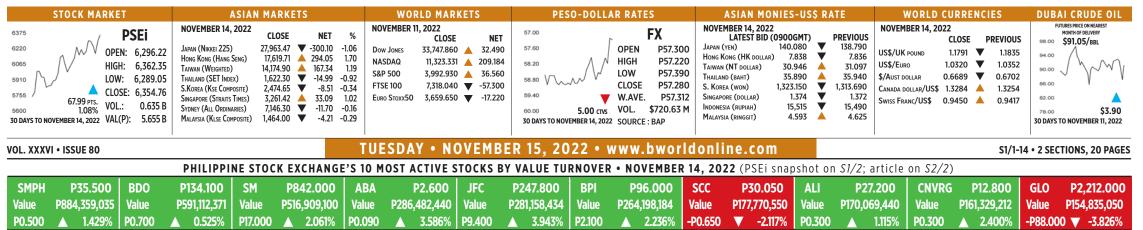
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# NEDA seeks to amend rules on JVs

TOLL FEES, TARIFFS and other charges to be imposed by joint ventures (JVs) between the government and private companies may soon require regulatory approval, according to proposed amendments by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

GTCI 2022 Score (Out of 100)

NEDA on Monday released the proposed amendments to guidelines and procedures for entering into JV agreements between the government and private entities, which was last revised in 2013.

"Tolls, fees, rentals, tariffs, and charges that a JV may charge for the use/availment of the facility/service shall be subject to the approval of the appropriate regulatory body," the draft stated.

Under the draft rules, tolls, fees and rates can be adjusted during the life of the contract, based on an approved formula or adjustment schedule in the approved contract.

"This is an entirely new section. It clarifies the rule of existing regulators in JVs and it states a recourse mechanism if the regulatory body does not approve the formula," NEDA Supervising Economic Development Specialist Ernest Diaz said at a virtual briefing on Monday.

In the draft rules, the agency or local government unit (LGU) should secure the advice of the regulator or the approval of a relevant body, or both, on the formula for rate adjustments even before the bidding. An appropriate regulatory body will monitor the consistency of these proposed

### PHILIPPINES FALLS TO 80<sup>TH</sup> RANK **IN INSEAD'S TALENT COMPETITIVENESS LIST** 75.80

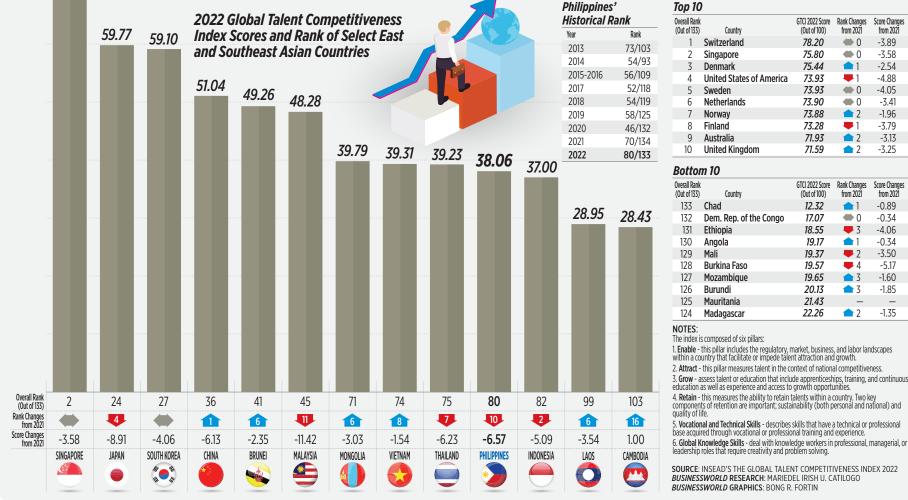
The Philippines dropped 10 places to land at 80<sup>th</sup> out of 133 countries in the ninth edition of the Global Talent Competitiveness Index produced by business school Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires (INSEAD). The index measures how countrie and cities grow, attract and retain talent. With an overall score of 38.06 out of a possible 100, the Phillipines placed the fourth lowest in the East and Southeast Asian region, just ahead of Indonesia (82<sup>nd</sup> overall), Laos (99<sup>th</sup>), and Cambodia (103<sup>rd</sup>).

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es	Enable	90	35.50
	Attract	102	40.59
	Grow	46	41.94
	Retain	102	36.52
	Vocational and Technical Skills	<b>s</b> 63	47.20
	Global Knowledge Skills	49	26.62
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rate adjustments.

In case a regulator disapproves of the proposed amount of the fee or toll adjustments stipulated in the contract, the agency or LGU may allow the project proponent "to recover the difference between the tolls/ fees/rentals/charges stipulated in the contract and the amount approved by the regulator through measures allowed in the contract."

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## Philippines falls 10 spots in global talent competitiveness index

THE PHILIPPINES dropped 10 down 10 spots from 70<sup>th</sup> out of 134 spots in an annual global ranking of countries last year. countries' ability to attract and re-

The index looks at how countries and cities grow, attract and retain talent.

The Philippines posted a lower index score of 38.06 this year, compared with its score of 44.63 a year ago.

Countries are scored based on their ability to enable, attract, grow and retain talent, as well as vocational and technical skills, and global knowledge skills.

Switzerland topped the Global Talent Competitiveness Index, followed by Singapore, Denmark, the United States of America, and Sweden.

Among 13 East and Southeast Asian countries on the index, the Philippines had the fourth-lowest score, just ahead of Indonesia (82<sup>nd</sup> spot), Laos (99th), and Cambodia (103rd).

The Philippines' scores slumped in terms of enabling talent (90<sup>th</sup> from 79<sup>th</sup> a year ago), attracting talent (102<sup>nd</sup> from 55<sup>th</sup>), and retaining talent (102<sup>nd</sup> from 97<sup>th</sup>).

In contrast, the Philippines' scores improved in terms of growing the workforce (46<sup>th</sup> from 48<sup>th</sup>), as well as in vocational and technical skills (63<sup>rd</sup> from 90<sup>th</sup>), and global knowledge skills (49th from 51st).

 $The\,INSEAD\,report\,also\,showed$ Manila dropped one spot in the Global Cities Talent Competitiveness index, to  $129^{\text{th}}$  from  $128^{\text{th}}$  last vear.

INSEAD Senior Affiliate Professor of Strategy Felipe Monteiro said countries are now facing economic and geopolitical crises, as they continue to recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

Competitiveness, S1/13

The Entrepreneur Of The Year Philippines 2022 has concluded its search for the country's most undaunted and unstoppable entrepreneurs. Entrepreneur Of The Year Philippines is a program of the SGV Foundation, Inc., with the participation of copresenters the Asian Institute of Management, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Philippine Business for Social Progress, and the Philippine Stock Exchange. BusinessWorld will feature each finalist for the Entrepreneur Of The Year Philippines 2022 ahead of the awards ceremony on Nov. 21.

## Born and bred for business

#### Aileen Suv **Owner and Chief Operating Officer** Ana's Breeders Farms, Inc.

FOR Aileen Suy, owner and chief operating officer (COO) of Ana's Breeders Farms, Inc. (ABFI), entrepreneurship had always been her dream.

Born to entrepreneur parents, Ms. Suy was exposed to the nuances of running a business from a very young age. She spent her summers behind cash counters, looking after her parents' grocery store in Mati City, Davao Oriental.

Ms. Suy studied to be a medical professional at the Davao Doctors College, hoping to raise enough capital for her own business someday. She considered education as a means to an end, a fallback if things went wrong. But going into business was always the end goal. Even as Ms. Suy was reviewing for her licensure examinations, she exercised her entrepreneurial skills by helping a friend manage an electrical and light-

### **EY Entrepreneur** Of The Year

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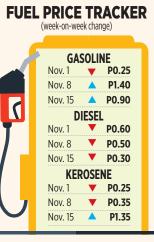


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# Filipinos spending less on mobile services amid soaring inflation

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MANY FILIPINO CONSUMERS are "reloading" less credits on their prepaid mobile phone accounts and opting for more affordable offerings as they tighten their belts amid soaring prices of basic commodities, the country's major mobile service providers said.

Inflation accelerated to 7.7% in October, the fastest pace in nearly 14 years, as the prices of food and utilities continue to rise.

"The impact of inflation... has been apparent as customers trade down connectivity needs with more basic household requirements, making bare necessities their priority," Globe Consumer Mobile Business Head Darius Jose Delgado told BusinessWorld in a recent e-mail interview.

Globe has seen a continued shift to mobile data services from voice and text services, amid the accelerated digital adoption of many Filipinos.



A VENDOR shows different SIM cards for sale at a stall in Quiapo, Manila, Oct. 8.

"This has led to the growth of Globe's mobile data traffic by 24%vear on year, from 2.081 petabytes in the first half of 2021 to 2,177 petabytes in the same period this year," Mr. Delgado said.

Mobile data accounted for 77% of Globe's total mobile service revenues of P78.9 billion as of the first half, compared with 73% a year ago. Mobile data revenues rose 3% to P54 billion in the January to June period.

Smart Communications, Inc., the wireless arm of the PLDT group, also expects "strong headwinds" such as the impact of inflation on consumer wallets and active competition.

Consumers are either reducing the frequency of their top-ups or switching to more affordable offers, Francis E. Flores, senior vice-president and head of consumer business group-individual at Smart, said in a recent interview.

Mobile services, S1/13