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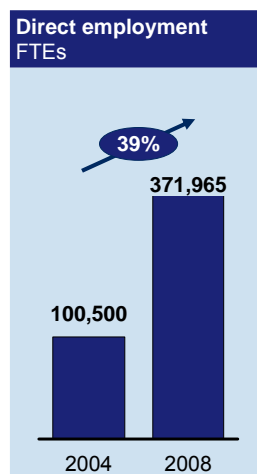
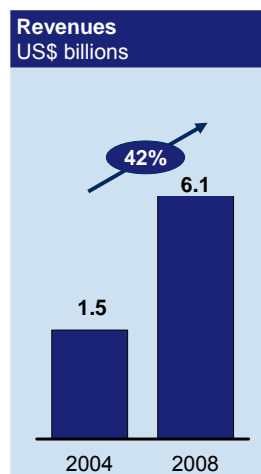


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Philippine IT-BPO industry currently
has over US\$6 billion in revenues



- Strong intrinsic skills
 - English language
 - Cultural affinity to US
 - Large pool of talent
- Competitive factor costs
 - Labor
 - Real estate
 - Telecom
- Best in class incentives

Philippine IT-BPO: All sectors growing at tremendous rate

Sector	2008 Revenues (\$000,000)	% change vs YA
Contact Center	4,100	14
Back-office/KPO (non-voice BPO)	827.00	119.00
Transcription (non-voice BPO)	182	32
Animation	120.00	14.00
ITO	601	42
ESO	228.00	50.00
Game Development	3	
TOTAL Philippine IT-BPO (export)	6,061.00	26.00

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Philippine IT-BPO: Where is it now?

Over **74,000** new jobs created in 2008!

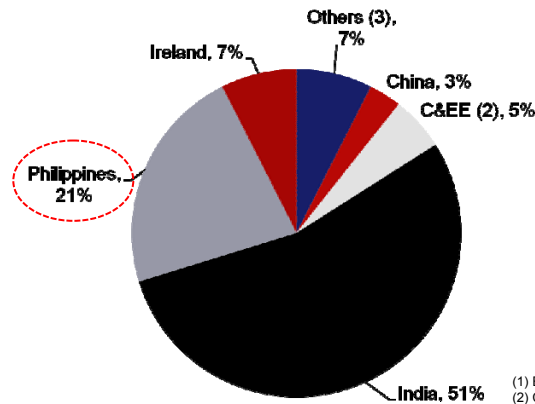
Sector	2008 Employment* (FTEs)	% change vs YA
Contact Center	227,000	15
Back-office/KPO (non-voice BPO)	68,927.00	72.00
Transcription (non-voice BPO)	20,224	23
Animation	8,000.00	14.00
ITO	35,314	21
ESO	12,000.00	50.00
Game Development	500	
TOTAL Philippine IT-BPO (export)	371,965.00	25.00

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The Philippines: #2 offshore BPO location

Business Process Offshoring market by destination, 2007;
Percentage
100% = \$19-21 Billion ⁽¹⁾



(1) Excluding Canada
(2) Central and Eastern Europe
(3) Primarily includes Latin American locations (e.g. Costa Rica, Brazil, Argentina, Chile) and other Southeast Asian locations (e.g. Sri Lanka, Thailand) and African locations (e.g. Egypt and South Africa)
Source: Everest Institute (2007)/eTelecare

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The Philippine talent value proposition: Large pool of English-speaking talent

Number of college degree graduates	2007	Annual growth
Business & Accountancy	128,000	
Engineering & Tech	55,752	
IT-related courses	42,047	
Architecture	3,100	
Medical Sciences	31,400	
Fine Arts/Humanities	7,660	
TOTAL Tertiary level	454,818	3.8%

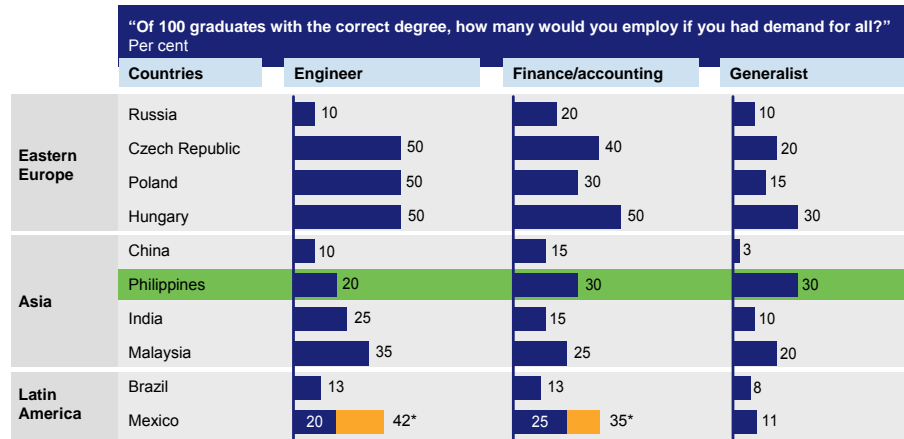
- Abundant labor force of 36 million
- Over 400,000 college graduates per year
- Large pool of accounting and business graduates
- English proficiency
- Affinity with Western culture
- Customer service orientation
- Highly trainable
- Cost effective
- High level of commitment and loyalty

	Pop	Labor force	Unemp rate	Literacy
World	6,602M	3,400M	6.3%	82.0%
India	1,130M	509M	7.8%	61.0%
China	1,322M	798M	4.2%*	90.9%*
Brazil	190M	96M	9.6%	88.6%
Philippines	90M	36M	7.9%	92.6%

Source: Phils Comon Higher Education : CIA World Factbook 2007; *China data for unemp and literacy is major Cities only

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The Philippine talent value proposition: Quality



Suitability rates are empirically based on a total of >80 interviews with HR professionals working in each country

* Mexico is the only country where interview results (higher number) were adjusted ex-post since interview base was thinner

Source: Interviews with HR managers; HR agencies and Heads of Global Resourcing centers; McKinsey Global Institute

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The Philippine talent value proposition: Cost competitiveness

BPO Sector	Average Entry-Level Salaries (in \$/year)		
South Africa	19,764		
Mexico	18,653		
China	5,680		
Egypt	4,237		
India	3,911		
Philippines	3,858		
		IT Professionals	Annual Average Salary (US\$)
		Hong Kong	51,964
		Singapore	41,601
		Malaysia	16,696
		India	14,702
		Indonesia	11,231
		Philippines	10,730

Source: www.infodev.org/en/Publication.170.html (copyright: World Bank)/ZDNet Asia 2007

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The Philippine business environment proposition: Government incentives

- 4 to 8 years Income Tax Holiday
- Special 5% tax rate on gross income after the lapse of ITH (for IT Park/Ecozone locators)
- Tax and duty exemption on imported capital equipment (for IT Park/Ecozone locators); ZERO percent duty on imported capital equipment (E.O. 528)
- Exemption from 12% input VAT on allowable local purchase of goods and services (e.g., communication charges)
- Exemption from wharfage dues
- Employment of foreign nationals



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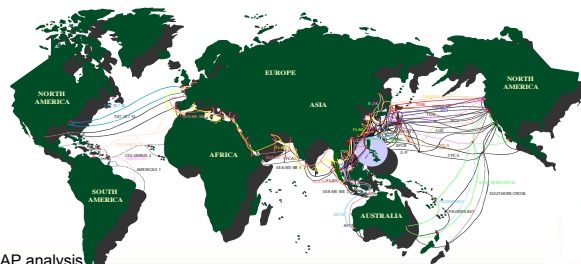
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Source: BOI/PEZA

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The Philippine telecom infrastructure proposition: Quality, Cost and Reliability advantage

- Redundant International Connectivity (Intl Cable Broadband cap 125Gbps)
- Expanding Multi-media Infrastructure
 - 24x7x365 support operation
 - Short lead time in provisioning int'l leased circuits: 30-45 days
- Deregulated Telecommunications Industry
 - More stable, robust, highly scalable due to numerous fiber optic landings/links
 - Cost of bandwidth has gone down by at least 85% in the last 5 years (From US\$ 14,000 in 2001 to today's rates of US\$ 1,500 per month for E1 lines to U.S.; us\$4,000 to U.K.)



Source: PLDT/Globe; BPAP analysis

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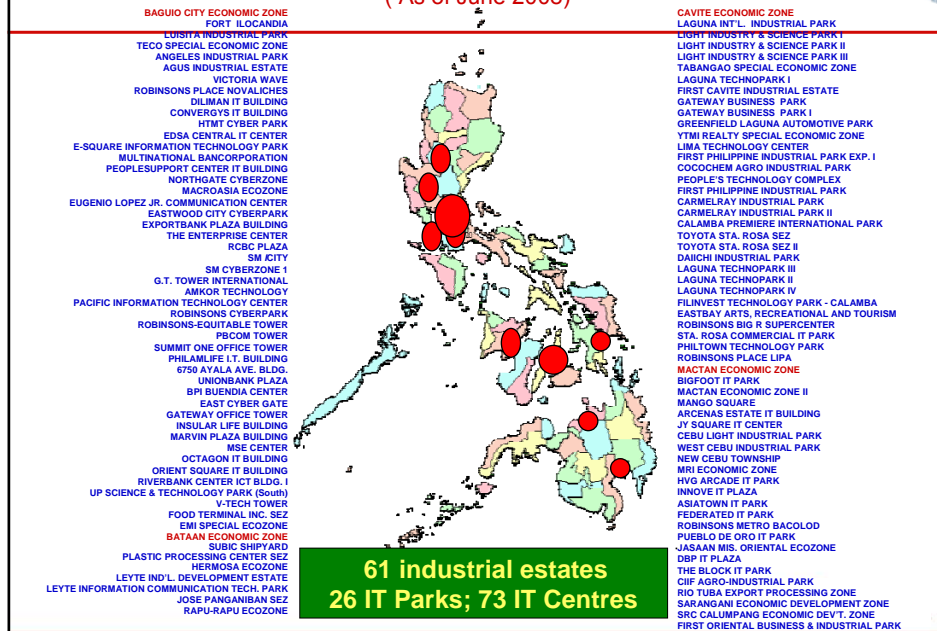
The Philippine workplace infrastructure proposition: IT-BPO designed, reliable infrastructure

Lowest rental rates in the region; dedicated IT Parks Right in the Center of Business Districts



166 OPERATING ECONOMIC ZONES

(As of June 2008)



The Philippine lifestyle proposition: hospitable, western-oriented living

Expatriates' top choice for quality of life

- ❖ Friendly people
- ❖ Value-for-money housing
- ❖ Modern recreational facilities
- ❖ First-rate educational institutions
 - Presence of International schools (e.g. Brent School, International School Manila, British School)
- ❖ A growing favorite tourist destination
 - 8.7% increase in tourist arrivals (3.09 million)
 - 41% increase in tourist spending

The Philippines is viewed as a favorable location for IT-BPO services

- **Frost & Sullivan**, August 2007: Philippines among top 10 shared services and outsourcing locations in the world
- **IMF**, March 2007: "The Philippines has established a strong presence in voice-based BPO sectors such as call centres, and there are also signs of growth potential in other offshore services, such as medical transcription and animation."
- **Gartner**, Dec 2007: The Philippines has become a destination for call centre and back-office finance and accounting operations; rates highly in cost, labour quality and language/cultural compatibility.
- **Nomura Securities**, November 2007: "We think that the Philippines has grown into the No. 2 outsourcing base after India in call centre-based BPO fields."
- **Everest Consulting**, Apr 2008: The Philippines is now the third largest destination geography for BPO services
- **Frontier Strategy Group**, September 2007: The Philippines is among seven key markets that are "above the rest" and are the "most critical to achieving corporate growth and outperforming the competition in 2008 and beyond"
- **National Outsourcing Association (UK)**, October 2007: Philippines awarded Off-shoring Destination for 2007



Top 10 Asian Cities of the Future:
#7 Quezon City
#8 Cebu
#10 Davao



Top 10 Outsourcing Cities in Asia Pacific:
#2 Manila

Philippine IT-BPO: As reported in 2008

- **Bó Lè Leaders**, Nov-Dec 2008: *Riding a big wave that is sending millions of white-collar jobs offshore through business process outsourcing, the Philippines has, in less than five years, become the world's third biggest outsourcing location and arguably the first choice for call centers.*
- **Economist Intelligence Unit**, September 2008: *India has long been the pre-eminent outsourcing destination for IT services, by virtue of its low labor costs and its large skills base. That pre-eminence is now being threatened by a host of other economies offering low-cost services, most notably China, but also Vietnam, the Philippines, Russia, Poland. . . .*
- **Info-Tech Research Group**, September 2008: *The Philippine contact center industry has grown rapidly and is now a close second to India in terms of market share. Provided that the customer service quality can be maintained and the costs of managing the outsourcing relationship do not overwhelm the savings from offshoring, contact center outsourcing to the Philippines is a good investment.*
- **Everest Research Institute**, January 2009: *With a size barely 1/10th of India, the Philippines represented a healthy 15% of the offshore BPO market and has emerged as a key destination for English-based work especially for the North American market. The Philippines, whose offshore market has grown 46 percent annually since 2004, is poised to emerge as a leading destination for non-voice business process outsourcing (BPO) work .*

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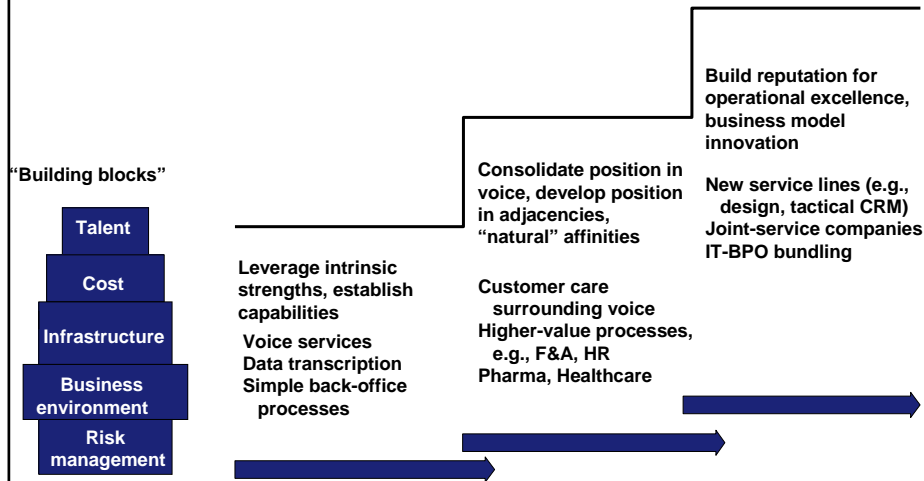
Economist Intelligence Unit: 2008 IT industry competitiveness

Rank in Asia		Score	Global Ranking	
			2008	2007
1	Taiwan	69.2	2	6
2	South Korea	64.1	8	3
3	Singapore	63.4	9	11
4	Japan	62.2	12	2
5	Hong Kong	54.1	21	21
6	Malaysia	34.2	36	36
7	Philippines	29.8	47	47
8	India	28.9	48	46
9	China	27.6	50	49
10	Sri Lanka	24.9	54	50
11	Indonesia	23.1	58	57
12	Bangladesh	22.4	60	-
13	Vietnam	21.4	61	61
14	Pakistan	20.9	62	60

Source: EIU IT Competitiveness Report 2008

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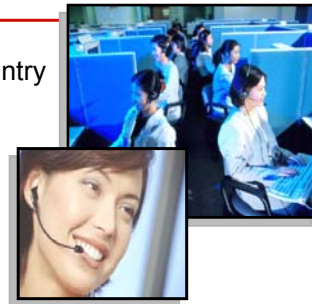
Strategic advantage in leveraging commanding position in voice to build a position in higher-value areas



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Contact center sector

- One of the fastest-growing industries in the country
- Major contact centers in the Philippines: 191
- Total full-time employees: 227,000
- Estimated revenues in 2008: US\$4.1 billion
- Past 3 years' annual growth: 30%



Key Players in the Country

Third-party providers: Teletech, Convergys, eTelecare, Sykes, Aegis, PeopleSupport, Teleperformance, Sitel, ICTGroup, CyberCityTeleservices, Telus, ePLDT Ventus, Sutherland, ACS, HTMT, IBM Daksh, KGB, Transcomm, ePerformax, Link2Support, Genpact,

Captives: HSBC, Dell, Shell, AIG, Siemens, Verizon, Citigroup, Six Continents—Intercon Hotels, Henkel Financial Services, GE Money, Trend Micro, Oracle Technology, Western Union, Ford (Percepta, DHL, etc.

Business processing (Back-office operations mostly F&AO, HRO, medical and legal transcription; some KPO)

- No. of Service Providers: 216
- Total full-time Employees: 69,000
- Estimated Revenues in 2008: US\$ 827 Million, +119% vs year ago

Key Players in the Country

Captives: JP Morgan Chase, Emerson Financial Services, Deutsche Knowledge Services, Thomson Philippines, Chevron Texaco (Caltex), Maersk Global Service Centres, Manulife Financial, Procter & Gamble, B&M Global Services (Baker McKenzie), Ericsson, Lexmark, McKinsey, Hewitt Associates, Nestle, Alitalia, Watson Wyatt, DSM (White & Case)

Third-party providers: SPi, Accenture, Amdatex, IBM Business Services, DDC Group, RG Financial, Sencor, Transprocure, EXL, RR Donnelly, SVI Corporation, Vantage Information Services (MT), Globa Excel (HR), BPO International, E-Scribir, Prople, Infinit-O, Affinity Express, Eximius BPO, Asiatype, Integreon



Software development, Application maintenance

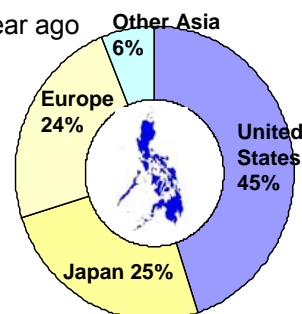
- Software Development Companies: 119 (export only)
- Total IT professionals: 35,300
- Revenues in 2008: US\$ 601 million, +42% vs year ago

Capabilities

- Applications development and maintenance
- IT operations and infrastructure
- Software product development
- Business analysis, project mgmt, education

Key Players in the Country

Accenture, IBM Solutions, HP, RCG, Siemens, Headstrong, Fujitsu, Pointwest, Oracle, Lawson, Misys, LogicaCMG, NEC, Safeway, Netsuite, Tsukiden, Jupiter Systems, Gurango, Sun Microsystems, Unisys



Animation, Gaming and Film

- Total animation studios in the country: 49
- Twenty years in the Philippines
- Total animators in the country: 8,000
- Revenues in 2008: US\$120 million, +14% year ago

Capabilities

- 2D
- 3D
- Interactive game development
- Medical and educational graphics and animation



Key players in the country

Toon City, Top Draw, Artfarm Asia, Toei, Animation 1, Holy Cow!, Digital Exchange, Top Peg Animation and Creative Studio, Geebo Digital, , Flipside Games, CreativeAsia, Cutting Edge, Anino

Engineering and design process

- Total number of engineering design companies: 43
- Total number of full-time engineers: 12,000
- Estimated revenues in 2008: US\$ 228 million, +50% vs year ago

Capabilities

- Over 75,000 licensed professionals
- 40,000 graduates of engineering courses annually
- (CAD-enabled)
- Internationally accepted engineering standards—computer-aided manufacturing (CAM); computer-integrated manufacturing (CIM)



Key Players in the Country

Bechtel, Bouygues Construction, Chiyoda, EEI, Eichleay Pacific, Environments Global , Fluor Daniels, Foster Wheeler, Hyundai, JGC Phils., Kajima, Keppel, Nakayama, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Tsuneishi

Roadmap 2010 launched Oct 2007

BPAP and McKinsey & Co developed the Philippine IT-BPO road map to achieving strong global #2 position in the world (\$13 billion in revenues)



Sec. Ray Anthony Roxas-Chua appointed as the Philippine Government's "Outsourcing Czar"

President Arroyo announced the release of \$10million worth of scholarship grants for deserving students to be employed in BPO

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Roadmap 2010 focusing on four broad themes

Key issues	
Suitable and abundant talent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to recruit over one million people into the industry to reach 10% market share High percent of top talent found in other markets (e.g., nurses, engineering, accountants) Mismatch in location density between employers and labor. Smaller labor pools not tapped
Operational performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wage pressures emerging, reflecting accelerating growth and lack of transparency on wages Competitiveness relative to established players (e.g., India) and emerging players (e.g., Vietnam) at-risk Wage appear to be growing faster than billing rates, creating imperatives for operational excellence, scale and migration to high value services
Quality infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability emerging as major issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCR rental space only available to reach 68% of revenue Given market uncertainty, facilities being built only on committed space, long time-to-market Rental rates rising sharply in Makati Central Business District
Conducive business environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to ensure that current incentive regime continues to sustain competitiveness Most locators concentrated in NCR, other cities may not be O&O-ready Under resourced industry with potential to improve in execution phase Good investor support
Risk management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persistent issues around critical risk factors that affect outsourcing decision (e.g., IP protection, data privacy)

Source: Team analysis

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BPAP 2008 – executing the roadmap

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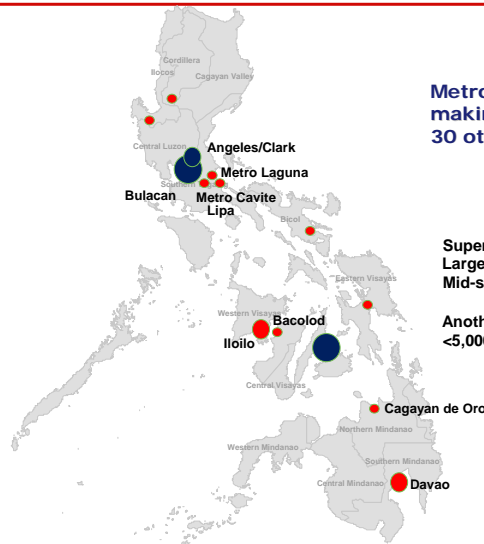
- Delivering the industry research requirements—road map, IT-BPO Directory, case studies
- Supporting the development of new IT-BPO sites through benchmarking—Next Wave Cities™ launch, quarterly CEO forum



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BPAP leads effort to benchmark IT-BPO locations Outside Metro Manila

Next wave cities



Metro Manila has 290K IT-BPO FTEs, making it the BPO capital of the world; 30 other RP cities host BPO companies

Super cities have >15,000 IT-BPO workers
Large cities have a potential capacity of 10,000–15,000
Mid-sized cities 5,000–10,000

Another 20-plus cities offer a potential capacity of <5,000 FTEs each

Next Wave Cities

Super cities*

Large cities

Mid-sized cities

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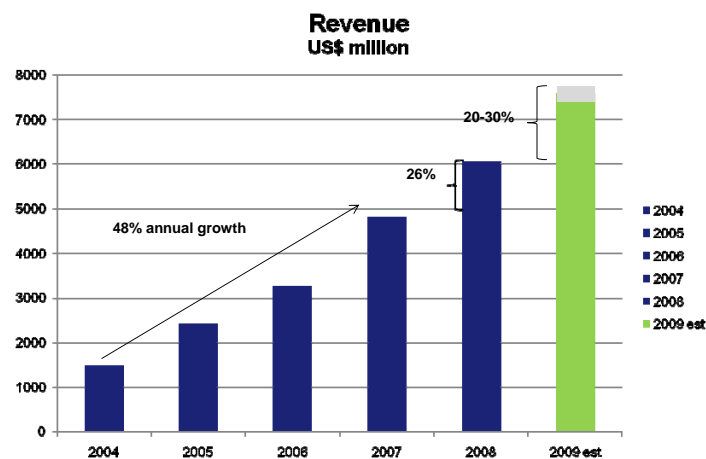
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- Supporting the development of new O&O sites through benchmarking - Next Wave Cities launch, Quarterly CEO Forum

• Team 2010

- Securing partnerships with key industry bodies
- Enhancing the investor set-up process—Investor Relations Team, BPAP-BOI roundtable process
- Promoting industry awareness and industry excellence—BPO Conference, eServices Conference, Quality Council

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Philippine IT-BPO: Prospects for growth



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Key challenges

- Driving awareness and interest
- Driving competitiveness

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