

A Bequest of Woes

President Aquino is betting on privatization to build infrastructures, but he must deal with his predecessor's legacy of projects that ran into trouble because of political interference, corruption, and weak capacity

23 NORTH LUZON RAILWAY

More Money, Fewer Trains

The Aquino administration is keen on completing the railway project, one of the biggest Chinese-funded projects in Southeast Asia. First, it must renegotiate the amended supply contract that increased costs by more than half while cutting the scope of work

35 NAIA TERMINAL 3

Struggling to Take Off

To be able to fully and safely operate NAIA 3, the Aquino administration must complete badly-needed repairs and upgrades on the facility that the previous government failed to carry out in its rush to partially open the terminal

53 METRO RAIL TRANSIT 3

Undoing a Costly Mistake

Heir to a record-breaking budget gap, President Aquino plans to cut subsidies for the MRT3 by raising train fares — which Arroyo avoided at all cost — but he must also unwind the costly privatization deal that is at the root of the project's financial woes