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SM	P930.000	TEL	P1,262.000	JFC	P229.000	SMPH	P35.500	ALI	P30.000	CNVRG	P14.700	BDO	P105.900	MONDE	P11.660	ACEN	P7.580	UBP	P83.100
Value	P326,670,705	Value	P188,581,095	Value	P181,447,338	Value	P164,639,750	Value	P139,544,265	Value	P132,675,200	Value	P131,496,783	Value	P124,715,812	Value	P114,415,707	Value	P102,118,111
P16.000	▲ 1.751%	P32.000	▲ 2.602%	-P1.000	▼ -0.435%	P0.000	— 0.000%	P0.800	▲ 2.740%	P0.780	▲ 5.603%	-P0.900	▼ -0.843%	-P0.040	▼ -0.342%	P0.020	▲ 0.265%	P1.500	▲ 1.838%

Revamp of vehicle tax needed — IMF

THE PHILIPPINES should consider revamping the taxation of passenger vehicles to take into consideration their impact on the environment, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said.

In a report, the IMF said the Philippines should conduct a thorough review of the tax treatment of passenger vehicles.

“Moving away from a luxury tax (like the long phased-out value-added tax on luxury goods) to an environment tax (one-off registration tax or excise, potentially coupled with recurrent circulation tax, akin to the current motor vehicle road user charge), ideally taking into account both (carbon dioxide) emissions and road congestion, should be favored,” the IMF said.

The Philippines should conduct an assessment of the revenue impact of this policy change before implementation, it said.

“From 2003, the Philippines moved away from taxing passenger cars based on the engine size (a proxy of negative externalities related to the adverse impact on the environment and roads’ wear and tear) towards a tax on the value of cars,” the IMF said.

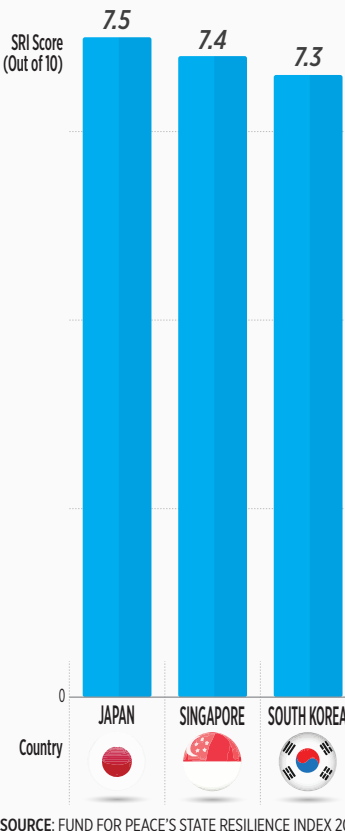
However, the IMF said this type of tax compromises the main objective of a “Pigouvian tax — reducing consumption of goods with negative externalities, and the ease of enforcing an excise tax which is usually based on objective and easily measured criteria.”

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PHILIPPINES SCORES 5.9 IN THE STATE RESILIENCE INDEX

The Philippines got an overall score of 5.9 out of 10 in the inaugural State Resilience Index (SRI) by non-profit governmental research and education institution Fund for Peace. The index covers 154 countries and determines the extent a country can anticipate, manage, and recover from a crisis, relative to the severity of that crisis based on seven pillars.* Among the pillars, the Philippines scored highest in the individual capabilities and social cohesion pillar with 6.9, while scoring lowest in environment/ecology with 4.6.

2022 State Resilience Index Scores of Select East and Southeast Asia Countries



Philippines' Profile

Pillars	Score
Total SRI Score	5.9
Civic Space	6.3
Economy	5.5
Environment/Ecology	4.6
Inclusion	5.3
Individual Capabilities	6.9
Social Cohesion	6.9
State Capacity	6.0

NOTES:

*The following are the seven pillars and sub-pillars used in the index:
Inclusion - inclusion of youth; political inclusion; access to finance; group-based inclusion; access to economic resources; access to employment; protection against precarity.
Social cohesion - social capital; social relations; confidence in national institutions.
State capacity - finances; government effectiveness; disaster risk reduction; public health; education outcomes; rule of law; freedom from corruption.
Individual capabilities - food/nutrition; education system; health; wealth.
Environment and ecology - pollution; ocean and fisheries health; agricultural productivity; ecosystem health; biodiversity; long-term climate stability; clean energy; water availability.
Economy - diversification; business environment; dynamism/innovation; physical infrastructure; capital flows; economic management.
Civic Space - engagement; accountability; democratic structures; human rights and civil liberties; information access.

SOURCE: FUND FOR PEACE'S STATE RESILIENCE INDEX 2022. (HTTPS://FUNDFORPEACE.ORG/SRI/ABOUT.HTML) BUSINESSWORLD RESEARCH: BERNADETTE THERESE M. GADON BUSINESSWORLD GRAPHICS: BONG R. FORTIN

Most Resilient Countries

Country	SRI Score (Out of 10)
Norway	8.4
Sweden	8.3
Finland	8.3
Switzerland	8.3
Denmark	8.2
New Zealand	8.1
Germany	7.9
Netherlands	7.9
Ireland	7.9
Austria	7.8

Least Resilient Countries

Country	SRI Score (Out of 10)
Yemen	2.9
South Sudan	2.9
Syria	3.3
Chad	3.3
Somalia	3.4
Afghanistan	3.4
Sudan	3.6
Central African Rep.	3.6
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	3.7
Guinea	3.9

OUTLOOK 2023

PHL airlines optimistic about recovery despite headwinds

By Arjay L. Balinbin
Senior Reporter

LOCAL AIRLINES expect the recovery momentum to continue next year, as the industry is better positioned to weather potential external headwinds.

“We are on track to restore our flights to 90% of pre-pandemic levels,” flag carrier Philippine Airlines (PAL) said in a statement to *BusinessWorld*.

PAL, which completed its voluntary Chapter 11 proceedings last year, saw its financial performance significantly improve. It posted a P6.8-billion attributable profit in the first nine months of 2022, a turnaround from the P21.8-billion net loss a year ago.

For 2023, PAL plans to reinforce its position as the Philippines’ only full-service network airline by restoring its network to mainland China, once it reopens to international travel. The flag carrier also plans to expand its code-sharing and interline partnerships with other airlines to give PAL passengers access to more overseas destinations and better connections.

PAL said it also aims to sustain and grow its cargo business in order to tap opportunities in the air freight market.

At the same time, the Lucio Tan-led airline targets to continue its digital transformation by introducing new products for customers and better in-house systems to boost efficiency.

The flag carrier noted that the Civil Aeronautics Board’s (CAB) move to lower the applicable fuel surcharge for domestic and international flights to Level 7 in January 2023, from Level 8 implemented in November and December, will “increase travel appetite and boost air travel.”

The CAB noted the drop in the average price of jet fuel to P41.50 per liter between Nov. 10 and Dec. 9, from the P42.87 per liter between Sept. 10 and Oct. 9.

Meanwhile, Cebu Pacific Chief Commercial Officer Xander Lao said separately that the budget carrier expects next year to be “much better” than 2022 in terms of passenger and cargo demand.

Mr. Lao described as “safe” the International Air Transport Association’s (IATA) global forecast of airlines returning to profitability in 2023.

The IATA earlier this month said it expects a net profit of \$4.7 billion for the global airline industry next year, after losing billions of dollars in 2020 and 2021 amid the pandemic.

In the first nine months of the year, Cebu Pacific reduced its attributable net loss to P12.05 billion from the P21.1-billion loss posted a year ago. Revenues jumped to P37.53 billion from P9.15 billion in 2021, as more Filipinos booked more flights to domestic and international destinations.

“Fuel prices have come down recently. The world is opening up. At Cebu Pacific, we are starting to see a lot more traffic in the international sectors. Japan, Korea, Singapore, and Thailand have been doing quite well,” Mr. Lao said at a press briefing.

However, Mr. Lao noted that there is “still a lot of uncertainty looking forward.”

“But we are pretty confident that if we adhere to our low-cost model, we think it will be a good year for Cebu Pacific as well as the industry,” he said.

Meanwhile, AirAsia Philippines Chief Executive Officer Ricardo P. Isla said the low-cost carrier is establishing a more cost-efficient corporate structure as it aims for a full recovery from pandemic-related losses in 2023.

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Subscribers grumble after first day of SIM registration hit by glitches

THE COUNTRY’S major mobile network carriers faced a slew of consumer complaints on Tuesday after glitches marred the first day of mandatory subscriber identity module (SIM) card registration.

The official Facebook pages of Globe Telecom, Inc., Smart Communications, Inc., and DITO Telecommunity Corp. were flooded with subscribers’ complaints about technical issues they encountered in registering their SIM cards.

Responding to a user, Globe said: “We’re sorry if you’re having trouble accessing the SIM Registration page, which is currently experiencing birth pains.”

Smart, the wireless arm of PLDT Inc., said in a statement that some of its subscribers may have experienced difficulty accessing the SIM registration website (<https://simreg.smart.com.ph/>) “due to the high volume of registrants.”

A representative of new entrant DITO Telecommunity told reporters via Viber that it managed to address “most of the complaints.”

“The first two weeks of the implementation of the SIM registration is considered as a test period, wherein some glitches or technical issues are expected as the public telecommunications entities (PTE) fine-tune their respective processes,” the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) said in a statement.

During the 15-day test period, the DICT said mobile network carriers should be able to assess what they need to improve to make the registra-



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PEOPLE are seen using their mobile phones along Claro M. Recto Avenue in Divisoria, Manila, Dec. 27. Mobile phone users are now required to register their subscriber identity module cards.

tion process more efficient and easier for subscribers, it added.

In an e-mailed statement, Globe said that “several customers” were able to access its registration site between 4 a.m. and 7 a.m. but the portal temporarily went offline as the site was “being optimized.”

Globe said it was working to have the registration platform back up “within the day.”

As of press time, its website <https://new.globe.com.ph/simreg> is still inaccessible.

The Ayala-led telco said it will contact existing postpaid subscribers to

confirm and complete their registration.

“Technical teams are working double time so the online platform can go live before the day ends. Rest assured that we are optimizing our systems to give you a better registration experience. We’d also like to remind our customers that there is enough time to register,” said Maria Yolanda C. Crisanto, sustainability and corporate communications head of Globe Group.

Globe estimates that its network has 87.9 million SIM users.

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