



"Imagine a world in which
every single person is given free access
to the sum of all human knowledge.
That's what we're doing."
– Jimmy Wales, founder

Wikimedia Philippines



Wikimedia Philippines is a proposed chapter of the Wikimedia Foundation, an Internet-based organisation dedicated to the creation of educational open-content materials accessible to practically everyone with an Internet connexion. Currently Wikimedia servers host a variety of open-content projects such as the well-knowned, award-winning Internet encyclopedia, the Wikipedia, Wiktionary, a free multilingual dictionary, Wikibooks, open-content textbooks, Wikinews, a free news source, Wikisource, a free library, Wikiquote, a free compendium of quotations, and Wikispecies, a free directory of species. All of which are available in different languages.

Wikimedia Philippines is currently at the process of being chartered and incorporated. Similar to the Wikimedia Foundation, its Philippine chapter also strives to promote free educational content. However, Wikimedia Philippines focuses on producing open content in Philippine-language projects of the Wikimedia Foundation, and promoting them, specially, in the Philippines. Wikimedia has many local chapters in the world, however, Wikimedia Philippines has potential to be the first Wikimedia chapter in asia; that is with your help.

Philippine Collaboration Project

The Philippine Collaboration Project, otherwise know as "Tambayan" or "Tambayan Philippines", is the de facto name of the the extensive community of Wikimedians in collaboration, as the name suggests, of creating, developing, maintaining and promoting articles in Philippine-language Wikimedia projects, and Philippine-related articles within the English Wikipedia. The work of Wikimedians within the Philippine Collaboration Project also includes ensuring the accuracy of the actual article content. And as more Wikimedians help in this process, and verify the articles' content the better the articles become. That is why we invite everyone to join and contribute to the Project.

In most Wikipedias, a status called "Featured Article" is presented to an article containing the most accurate, informative and neutral of content written in the most excellent of style. There have been several Philippine-related articles that have reached this status within the English Wikipedia, such as the articles of the History of Philipines, Manila Light Rail Transit System and Mount Pinatubo. This is not yet counting the over 2,000 Featured Articles that the English Wikipedia has, and the several Featured Articles of the Philippine-language Wikipedias.

Besides Featured Articles, most Wikipedias offer other statuses to their articles by quality, like Good Articles, A-class, B-class, Start class and Stub class. All of which are written by tireless contributors from all countries, races and nationalities — from writers, to proofreaders and spellcheckers, to photographers and graphics artists, to fact-checkers.

Primary projects



English Wikipedia

<http://en.wikipedia.org>

The English Wikipedia is the largest in size language edition of Wikipedia; it has currently around 2,400,000, more than any other encyclopedia, with exponential growth everyday.



Tagalog Wikipedia

<http://tl.wikipedia.org>

The Tagalog Wikipedia a Philippine-language edition of Wikipedia with around 16,500 articles and 12 Featured Articles.

a multilingual free encyclopedia

Wiktionary Tagalog Wiktionary

[ˈwɪkʃənɹɪ] n., a wiki-based Open Content dictionary

<http://tl.wiktionary.org>

Wiksa [ˈwɪsɹɪ kɔzɹɪ]

The Tagalog Wiktionary is an open-content multilingual dictionary that currently has around 450 entries.



Tagalog Wikibooks

<http://tl.wikibooks.org>

The Tagalog Wikibooks is an open-content library featuring how-to books, cookbooks, story synopses and much more. It currently hold around 200 books.



Cebuano Wikipedia

<http://ceb.wikipedia.org>

The Cebuano Wikipedia is currently the largest Philippine-language Wikipedia with around 34,000 articles mostly about French communes, and 15 Featured Articles.



Bicol Central Wikipedia

<http://bcl.wikipedia.org>



Ilongo Wikipedia

<http://ilo.wikipedia.org>



Kapampangan Wikipedia

<http://pam.wikipedia.org>



Pangasinan Wikipedia

<http://pag.wikipedia.org>



Waray Wikipedia

<http://war.wikipedia.org>



Zamboangueño Wikipedia

<http://cbk-zam.wikipedia.org>

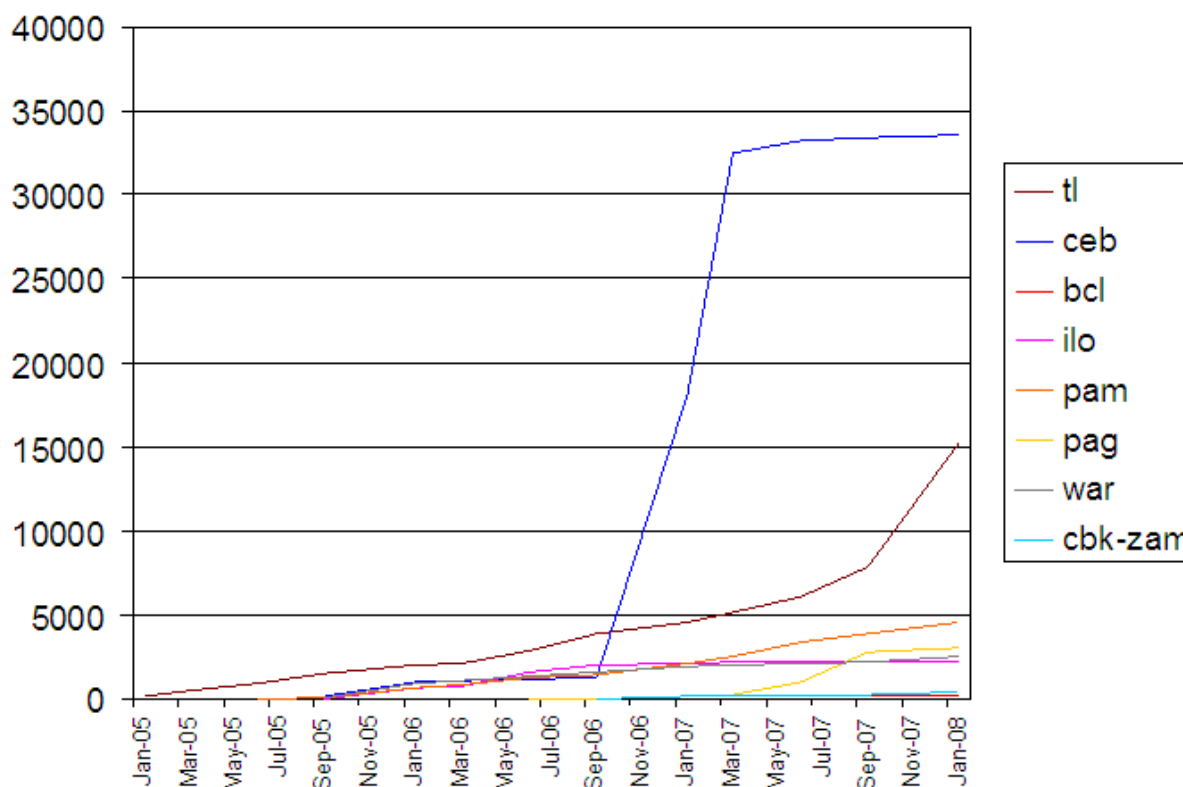
Take note also that there are still Philippine-language projects under incubation/development so expect more to come.

Project statistics

Project	founded	# of articles	Edits per page	Active contributors (5 or more edits/month)	New articles per day
English Wikipedia	01/2001	2,400,000	39 ^{as of October 2006}	44,200 ^{as of October 2006}	1,820 ^{as of October 2006}
Wikipedia Tagalog	12/2003	16,500	8	36	23
Wiktionary Tagalog	03/2005	450	5	2	0
Wikibooks Cebuano	07/2006	200	19	1	0
Wikipedia Bicol Central	06/2005	34,000	4	24	1
Wikipedia Ilokano	11/2007	350	8	7	0
Wikipedia Kapampangan	10/2005	2,300	12	9	0
Wikipedia Pangasinan	07/2005	5,400	7	16	5
Wikipedia Waray	05/2006	3,000	2	3	0
Wikipedia Zamboangueño	09/2005	2,600	10	9	1
Wikipedia	10/2006	540	10	10	1

source: <http://stats.wikimedia.org/>

Growth of Philippine-language Wikipedias



Participation

We invite you to help us, and this help won't require you anything. We only need you're time. You can help by simply writing, spellchecking and verifying articles in the English and Philippine-language Wikipedia, or any other language edition of Wikipedia. Quoted from Wikimedia's dear founder Jimmy Wales, "Imagine a world in which every single person has free access to the sum of all human knowledge.". You can help making it possible.

You may contact the Philippine Wikimedia Community at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WT:TAMBAY> .

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