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Background to the Philippines Communed from page 8 wards the country again became an American possession until independence was granted Effectively rule passed into ers who, over the years, faced growing opposition. In the 80's fear of unrest, and especially o the Communist opposition, kept Marcos in power. In 1986 a bloodless coup brought Corazon (Cory) Aquino to the presidency and lead to a new constitution, which is similar to the American system. A new administration came to power as a re-sult of the May 1992 election. The Economy : the Philippines is rich in humar and natural resources. Boracay island : Aklan

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The natural resources include fertile soil, forests, extensive mineral wealth, including energy resources, and large, rich marine resources.

Business : during the Marcos regime, many of the major corporations were in the public sector and tended to be inefficient. Since then the major aspect of government policy under a 6-year development plan is to reprivatise many government monopolies.

Leisure: within Manila itself bars are common and there are nightclubs and discos. The hotels generally have resident bonds, bars and lounges. Theatre, concerts and ballet are also available. Good beaches are to be found about an hour's drive away and 4 hours drive will take the visitor into the cool of the Cordillera mountains. There are a variety of tourist attractions both in Manila and through the islands.

Export Promotion Organisations

Continued from page 8 Regional Chambers of Commerce : have grown rapidly and now number 85. Membership is not compulsory. The larger chambers offer independent trade opportunities/buyer-seller matching services and are involved in out-

ward and inward missions. European Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines (ECCP): is the only European bilateral Chamber represented in the Philippines and represents the interests of all European countries as well as those of its Filipino members. ECCP has offices in Manila and

Ccbu Sectoral Trade Associations : are numerous in the Philippines with more than 100 claiming to be involved in

export promotion activities. The size and effectiveness of these Associations varies greatly. Foreign Buyers Association of the Philippines (FOBAP) : has 72 regular and 14 associate members. Direct purchases of

the principals of FOBAP members in the Philippines amount to around US\$ 1.2 billion per annum. The Association provides both pre and post order services to foreign buyers.

Board of Investments (BOI) promotes foreign investment and other forms of industrial co-operation and should be contacted by foreign companies seeking more than a simple trading arrangement. Exporters have to be registered with BOI to receive certain incentives.

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