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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AED	United Arab Emirates dirham
AFP	Armed Forces of the Philippines
AGS	Arab Gulf states
CBSE	Central Board of Secondary Education
CISCE	Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination
EPS	employment permit system
FDW	foreign domestic worker
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association (International Federation of Association Football)
G7	Group of Seven
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GDP	gross domestic product
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISIS	Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
JKPE	Jabatan Perancangan dan Kemajuan Ekonomi (Department of Economic Planning and Development)
KHDA	Knowledge and Human Development Authority
KWD	Kuwaiti dinar
MFDW	Muslim Filipina domestic worker
NCERT	National Council for Educational Research and Training
NGO	non-governmental organisation
NRI	nonresident Indian
OFW	overseas Filipino worker
PHP	Philippine peso
POEA	Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
SR	Saudi riyal
TOPIK	Test of Proficiency in Korean
UAE	United Arab Emirates
WAM	Wakalat Anba'a al Emarat (Emirates News Agency)

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