Relations between Japan and the Philippines have come a long way. This volume uncovers the ups and downs of this relationship from the late-nineteenth century to the 1990s, through periods of cooperation and trust, suspicion and war, close entanglement with the United States, and diplomacy through regional and international organizations. Japan and the Philippines' ties date back to pre-colonial times. One of the oldest foreign settlements in the Philippines was that of the Japanese in the late 16th century. But the two nations have crossed paths even earlier than this. The book “Rebuilding Bridges” chronicled the Philippine-Japan diplomatic relations, which dates back to 1888 when Tokyo established a diplomatic office in Manila. This was expanded to a Consulate General in 1919 and was eventually declared an embassy in 1943 under the Japanese occupation. After the World War II, it was only after the signing of wartime reparations agreement that signaled the formal normalization of diplomatic ties between the Japan and the Philippines. Japan and the Philippines have agreed to work toward achieving a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific region by strengthening security cooperation. Japan will also continue to support building infrastructure and promoting the peace process in Mindanao between the Philippine government and Muslim rebels, Prime Minister National Nov 20, 2017. Philippines commissions three more Japan-made coast guard ships. The Philippines commissioned into service three Japan-made patrol ships on Monday, adding to the three already received from Japan for the country’s coast guard fleet. The 44-meter Japan-made Philippines relations (Japanese: 日本フィリピン関係, Hepburn: Nihon to Firipin no kankei) and (Filipino: Ugnayang Pilipinas at Nippon/Hapon), span a period from before the 16th century to the present.[1][2][3][4]. Contents. 1 History. 1.1 Early Japanese presence in the Philippines. 1.2 Philippines and the Empire of Japan. 1.3 Post-war relations. 1.4 Relations during the Marcos dictatorship. 1.4.1 Japan ODA scandal. 1.5 After 1986. Video: Japan's Worldwide Projects for the Future of our Oceans. Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). Archives. Related Links. Embassy of Japan in the Philippines Website. Consular Office of Japan in Cebu Website. Consular Office of Japan in Davao Website. Embassy of the Philippines in Japan Website. (Open a New Window). Page Top.