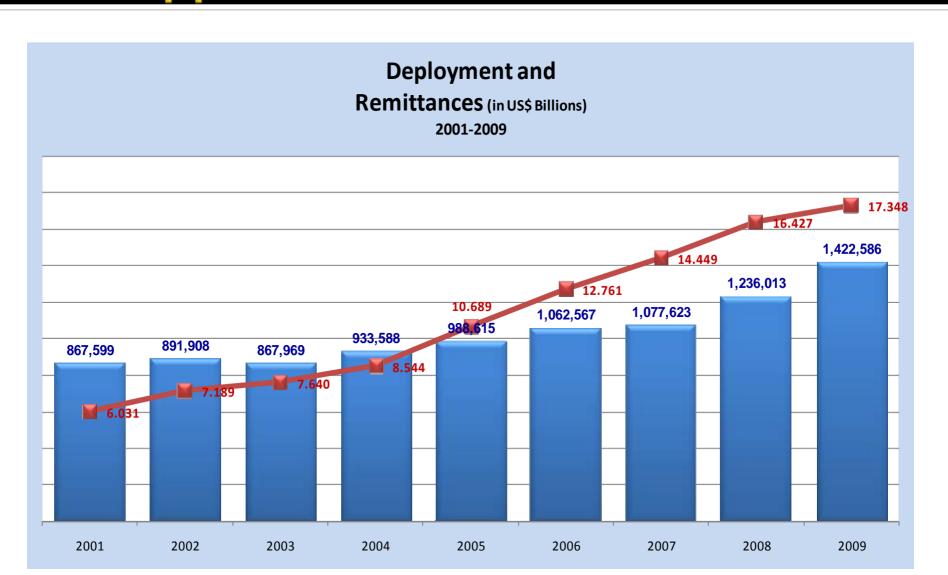


Permanent:

USA, Australia, Canada, Spair

Temporary:
KSA, UAE,
Qatar, kuwait
USA and HK

Migration is a key feature of the Philippine labour market



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An extensive network of government agencies on migration

- Department of Foreign Affairs
 - Philippine Embassies/ Mission
- Department of Labor and Employment
- Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
 - Overseas Workers' Welfare Administration
 - 38 Philippine Overseas Labor Offices
 - Bureau of Immigration
 - Commission on Filipino Overseas
 - Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
 - Department of Tourism

An extensive institutional and legal framework

Immigration Act of 1940

The Absentee Voting Act of 2003

Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003

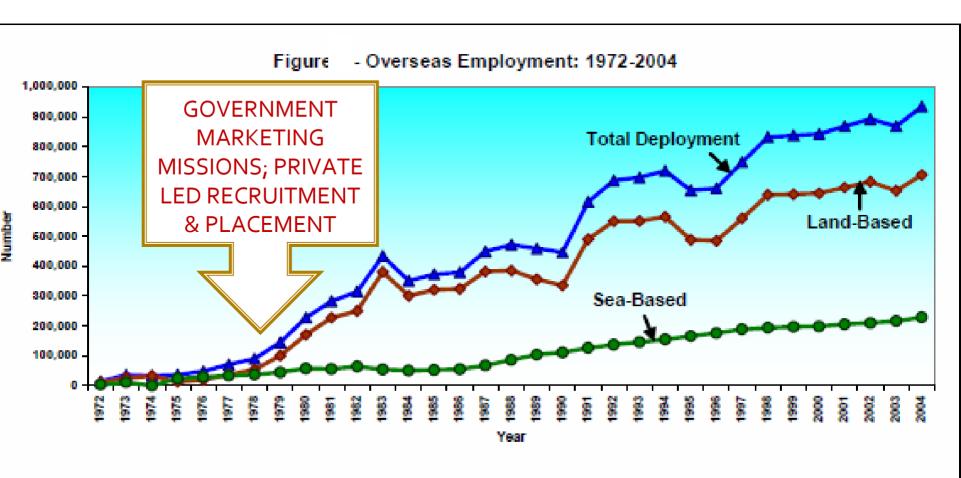


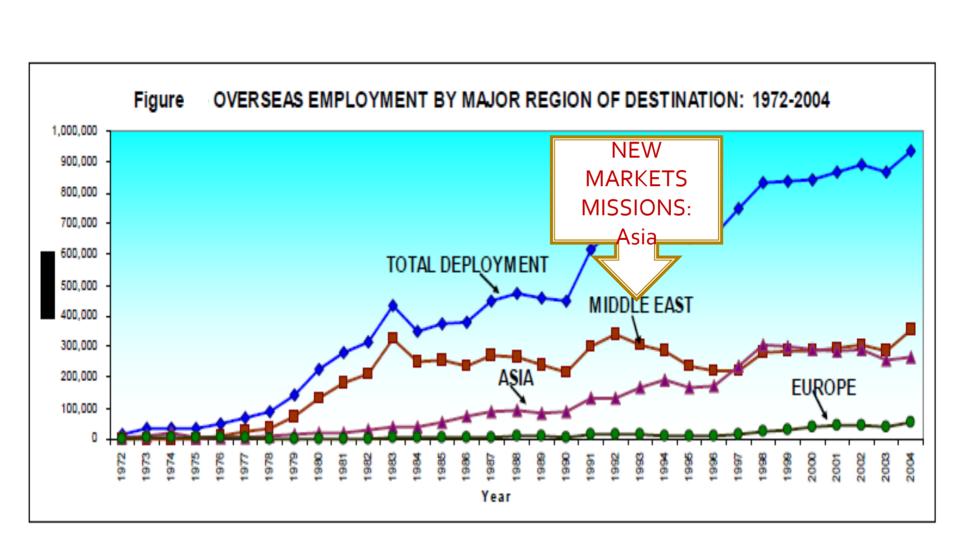
Balikbayan Act of 1989

Labor Code of the Philippines of 1974

Philippine Citizenship Retention and Re-Acquisition Act of 2003 Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipino Act of 1995, and as amended in 2010

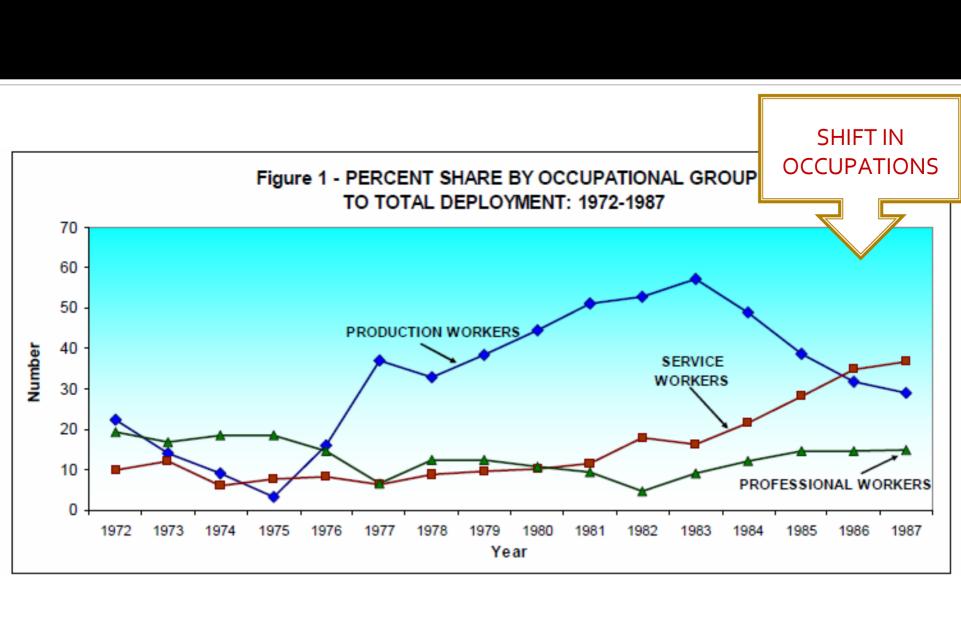
An extensive use of migration information for decision making

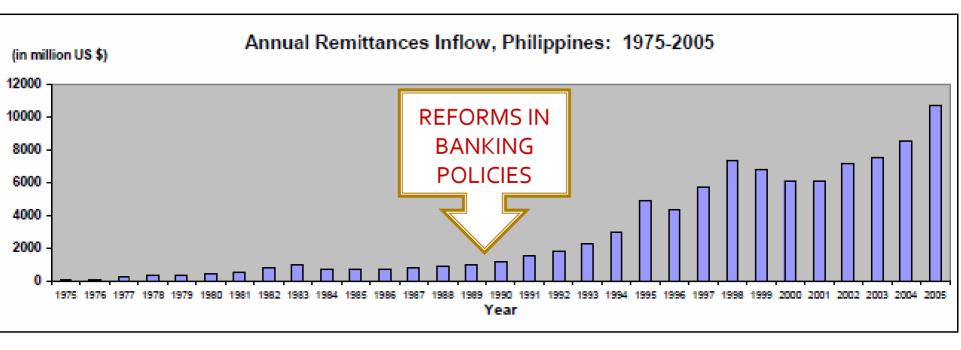




Increasing deployment = Increasing welfare concerns:

Establishment of Overseas
 Workers Welfare Administration
 and Philippine Overseas Labor
 Offices





Laws that mandates data sharing and annual report of information on

movement and conditions of Filipino nationals

Government-shared Information
 System

Semi-Annual Report to Congress

THE PHILIPPINE MIGRATION PROFILE: AN ONGOING PROCESS

Actions Taken

 IOM's technical expertise and assistance in drawing up the Philippine Migration Profile

 Government assessment of need for Migration Profile, identification of gaps and issues on implementation

- Government building up on its 50year gain on data collection, integration, analysis and utilization for planning and policy making
- Government preparing to examine the broader context and impact of migration on development

- International Organizations providing technical cooperation and support
- Government doing consultative meetings to develop and plan the implementation of Migration Profile, based on social dialogue with its tripartite partners, stakeholders and partners