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	2009		2008
	February ^p	January ^r	February ^r
TOTAL IMPORTS			
FOB Value (in Million US Dollars)	3,058.78	3,269.94	4,491.46
Year-on-Year Growth (Percent)	- 31.9	- 34.5	21.7
Month-on-Month Growth (Percent)	- 6.5	- 0.9	- 10.0
Electronic Products			
FOB Value (in Million US Dollars)	1,074.14	1,308.25	1,881.20
Year-on-Year Growth (Percent)	- 42.9	- 43.3	10.9
Month-on-Month Growth (Percent)	-17.9	15.1	- 18.5

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Top 10 Philippine Imports from All Countries: February 2009 (Year-on-Year Growth in Percent)

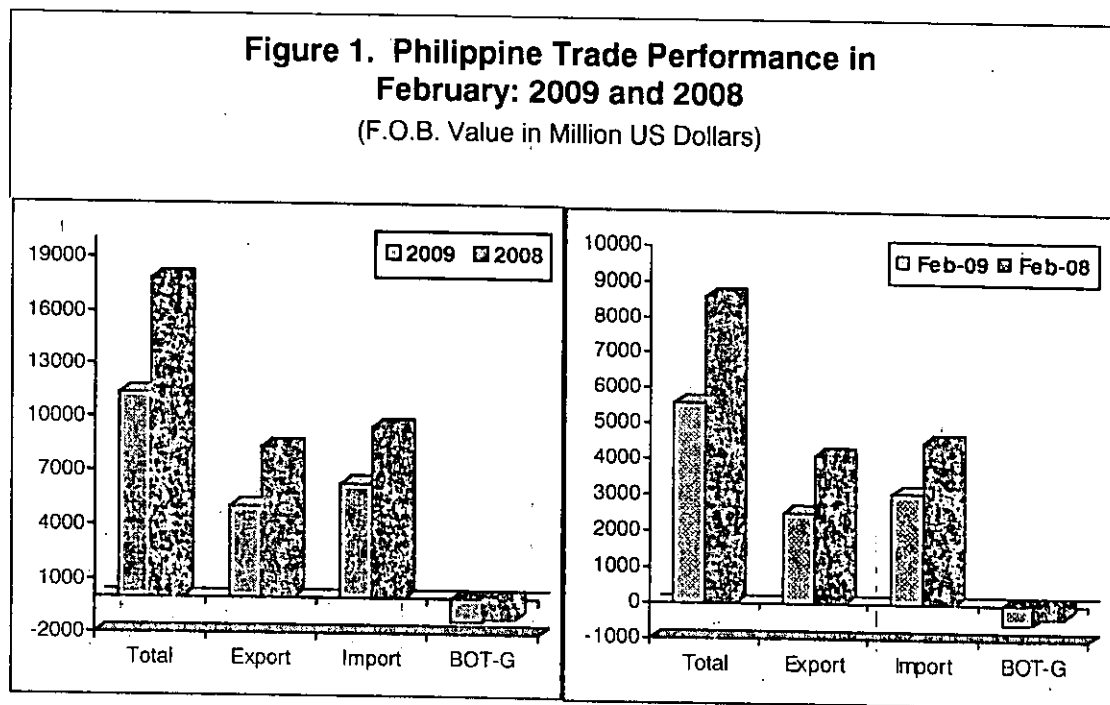
Gainers		Losers	
Metalliferous Ores and Metal Scrap	946.7	Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms	- 44.3
Cereals and Cereal Preparations	15.9	Electronic Products	- 42.9
Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products	10.3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	- 42.7
		Iron and Steel	- 40.0
		Industrial Machinery and Equipment	- 29.1
		Transport Equipment	- 12.9
		Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	- 10.3



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TOTAL TRADE POSTED AT \$5.565 BILLION IN FEBRUARY 2009

Total external trade in goods for February 2009 reached \$5.565 billion, representing a 35.3 percent decline from \$8.603 billion recorded during the same month in 2008. This was due to the 31.9 percent decrease of total imports to \$3.059 billion from \$4.491 billion in February 2008. The same was true for exports where a 39.0 percent decrease was observed to \$2.506 billion from \$4.112 billion in February 2008. Thus, the balance of trade in goods (BOT-G) for the Philippines in February 2009 registered a \$552 million deficit from \$379 million deficit in the same period last year.



FEBRUARY 2009 IMPORTS FELL BY 31.9 PERCENT

The country's total merchandise imports for February 2009 plunged by 31.9 percent to \$3.059 billion from \$4.491 billion in February 2008. Compared to previous month's level, it slowed down by 6.5 percent from \$3.270 billion.

ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS ACCOUNTED FOR 35.1 PERCENT OF IMPORT BILL

Accounting for 35.1 percent of the aggregate import bill, payments for Electronic Products (including consigned and direct importation using the

expanded coverage of electronic products) in February 2009 amounted to \$1.074 billion. It fell by 42.9 percent over last year's figure of \$1.881 billion. Compared to previous month, it was down by 17.9 percent from \$1.308 billion. Among the major groups of electronic products, **Components/Devices (Semiconductors)** having the biggest share of 28.0 percent, decelerated by 43.3 percent to \$857.46 million from \$1.512 billion in February 2008.

Imports of **Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials** in February 2009 ranked second with 15.8 percent share and posted a negative growth of 42.7 percent to \$483.91 million over the previous year's level of \$844.87 million.

Transport Equipment, was the RP's third top import for the month with 6.4 percent share to total imports valued at \$195.07 million. A negative growth was reported at 12.9 percent from previous year level of \$224.06 million.

Cereals and Cereal Preparations, contributing 6.1 percent to the total import bill, was the RP's fourth top import for the month with payments placed at \$186.21 million from last year's \$160.71 million or an increase of 15.9 percent.

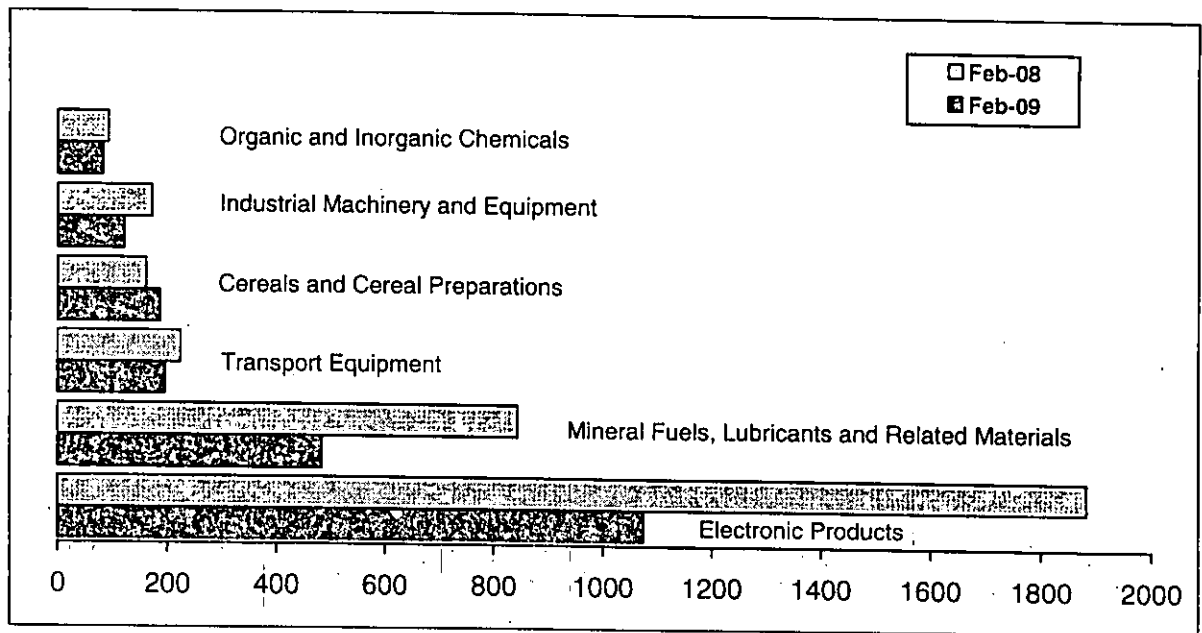
Fifth in rank and with 4.0 percent share to the total imports, **Industrial Machinery and Equipment** recorded \$121.91 million worth of imports, lower by 29.1 percent from its year ago level of \$171.93 million.

Organic and Inorganic Chemicals ranked sixth, comprising 2.7 percent of the total imports registered \$82.70 million worth of imports, declined by 10.3 percent from its year ago level of \$92.17 million.

Rounding up the list of the top ten imports for February 2009 were **Metalliferous Ores and Metal Scrap**, accounting for \$64.47 million posted the highest year-on-year change of 946.7 percent; **Iron and Steel** amounting to \$58.62 million; **Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products**, \$57.46 million; and **Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms**, \$53.32 million.

Aggregate payment for the country's top ten imports for February 2009 reached \$2.378 billion or 77.8 percent of the total import bill

Figure 2. Philippine Top Six Imports in February 2009 and 2008
(F.O.B. Value in Million US Dollars)



RAW MATERIALS AND INTERMEDIATE GOODS ACCOUNTED FOR 44.2 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL IMPORTS

Accounting for 44.2 percent of the total imports, payments in February 2009 for **Raw Materials and Intermediate Goods** amounted to \$1.353 billion or 24.3 percent decline over last year's figure of \$1.788 billion. Compared to the previous month's level, purchases was also down by 14.5 percent from \$1.582 billion. **Semi-Processed Raw Materials** having the biggest share of 38.2 percent and valued at \$1.169 billion decreased by 28.8 percent from 1.642 billion level a year ago.

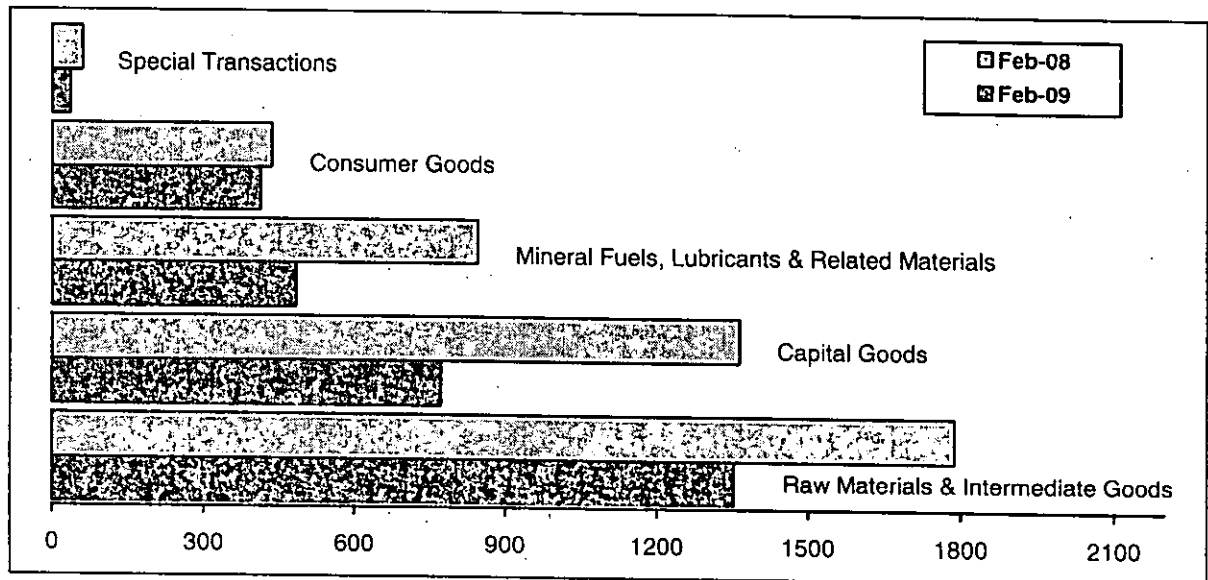
Capital Goods, which comprised 25.3 percent of the total imports, plummeted by 43.3 percent year-on-year, to \$772.67 million from \$1.364 billion.

Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials with 15.8 percent share, decreased by 42.7 percent to \$483.91 million from \$844.87 million in February 2008.

Purchases of **Consumer Goods** amounted to \$413.25 million or a decrease of 5.0 percent from \$435.03 million in February 2008, while **Special Transactions** dropped by 39.6 percent to \$36.30 million from \$60.11 million in February 2008.

Figure 3. Philippine Imports by Major Type of Goods in February: 2009 and 2008

(F.O.B. Value in Million US Dollars)



IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACCOUNTED FOR 13.6 PERCENT

United States of America (USA) which includes Alaska and Hawaii, was the country's biggest source of imports for February 2009 with 13.6 percent share of the total import bill, lower by 36.2 percent from \$652.83 million in February 2008 to \$416.60 million. Exports to **USA** amounted to \$466.36 million, yielding a two-way trade value of \$882.97 million and a trade surplus for RP of \$49.76 million.

Japan (including Okinawa), the second biggest source of imports with 13.2 percent share, recorded payments worth \$403.25 million, a decline of 31.0 percent from \$584.34 million in February 2008. Revenue from RP's exports to **Japan**, on the other hand, reached \$403.44 million, generating a total trade value of \$806.69 million and \$0.20 million trade surplus for the Philippines.

Singapore, came third, accounting for 12.6 percent share of the total import bill in February 2009 which declined by 19.7 percent to \$384.98 million

from \$479.31 million during the same month in 2008. Exports to **Singapore** amounted to \$108.60 million resulting to a total trade value of \$493.58 million and a trade deficit of \$276.38 million.

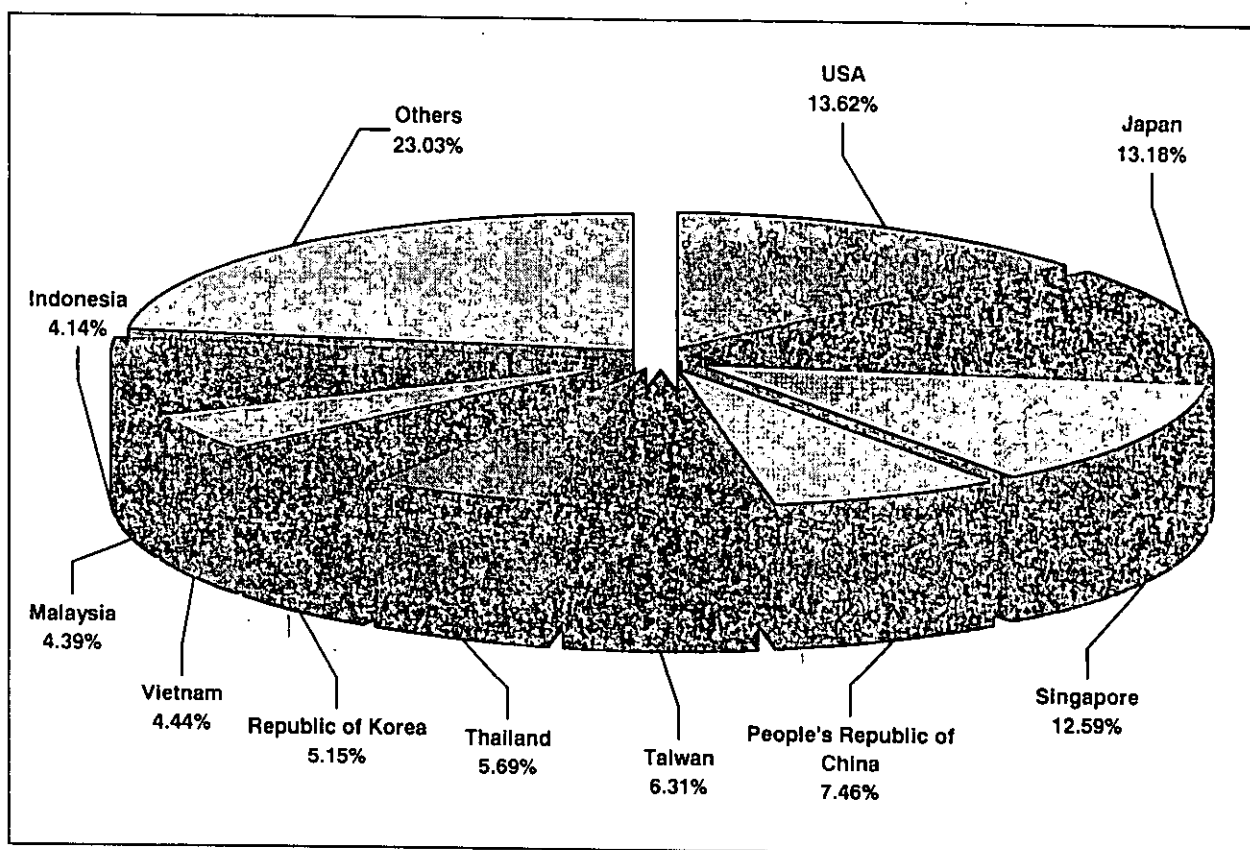
People's Republic of China settled fourth; accounting for 7.5 percent share of the total import bill in February 2009, a decrease of 23.1 percent to \$228.19 million from \$296.54 million during the same month in 2008. Exports to **People's Republic of China** amounted to \$262.91 million resulting to a total trade value of \$491.11 million and a trade surplus of \$34.72 million.

Fifth in rank is **Taiwan**, representing 6.3 percent of the total import bill in February 2009, amounting to \$192.90 million. Meanwhile, export receipts from **Taiwan** in February 2009 reached \$95.71 million yielding a total trade value of \$288.61 million and a trade deficit of \$97.19 million.

Other major sources of imports for the month of February 2009 were **Thailand**, \$174.16 million; **Republic of Korea**, \$157.47 million; **Vietnam**, \$135.73 million; **Malaysia** (including Sabah and Sarawak), \$134.40 million; and **Indonesia**, \$126.67 million.

Payments for imports from the top ten sources for February 2009 amounted to \$2.354 billion or 77.0 percent of the total.

Figure 4. Philippine Imports by Country in February: 2009



Technical Notes:

1. Adjustments on electronic import statistics are based on the transactions that pass through the Automated Cargo Operating System (ACOS) of the Bureau of Customs (BOC).
2. Starting with the February 2007 Press Release, analysis and tables are based on the 2004 Philippine Standard Commodity Classification (PSCC) groupings. This is in compliance with NSCB Resolution No. 03, Series of 2005 entitled "Approving and Adopting the 2004 Philippine Standard Commodity Classification" by all concerned government agencies and instrumentalities.

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Table 1 Total Trade by Month and Year: 2009 - 2007
(F.O.B. Value in Million US\$)

Month/Year	Total Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade	Cumulative			Balance of Trade
					Total Trade	Imports	Exports	
January								
2007	7,896	3,904	3,992	88	7,896	3,904	3,992	88
2008	9,224	4,993	4,231	(762)	9,224	4,993	4,231	(762)
2009	5,781	3,270	2,511	(759)	5,781	3,270	2,511	(759)
February								
2007	7,411	3,690	3,721	31	15,307	7,594	7,713	119
2008	8,603	4,491	4,112	(379)	17,827	9,484	8,343	(1,142)
2009 ^p	5,565	3,059	2,506	(552)	11,346	6,329	5,017	(1,311)
March								
2007	9,054	4,567	4,487	(79)	24,361	12,161	12,201	40
2008	9,315	5,122	4,193	(929)	27,142	14,606	12,536	(2,071)
April								
2007	8,467	4,343	4,124	(219)	32,828	16,504	16,325	(179)
2008	9,181	4,856	4,325	(531)	36,323	19,462	16,860	(2,602)
May								
2007	8,424	4,296	4,128	(168)	41,252	20,800	20,452	(347)
2008	8,989	4,765	4,224	(541)	45,312	24,227	21,085	(3,143)
June								
2007	8,854	4,707	4,147	(559)	50,106	25,506	24,600	(906)
2008	9,818	5,305	4,513	(791)	55,130	29,532	25,598	(3,934)
July								
2007	9,290	5,042	4,249	(793)	59,397	30,548	28,849	(1,699)
2008	10,286	5,848	4,437	(1,411)	65,416	35,380	30,035	(5,345)
August								
2007	9,108	4,987	4,121	(865)	68,505	35,534	32,970	(2,564)
2008	9,435	5,042	4,393	(649)	74,850	40,422	34,428	(5,994)
September								
2007	9,133	4,744	4,389	(354)	77,638	40,278	37,359	(2,919)
2008	9,302	4,864	4,439	(425)	84,152	45,286	38,867	(6,419)
October								
2007	9,810	5,151	4,660	(491)	87,448	45,429	42,019	(3,410)
2008	8,548	4,577	3,971	(606)	92,701	49,863	42,838	(7,025)
November								
2007	9,049	5,084	3,965	(1,119)	96,497	50,513	45,984	(4,529)
2008	6,995	3,482	3,513	31	99,695	53,345	46,351	(6,994)
December								
2007	9,483	5,001	4,482	(519)	105,979	55,514	50,466	(5,048)
2008	5,976	3,301	2,675	(626)	105,671	56,646	49,025	(7,620)

Note: Components may not add up to total due to rounding.

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Table 1a Total Growth Rate by Month and Year: 2009-2008

Month/Year	Total Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade	Cumulative			Balance of Trade
					Total Trade	Imports	Exports	
January								
2008	16.8	27.9	6.0	(969.5)	16.8	27.9	6.0	(969.5)
2009	(37.3)	(34.5)	(40.6)	(0.5)	(37.3)	(34.5)	(40.6)	(0.5)
February								
2008 ^r	16.1	21.7	10.5	(1,315.9)	16.5	24.9	8.2	(1,060.4)
2009 ^p	(35.3)	(31.9)	(39.0)	45.6	(36.4)	(33.3)	(39.9)	14.8
March								
2008	2.9	12.2	(6.6)	1,072.9	11.4	20.1	2.7	(5,313.8)
April								
2008	8.4	11.8	4.9	143.0	10.6	17.9	3.3	1,353.4
May								
2008	6.7	10.9	2.3	221.2	9.8	16.5	3.1	804.8
June								
2008	10.9	12.7	8.8	41.6	10.0	15.8	4.1	334.0
July								
2008	10.7	16.0	4.4	78.0	10.1	15.8	4.1	214.6
August								
2008	3.6	1.1	6.6	(25.0)	9.3	13.8	4.4	133.7
September								
2008	1.9	2.5	1.1	19.9	8.4	12.4	4.0	119.9
October								
2008	(12.9)	(11.1)	(14.8)	23.5	6.0	9.8	1.9	106.0
November								
2008	(22.7)	(31.5)	(11.4)	(102.8)	3.3	5.6	0.8	54.4
December								
2008	(37.0)	(34.0)	(40.3)	20.8	(0.3)	2.0	(2.9)	51.0

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Table 2 Philippine Imports from all Countries
February and January 2009 and February 2008
(F.O.B. Value in Million U.S. Dollars)

Commodity	2009				2008		Growth Rates (%)	
	February ^p	% Share	January ^r	% Share	February	% Share	Monthly	Annual
Total	3,058.78	100.00	3,269.94	100.00	4,491.46	100.00	(6.46)	(31.90)
1 Electronic Products 1/	1,074.14	35.12	1,308.25	40.01	1,881.20	41.88	(17.89)	(42.90)
a) Components/Devices (Semiconductors)	857.46	28.03	1,049.46	32.09	1,512.18	33.67	(18.29)	(43.30)
b) Electronic Data Processing	114.67	3.75	138.48	4.24	247.00	5.50	(17.19)	(53.57)
c) Office Equipment	4.21	0.14	5.63	0.17	5.25	0.12	(25.29)	(19.76)
d) Consumer Electronics	28.33	0.93	32.64	1.00	37.76	0.84	(13.18)	(24.96)
e) Telecommunication	50.60	1.65	56.20	1.72	53.06	1.18	(9.97)	(4.63)
f) Communication/Radar	7.28	0.24	9.80	0.30	11.45	0.25	(25.70)	(36.37)
g) Control and Instrumentation	7.09	0.23	10.34	0.32	8.95	0.20	(31.40)	(20.70)
h) Medical/Industrial Instrumentation	3.06	0.10	3.66	0.11	3.68	0.08	(16.51)	(16.80)
i) Automotive Electronics	1.43	0.05	2.02	0.06	1.89	0.04	(29.24)	(24.21)
2 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	483.91	15.82	421.93	12.90	844.87	18.81	14.69	(42.72)
3 Transport Equipment	195.07	6.38	198.34	6.07	224.06	4.99	(1.65)	(12.94)
4 Cereals and Cereal Preparations	186.21	6.09	80.72	2.47	160.71	3.58	130.69	15.87
5 Industrial Machinery and Equipment	121.91	3.99	165.33	5.06	171.93	3.83	(26.26)	(29.09)
6 Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	82.70	2.70	80.92	2.47	92.17	2.05	2.21	(10.27)
7 Metalliferous Ores and Metal Scrap	64.47	2.11	37.90	1.16	6.16	0.14	70.11	946.67
8 Iron and Steel	58.62	1.92	84.33	2.58	97.74	2.18	(30.49)	(40.03)
9 Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products	57.46	1.88	63.63	1.95	52.10	1.16	(9.71)	10.29
10 Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms	53.32	1.74	65.24	2.00	95.76	2.13	(18.27)	(44.32)
Top 10 Imports Total	2,377.81	77.74	2,506.58	76.66	3,626.70	80.75	(5.14)	(34.44)
11 Telecommunication Equipment and Electrical Machinery 2/	44.43	1.45	50.31	1.54	68.68	1.53	(11.69)	(35.31)
12 Feeding Stuff For Animals (Not Including Unmilled Cereals)	42.48	1.39	37.75	1.15	71.64	1.60	12.54	(40.71)
13 Dairy Products	39.50	1.29	36.37	1.11	72.65	1.62	8.60	(45.63)
14 Fertilizers, Manufactured	37.73	1.23	21.88	0.67	33.87	0.75	72.43	11.39
15 Chemical Materials and Products, n.e.s.	36.30	1.19	40.46	1.24	42.38	0.94	(10.28)	(14.36)
16 Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles and Related Products 3/	36.12	1.18	54.96	1.68	52.80	1.18	(34.28)	(31.59)
17 Paper and Paper Products	29.69	0.97	38.50	1.18	38.29	0.85	(22.88)	(22.45)
18 Metal Products	25.91	0.85	33.07	1.01	27.09	0.60	(21.66)	(4.35)
19 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	24.77	0.81	38.17	1.17	30.67	0.68	(35.11)	(19.24)
20 Professional, Scientific and Controlling Instruments; Photographic and Optical Goods, n.e.s.; Watches and Clocks	22.92	0.75	25.30	0.77	26.44	0.59	(9.42)	(13.32)
21 Power Generating and Specialized Machinery	22.13	0.72	25.06	0.77	20.05	0.45	(11.69)	10.39
22 Non-Ferrous Metal	19.95	0.65	27.45	0.84	41.82	0.93	(27.33)	(52.30)
23 Dyeing, Tanning and Coloring Materials	15.97	0.52	21.50	0.66	17.69	0.39	(25.76)	(9.74)
24 Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	13.21	0.43	22.39	0.68	17.73	0.39	(41.02)	(25.52)
25 Rubber Manufacture	9.40	0.31	9.40	0.29	10.18	0.23	(0.00)	(7.67)
26 Textiles Fiber & Their Waste	4.79	0.16	6.73	0.21	7.26	0.16	(28.78)	(33.99)
27 Office and EDP Machines	0.22	0.01	0.46	0.01	0.56	0.01	(51.95)	(60.71)
28 Others	255.47	8.35	273.59	8.37	284.96	6.34	(6.62)	(10.35)

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Tables 2a Philippine Imports from all Countries
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Commodity	2009	2008	Growth Rate
	Jan-Feb ^p	Jan-Feb ^r	
Total	6,328,718,607	9,484,459,898	(33.27)
1 Electronic Products 1/	2,382,390,772	4,189,201,711	(43.13)
a) Components/Devices (Semiconductors)	1,906,919,715	3,410,391,762	(44.09)
b) Electronic Data Processing	253,159,742	492,256,130	(48.57)
c) Office Equipment	9,843,398	10,456,143	(5.86)
d) Consumer Electronics	60,971,087	71,396,105	(14.60)
e) Telecommunication	106,802,880	147,848,049	(27.76)
f) Communication/Radar	17,084,521	24,334,089	(29.79)
g) Control and Instrumentation	17,434,092	21,877,750	(20.31)
h) Medical/Industrial Instrumentation	6,720,250	7,050,961	(4.69)
i) Automotive Electronics	3,455,087	3,590,722	(3.78)
2 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	905,841,091	1,873,862,523	(51.66)
3 Office and EDP Machines	676,048	981,290	(31.11)
4 Telecommunication Equipment and Electrical Machinery 2/	94,737,259	157,216,336	(39.74)
5 Industrial Machinery and Equipment	287,240,574	337,303,458	(14.84)
6 Transport Equipment	393,414,701	362,063,143	8.66
7 Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles and Related Products 3/	91,075,994	128,290,862	(29.01)
8 Cereals and Cereal Preparations	266,923,003	218,332,778	22.26
9 Organic and Inorganic Chemical	163,616,957	198,881,003	(17.73)
10 Plastics in Primary and Non-Primary Forms	118,562,519	191,905,747	(38.22)
11 Iron and Steel	142,948,091	204,173,100	(29.99)
12 Dairy Products	75,876,085	144,499,505	(47.49)
13 Chemical Materials and Products, n.e.s.	76,753,594	84,302,986	(8.96)
14 Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products	121,091,907	100,225,653	20.82
15 Non-Ferrous Metal	47,399,553	84,627,761	(43.99)
16 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	62,935,825	71,246,281	(11.66)
17 Feeding Stuff For Animals (Not Including Unmilled Cereals)	80,224,689	100,829,871	(20.44)
18 Paper and Paper Products	68,196,950	78,194,971	(12.79)
19 Professional, Scientific and Controlling Instruments; Photographic and Optical Goods, n.e.s.; Watches and Clocks	48,221,034	54,304,113	(11.20)
20 Power Generating and Specialized Machinery	47,189,485	41,605,555	13.42
21 Metal Products	58,984,228	55,682,147	5.93
22 Dyeing, Tanning and Coloring Materials	37,469,262	35,704,304	4.94
23 Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	35,602,744	39,059,562	(8.85)
24 Fertilizers, Manufactured	59,604,417	74,977,903	(20.50)
25 Rubber Manufacture	18,793,173	23,525,215	(20.11)
26 Textiles Fiber & Their Waste	11,526,449	15,759,977	(26.86)
27 Metalliferous Ores and Metal Scrap	102,362,158	54,935,546	86.33
28 Others	529,060,045	562,766,597	(5.99)

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Table 3 Philippine Imports by Major Type of Goods
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(FOB in Thousand U.S. Dollars)

Commodity Group	2009				2008		Growth Rate	
	February ^p		January ^r		February		(%)	
	FOB Value	% Share	FOB Value	% Share	FOB Value	% Share		
Total Imports	3,058,781	100.00	3,269,938	100.00	4,491,460	100.00	(6.46)	(31.90)
Capital Goods	772,672	25.26	913,887	27.95	1,363,716	30.36	(15.45)	(43.34)
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	144,930	4.74	192,375	5.88	193,262	4.30	(24.66)	(25.01)
Office & EDP Machines	119,037	3.89	144,474	4.42	252,762	5.63	(17.61)	(52.91)
Telecommunication Eqpt.& Elect. Mach.	375,293	12.27	417,172	12.76	760,282	16.93	(10.04)	(50.64)
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger Cars & Motorized cycle	35,409	1.16	41,114	1.26	49,068	1.09	(13.88)	(27.84)
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	67,882	2.22	83,189	2.54	72,973	1.62	(18.40)	(6.98)
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	30,121	0.98	35,562	1.09	35,369	0.79	(15.30)	(14.84)
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	1,352,650	44.22	1,581,546	48.37	1,787,726	39.80	(14.47)	(24.34)
Unprocessed Raw Materials	183,313	5.99	158,427	4.84	145,977	3.25	15.71	25.58
Wheat	59,584	1.95	68,017	2.08	81,130	1.81	(12.40)	(26.56)
Corn	9,182	0.30	3,651	0.11	825	0.02	151.51	1,012.52
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	767	0.03	567	0.02	1,105	0.02	35.23	(30.61)
Crude materials, inedible	100,577	3.29	84,585	2.59	48,802	1.09	18.91	106.09
Pulp & waste paper	3,192	0.10	4,370	0.13	4,365	0.10	(26.97)	(26.87)
Cotton	42	0.00	933	0.03	1,090	0.02	(95.47)	(96.13)
Syn. Fibers	3,772	0.12	5,128	0.16	5,320	0.12	(26.45)	(29.11)
Metalliferous ores	64,466	2.11	37,897	1.16	6,162	0.14	70.11	946.23
Others	29,105	0.95	36,257	1.11	31,865	0.71	(19.72)	(8.66)
Tobacco, unmanufactured	13,205	0.43	1,608	0.05	14,115	0.31	721.03	(6.45)
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	1,169,337	38.23	1,423,119	43.52	1,641,749	36.55	(17.83)	(28.77)
Feeding stuffs for animals	42,483	1.39	37,745	1.15	71,641	1.60	12.55	(40.70)
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	12,694	0.41	11,691	0.36	10,793	0.24	8.57	17.61
Chemical	316,019	10.33	330,716	10.11	365,517	8.14	(4.44)	(13.54)
Chemical compounds	82,723	2.70	80,971	2.48	92,225	2.05	2.16	(10.30)
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	57,457	1.88	63,709	1.95	52,103	1.16	(9.81)	10.27
Urea	26,664	0.87	12,983	0.40	20,615	0.46	105.38	29.34
Fertilizer excl. urea	11,062	0.36	8,896	0.27	13,252	0.30	24.35	(16.53)
Artificial resins	53,326	1.74	65,308	2.00	95,817	2.13	(18.35)	(44.35)
Others	84,787	2.77	98,850	3.02	91,504	2.04	(14.23)	(7.34)
Manufactured goods	193,822	6.34	268,669	8.22	282,515	6.29	(27.86)	(31.39)
Paper & paper products	29,469	0.96	37,714	1.15	38,147	0.85	(21.86)	(22.75)
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	31,017	1.01	45,583	1.39	42,238	0.94	(31.95)	(26.57)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	13,241	0.43	22,570	0.69	17,927	0.40	(41.34)	(26.14)
Iron & steel	58,616	1.92	84,332	2.58	97,741	2.18	(30.49)	(40.03)
Non-ferrous metals	19,949	0.65	27,469	0.84	41,826	0.93	(27.38)	(52.30)
Metal products	25,915	0.85	33,168	1.01	27,154	0.60	(21.87)	(4.56)
Others	15,616	0.51	17,833	0.55	17,482	0.39	(12.43)	(10.68)
Embroideries	5,424	0.18	9,576	0.29	10,984	0.24	(43.36)	(50.62)
Mat/Acc for the mfr. of elect. eqpt.	592,989	19.39	764,722	23.39	883,700	19.68	(22.46)	(32.90)
Iron ore, not agglomerated	5,906	0.19	-	-	16,600	0.37	-	(64.42)
Mineral Fuels, Lubricant & Related Materials	483,907	15.82	421,935	12.90	844,873	18.81	14.69	(42.72)
Coal, Coke	38,693	1.26	25,954	0.79	9,614	0.21	49.08	302.45
Petroleum crude	72,393	2.37	23,163	0.71	437,023	9.73	212.54	(83.43)
Others	372,820	12.19	372,818	11.40	398,235	8.87	0.00	(6.38)
Consumer Goods	413,254	13.51	319,570	9.77	435,032	9.69	29.32	(5.01)
Durable	155,533	5.08	156,072	4.77	179,434	4.00	(0.35)	(13.32)
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	92,477	3.02	75,094	2.30	103,046	2.29	23.15	(10.26)
Home appliances	24,113	0.79	20,829	0.64	26,759	0.60	15.77	(9.89)
Misc. manufactures	38,943	1.27	60,149	1.84	49,628	1.10	(35.26)	(21.53)
Non-Durable	257,721	8.43	163,498	5.00	255,598	5.69	57.63	0.83
Food & live animals chiefly for food	249,956	8.17	150,438	4.60	244,568	5.45	66.15	2.20
Dairy products	39,603	1.29	36,375	1.11	72,660	1.62	8.87	(45.50)
Fish & fish preparation	5,560	0.18	11,057	0.34	8,266	0.18	(49.71)	(32.74)
Rice	109,649	3.58	90	0.00	72,245	1.61	122,172.23	51.77
Fruits & vegetables	18,648	0.61	21,853	0.67	15,696	0.35	(14.67)	18.81
Others	76,497	2.50	81,064	2.48	75,701	1.69	(5.63)	1.05
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	2,132	0.07	3,911	0.12	4,476	0.10	(45.50)	(52.37)
Articles of apparel, access.	5,634	0.18	9,149	0.28	6,554	0.15	(38.42)	(14.04)
Special Transactions	36,298	1.19	33,000	1.01	60,114	1.34	9.99	(39.62)
Articles temporarily imported & exported	14,480	0.47	14,665	0.45	16,609	0.37	(1.26)	(12.82)
Others	21,818	0.71	18,335	0.56	43,505	0.97	19.00	(49.85)

Note: Components may not add up to total due to rounding.

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Table 3a Philippine Imports by Major Type of Goods
Cumulative Value: January to February 2009 & 2008
(FOB Value in U.S. Dollars)

Commodity Description	2009 Jan-Feb ^p	2008 Jan-Feb ^r	Growth Rate
Total Imports	6,328,718,607	9,484,459,898	(33.27)
Capital Goods	1,686,558,825	2,730,877,566	(38.24)
Power Generating & Specialized Machines	337,305,071	381,730,509	(11.64)
Office & EDP Machines	263,510,798	503,589,465	(47.67)
Telecommunication Eqpt. & Elect. Mach.	792,464,764	1,582,779,037	(49.93)
Land Transport Eqpt. excl. Passenger Cars & Motorized cycle	76,523,449	94,036,350	(18.62)
Aircraft, Ships and Boats	151,071,270	92,602,713	63.14
Prof.Sci.& Cont. Inst., Photographic Eqpt. & Optical Goods	65,683,473	76,139,492	(13.73)
Raw Materials & Intermediate Goods	2,934,196,799	3,965,251,648	(26.00)
Unprocessed Raw Materials	341,740,464	289,287,978	18.13
Wheat	127,600,219	119,117,411	7.12
Corn	12,832,504	1,287,441	896.75
Unmilled cereals excl. rice & corn	1,333,329	2,441,024	(45.38)
Crude materials, inedible	185,161,202	140,937,233	31.38
Pulp & waste paper	7,562,090	10,237,751	(26.14)
Cotton	975,160	3,064,864	(68.18)
Syn. Fibers	8,899,919	11,416,974	(22.05)
Metalliferous ores	102,362,158	54,943,171	86.31
Others	65,361,875	61,274,473	6.67
Tobacco, unmanufactured	14,813,210	25,504,869	(41.92)
Semi-Processed Raw Materials	2,592,456,335	3,675,963,670	(29.48)
Feeding stuffs for animals	80,228,295	100,829,871	(20.43)
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	24,384,713	27,609,856	(11.68)
Chemical	646,735,435	744,455,000	(13.13)
Chemical compounds	163,693,678	198,948,862	(17.72)
Medicinal & pharmaceutical chem.	121,165,679	100,233,370	20.88
Urea	39,647,075	36,863,211	7.55
Fertilizer excl. urea	19,957,342	38,114,692	(47.64)
Artificial resins	118,634,528	191,968,376	(38.20)
Others	183,637,133	178,326,489	2.98
Manufactured goods	462,491,085	607,218,239	(23.83)
Paper & paper products	67,182,938	77,939,852	(13.80)
Textile yarn, fabrics & made-up articles	76,599,716	104,929,117	(27.00)
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	35,810,970	39,321,303	(8.93)
Iron & steel	142,948,091	204,173,100	(29.99)
Non-ferrous metals	47,417,928	84,644,097	(43.98)
Metal products	59,082,262	55,756,336	5.97
Others	33,449,180	40,454,434	(17.32)
Embroideries	15,000,051	24,515,766	(38.81)
Mat/Acc for the mfr. of elect. eqpt.	1,357,710,928	2,154,735,148	(36.99)
Iron ore, not agglomerated	5,905,828	16,599,790	(64.42)
Mineral Fuels, Lubricant & Related Materials	905,841,091	1,873,862,523	(51.66)
Coal, Coke	64,647,533	35,185,738	83.73
Petroleum crude	95,555,844	1,092,922,378	(91.26)
Others	745,637,714	745,754,407	(0.02)
Consumer Goods	732,824,065	788,236,702	(7.03)
Durable	311,604,965	337,009,943	(7.54)
Passenger cars & motorized cycle	167,570,625	177,427,748	(5.56)
Home appliances	44,942,229	48,803,029	(7.91)
Misc. manufactures	99,092,111	110,779,166	(10.55)
Non-Durable	421,219,100	451,226,759	(6.65)
Food & live animals chiefly for food	400,393,422	426,932,348	(6.22)
Dairy products	75,977,272	144,505,475	(47.42)
Fish & fish preparation	16,616,846	20,596,416	(19.32)
Rice	109,738,518	74,507,913	47.28
Fruits & vegetables	40,500,160	32,430,144	24.88
Others	157,560,626	154,892,400	1.72
Beverages & tobacco mfture.	6,043,137	9,281,990	(34.89)
Articles of apparel, access.	14,782,541	15,012,421	(1.53)
Special Transactions	69,297,827	126,231,459	(45.10)
Articles temporarily imported & exported	29,145,420	36,355,850	(19.83)
Others	40,152,407	89,875,609	(55.32)

Note: Components may not add up to total due to rounding.

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Table 4 Philippine Imports Performance by Country: February 2009 & 2008
(F.O.B. Value in Million U.S. Dollars)

* Based on February 2009 ranking.
1/ includes Alaska and Hawaii
2/ includes Okinawa
3/ includes Sabah and Sarawak
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Table 5 Balance of Trade by Major Trading Partners: February 2009
(F.O.B. Value in Million U.S. Dollars)

Country	Total Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade
Total	5,565.07	3,058.78	2,506.29	(552.49)
1 United States Of America 1/	882.97	416.60	466.36	49.76
2 Japan 2/	806.69	403.25	403.44	0.20
3 Singapore	493.58	384.98	108.60	(276.38)
4 China, People's Republic of	491.11	228.19	262.91	34.72
5 Taiwan	288.61	192.90	95.71	(97.19)
6 Hong Kong	282.42	79.83	202.59	122.76
7 Korea, Republic of	253.87	157.47	96.40	(61.08)
8 Thailand	241.40	174.16	67.24	(106.91)
9 Germany	230.36	66.97	163.39	96.42
10 Netherlands	229.26	20.94	208.32	187.39
11 Malaysia 3/	218.33	134.40	83.93	(50.47)
12 Vietnam	154.82	135.73	19.09	(116.64)
13 Indonesia	143.09	126.67	16.42	(110.26)
14 France	103.89	84.62	19.27	(65.35)

1/ includes Alaska and Hawaii

2/ includes Okinawa

3/ includes Sabah and Sarawak

Note: Components may not add up to total due to rounding