

# PH cited for improvement in Internet speed

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A global leader in Internet performance testing said in a recent report that the country's average download speed for mobile and fixed broadband continued to improve in February 2018, posting an increase of 70.30 percent to 12.67Mbps and 103.41 percent to 16.09Mbps, respectively.

According to Ookla's Speedtest Global Index Report of February 2018, the download speeds improved from 7.44Mbps (mobile broadband) and from 7.91Mbps (fixed broadband) that were recorded in July 2016.

For mobile broadband, the country's monthly averages grew steadily from 7.44Mbps (July 2016), 7.7Mbps (August 2016), 8.18Mbps (September 2016), 8.56Mbps (October 2016), 8.59Mbps (November 2016), 9.53Mbps (December 2016), 9.34Mbps (January 2017), 10.07Mbps (February 2017), 9.73Mbps (March 2017), 9.71Mbps (April 2017), 9.93Mbps (May 2017), 10.32Mbps (June 2017), 10.29Mbps (July 2017), 10.47Mbps (August 2017), 11.95Mbps (September 2017), 12.31Mbps (October 2017), 12.35Mbps (November 2017), 13.45Mbps (December 2017), 12.55Mbps (January 2018) and 12.67Mbps (February 2018).

The country's monthly averages for fixed broadband also continued to trend upward from 7.91Mbps (July 2016), 8.54Mbps (August 2016), 8.76Mbps (September 2016), 8.60Mbps (October 2016), 9.35Mbps (November 2016), 9.71Mbps (December 2016), 10.16Mbps (January 2017), 10.68Mbps (February 2017), 10.81Mbps (March 2017), 10.84Mbps (April 2017), 10.96Mbps (May 2017), 11.66Mbps (June 2017), 12.43Mbps (July 2017), 13.29Mbps (August 2017), 13.41Mbps (September 2017), 13.13Mbps (October 2017), 14.42Mbps (November 2017), 15.19Mbps (December 2017), 15.67Mbps (January 2018) and 16.09Mbps (February 2018).

Speedtest by Ookla is the global leader in Internet performance testing and consumer-initiated network diagnostics with over 10.2 billion speedtests clocked worldwide. Speedtest Intelligence is a trusted and vital research and analysis tool used by businesses, industry associations and government agencies.

The improvement in the Philippines' Internet speed may be attributed to President Duterte's repeated calls for telcos to improve their services.

Internet speed and availability are also expected to improve even further with the implementation of DICT's National Broadband Plan and the government's call for a third major telco player. (BCM)