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A stylized, low-poly illustration of a building with a tower and arched windows, set against a dark blue background. The building is rendered in lighter blue and white tones, with some foliage visible in the foreground. The overall style is modern and graphic.

01

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR



The completion this year of all restoration projects on heritage sites and structures damaged by the 2013 earthquake was a major feat for the National Historical Commission of the Philippines. As promised, the NHCP delivered its last completed project in 2018, the San Isidro Labrador Parish Church in Tubigon, Bohol. There were twenty-eight sites and structures restored by the Commission in Bohol and Cebu since 2013, consisting of church complexes, government buildings, watch towers, monuments, a prison complex, and a cemetery chapel.

This year, the NHCP turned-over three (3) projects in Bohol and three (3) in Cebu. The biggest ceremony was the reopening and rededication of the Baclayon Church in Bohol on February 27, which was attended by His Excellency Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines, who led the consecration mass. With the completion of the Bohol projects, Bishop Albert Uy of the Diocese of Tagbilaran emphasized a positive outlook on the predicament brought about by the natural calamity to the heritage churches. He open-endedly asked the parishioners if the earthquake is a “grasya o disgrasya” – a blessing or a curse. For the NHCP, this undertaking has been a valuable learning experience in terms of conservation and protection of our country’s tangible heritage—and indeed a blessing.

With the practice of internationally-accepted conservation principles in the various unique cases, stakeholders’ dialogues, and the training of local workers on traditional construction technology, certainly, the Philippines is ready to rise up and preserve our architectural legacies should there be another earthquake in the future. Also, during the past five years, various measures were undertaken to help the people of Bohol and Cebu sustain the maintenance of these restored sites by educating the property custodians and the community in the basic conservation of movable and immovable heritage.

In 2018, the NHCP was tasked to plan and implement the annual commemoration of the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution every February 25, by virtue of Executive Order No. 47. The EO transferred the chairmanship of the EDSA People Power Commission from the Office of the Executive Secretary to the Chair of the NHCP.

A milestone event the nation will look forward to in 2019 is the 150th birth anniversary of the country's first President, Emilio Aguinaldo. The kick-off ceremony was held at the Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite last March 22.

In 2018, too, the NHCP launched one of its most challenging undertakings to date – the commemoration of the 500 years of the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan in the Philippines, the victory of Lapu Lapu in the battle of Mactan, and other historic events that happened from 1519 to 1522. In May, President Duterte issued Executive Order No. 55, which constituted a steering committee for the commemoration of the quincentennial historical events. The NHCP, as Vice-Chair of the quincentennial committee, is in the midst of preparations for various projects for the celebration.



In August, the NHCP opened the Presidential Car Museum in Quezon City. This has been a long-awaited dream to house all presidential cars under one roof and tell their story to the Filipino people.

Finally, it is with great pride to announce that the NHCP was issued its ISO 9001:2015 certificate last December 11.

The year has been a frenzy of activities and the NHCP thanks all those who have supported us in one way or another. We look forward to another fruitful year in 2019!

Dr. Rene R. Escalante





02

COMPLETED RESTORATION PROJECTS

LA PURISIMA CONCEPCION DEL VIRGEN MARIA PARISH CHURCH

Baclayon, Bohol



The Immaculate Conception Parish Church in Baclayon, Bohol was severely damaged during the 2013 earthquake which struck Bohol and Cebu. The NHCP completed the restoration of the church and turned it over on February 27 to the Diocese of Tagbilaran.

LA PURISIMA CONCEPCION DEL VIRGEN MARIA PARISH CHURCH PIPE ORGAN

Baclayon, Bohol



The Baclayon Church pipe organ, built in 1824, will revive the rich musical tradition of Baclayanons.

SAN ANTONIO ABAD PARISH CHURCH

Carmen, Bohol



The San Antonio Abad Parish Church in Carmen, Bohol, which was heavily damaged during the 2013 earthquake, was restored and turned over to the Diocese of Talibon on January 16.

SAN ISIDRO LABRADOR PARISH CHURCH

Tubigon, Bohol



The turnover ceremonies for the restored San Isidro Labrador Parish Church in Tubigon, Bohol was presided by Chair Escalante on May 25. Bishop Alberto S. Uy accepted for the Diocese of Tagbilaran.

TABLEAU OF AKLAN KATIPUNEROS

Kalibo, Aklan



The tableau of Aklan Katipuneros at the Aklan Provincial Capitol Plaza in Kalibo, Aklan, depicts the struggles and triumph of the Katipunan heroes of Aklan. The monument was unveiled on March 23.

QUIRINO PEDESTRIAN GARDEN BRIDGE

Santa and Bantay, Ilocos Sur



The Quirino Pedestrian Garden Bridge project in Santa and Bantay, Ilocos Sur, consisted of the site development and beautification of the area.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH CEILING PAINTING

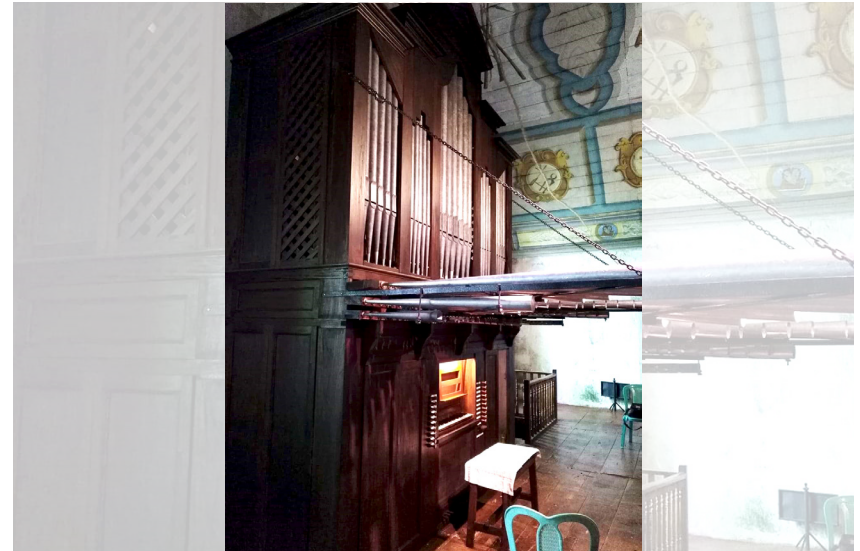
Samboan, Cebu



The conceptualization, design, fabrication and production of the ceiling painting of the St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Samboan, Cebu was inspired by the artworks of Rey Francia and Canuto Avila as seen on other heritage churches in Cebu.

NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PATROCINIO DE MARIA PARISH CHURCH PIPE ORGAN

Boljoon, Cebu



The Boljoon Church pipe organ, built between 1880-1890, is one of the few remaining historic pipe organs in the country. Turnover ceremonies were held on November 9.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL PARISH CHURCH

Bantayan, Cebu



The coralstone church on the island of Bantayan was restored and turned over to the Archdiocese of Cebu on April 26.

SOUTHERN LEYTE PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

Maasin, Southern Leyte



The Southern Leyte Provincial Library in Maasin, Southern Leyte was turned over to the Provincial Government on April 17.

PUERICULTURE CENTER BUILDING

Silay City, Negros Occidental



NHCP Chair Rene Escalante and Silay City Mayor Mark Andrew Golez cut the ribbon during the inauguration and turn over ceremonies for the restored Silay Puericulture Center on June 22.

GAPAN PRESIDENCIA

Gapan, Nueva Ecija



The project involved the restoration of the Gapan Presidencia and its adaptive re-use as a municipal museum, and the construction of an annex building. The completed structures were turned over to the Municipal Government of Gapan on May 30.

STA. MONICA PARISH CHURCH

Pan-ay, Capiz



The massive coralstone Santa Monica Parish Church in Pan-ay, Capiz was restored by the NHCP and turned over to the Archdiocese of Capiz on August 16.



The statue of St. Monica, patroness of Pan ay Church, adorns the façade of the church.

CUSTOMS HOUSE, ILOILO

Muelle Loney, Iloilo City, Iloilo



The NHCP restored the exterior and lobby of this American-era building on Muelle Loney along Iloilo River. The building was turned over to the Bureau of Customs on February 19.

KER & CO. LTD. BUILDING

Iloilo City, Iloilo



This building, one of the oldest in Iloilo City, was restored by the NHCP and turned over to the City Government of Iloilo on November 29.

ST. MAGDALENE PARISH CHURCH

Magdalena, Laguna



The project included the restoration of the church and convent of the St. Magdalene Parish in Magdalena, Laguna. The restored structures were turned over to the Archdiocese of San Pablo on December 11.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH CHURCH

Guagua, Pampanga



The NHCP restored the Immaculate Conception Parish Church in Guagua, Pampanga and turned it over to the Archdiocese of San Fernando on November 27.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH CHURCH

Malinao, Aklan



The restoration of the St. Joseph the Worker Parish Church in Malinao, Aklan was completed this year and turned over to the Diocese of Kalibo on December 15 in time for the Simbang Gabi masses.

SAN SEBASTIAN PARISH CHURCH

Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro



The San Sebastian Parish Church in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro was restored and turned over to the Apostolic Vicariate of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro on July 12.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH CHURCH

Capul, Northern Samar



The restored San Ignacio de Loyola Parish Church Complex in Capul, Northern Samar was turned over to the Diocese of Catarman on October 25.

CAPUL LIGHTHOUSE

Capul, Northern Samar



The restoration of Capul Lighthouse included the rehabilitation of the lighthouse and pavilion, and site development. The completed project was turned over to the Philippine Coast Guard on October 25.

IWAHIG PRISON AND PENAL FARM

Puerto Princesa, Palawan



The Iwahig Penal Colony and Farm Recreation Building (Building IV) was turned over to the Bureau of Corrections on November 16 in line with the 140th Foundation Day of the penal colony.



The Iwahig Penal Colony's Inmate Postal Exchange Building, which was destroyed by fire in 2014, was also restored and will now be used as the IPPF tourist center and souvenir shop.

SHEIK KARIMOL MAKHDUM MOSQUE

Simunul, Tawi-Tawi



The NHCP transferred funds to the Municipality of Simunul for the repair and rehabilitation of the mosque in order to protect the four original wooden posts.



Magdalena Church



Ker & Co. Ltd. Building



Sablayan Church



Iloilo Churches



Banay Church



19 Martyrs



Capul Lighthouse



Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm



Carmen Church



Tubigon Church



Guagua Church



Pan-ay Church



Malinao Church



Customs House, Iloilo



Baclayon Church



Boljoon Church



Silay Puericulture



Gapan Presidencia

ONGOING PROJECTS The following projects were started in 2018 and are scheduled for completion next year.		LOCATION
1	Conservation of Bato Church	Bato, Catanduanes
2	Conservation of Calumpit Church	Calumpit, Bulacan
3	Conservation of Dauin Church	Dauin, Negros Oriental
4	Conservation of Lallo Church	Lallo, Cagayan
5	Conservation of Lazi Church	Lazi, Siquijor
6	Conservation of Lucban Church	Lucban, Quezon
7	Conservation of Old Antique Provincial Capitol	San Jose, Antique
8	Conservation of Zamboanguita Church	Zamboanguita, Negros Oriental
9	Construction of Mariano Ponce Museum including the provision of its curatorial component	Baliuag, Bulacan
10	Construction of Teresa Magbanua Monument	Pototan, Iloilo
11	Construction of Nazaria Lagos Monument	Dueñas, Iloilo
12	Repair and restoration of Prudencial Fule Ancestral House	San Pablo, Laguna
13	Repair and restoration of the Old City Hall Building of San Pablo	San Pablo, Laguna
14	Restoration and adaptive reuse of Cariño House (Phase 1)	Candon City, Ilocos Sur
15	Restoration of Bahay na Bato sa Antique	San Jose City, Antique
16	Restoration of Cape San Agustin Lighthouses	Governor Generoso, Davao Oriental
17	Restoration of Caraga Church	Caraga, Davao Oriental
18	Restoration of Government-owned properties within the heritage zones along Rizal Avenue	San Pablo City, Laguna
19	Restoration of Malabon Church	Malabon, Metro Manila
20	Restoration of Old Presidencia of Bulan	Bulan, Sorsogon
21	Restoration of the Old San Pablo Telegraph Office	San Pablo City, Laguna
22	Site acquisition and development of the Jose B. Lingad Monument and Memorial Park	Lubao, Pampanga





03

NEW MUSEUM

PRESIDENTIAL CAR MUSEUM

Quezon City

August 19



The Presidential Car Museum features Presidential Cars from Emilio Aguinaldo to Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in a spacious, modern building in Quezon City. The museum was opened to the public on August 19, coinciding with the 140th birth anniversary celebration of Manuel L. Quezon.



NHCP Director Ludovico Badoy, Mrs. Mylah Reyes-Roque, Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque, NHCP Chair Rene Escalante and Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista get ready for the ribbon cutting to open the Presidential Car Museum.



Chair Escalante guides Sec. Roque and other guests through the car museum.



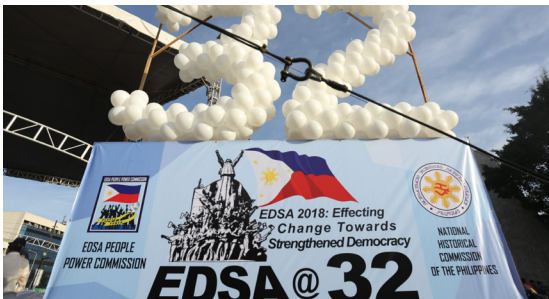


04

COMMEMORATIONS

PEOPLE POWER REVOLUTION

EDSA People Power Shrine, Quezon City
February 25



EMILIO AGUINALDO BIRTH ANNIVERSARY (KICK OFF FOR 150TH)

Kawit, Cavite

March 22



76TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARAW NG KAGITINGAN

Mt. Samat National Shrine, Pilar, Bataan
April 9



PAMBANSANG ARAW NG WATAWAT

Dambana ng Pambansang Watawat, Alapan II-B, Imus, Cavite
May 28



120TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine, Kawit, Cavite
June 12



PHILIPPINE-SPANISH FRIENDSHIP DAY

Baler, Aurora
June 30



140TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MANUEL L. QUEZON

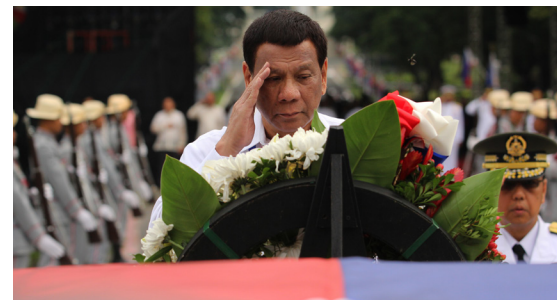
Quezon Memorial Shrine, Quezon City

August 19



NATIONAL HEROES DAY

Libingan ng mga Bayani, Taguig City
August 27



150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF TERESA MAGBANUA

Pototan, Iloilo
October 13



100TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF GEN. MARTIN DELGADO

Santa Barbara, Iloilo
November 12



155TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF ANDRES BONIFACIO

Bonifacio National Monument, Caloocan City / Bonifacio Shrine, P. Burgos Street, Ermita Manila / Bonifacio Trial House, Maragondon, Cavite / Bonifacio Monument, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City / Liwasang Andres Bonifacio, Cloverleaf, Balintawak, Quezon City / Bonifacio Plaza, Tutuban Center, C.M. Recto Avenue, Tondo, Manila
November 30



122ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF DR. JOSE RIZAL

Rizal Monument, Davao City and Rizal National Monument, Rizal Park Manila

December 30







05

UNVEILING OF MARKERS

KAPITOLYO NG LALAWIGAN NG ILOCOS NORTE

Laoag City, Ilocos Norte
March 1



NHCP Chair Rene Escalante and Ilocos Norte Governor Imee Marcos lead the unveiling rites for the marker for the Ilocos Norte Capitol Building.

PAGPUPULONG SA BACOR

Bacoor City Plaza, Bacoor City, Cavite
August 1



Chair Escalante, NHCP-RPHD Chief Alvin Alcidi, Bacoor City Mayor Lani Revilla and Vice Mayor Karen Sarino-Evaristo sign the Certificates of Transfer and Acceptance of the marker.

GUSALING PEREZ-SAMANILLO

Escolta Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila
October 16



Mrs. Lorraine Sylianteng, Mr. Roberto Sylianteng, NHCP Deputy Director Carminda Arevalo, Ms. Clarita S. Tang, NHCP-HSED Chief Gina Batuhan, and Mr. Cesar Sylianteng unveil the historical marker of Gusaling Perez-Samanillo.

ANG PINAGDAUNGAN NG USS STINGRAY

Caunayan, Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte
April 24



NHCP Executive Director Ludovico Badoy, RPHD Chief Alvin Alcid, Pagudpud Municipal Mayor Marlon Ferdinand Sales and the founding members of the Stingray Memorial Foundation – Peter Parsons, Leopoldo Bautista and Lucky Guillermo, together with veterans and guests, strike a group pose beside the newly-unveiled historical marker.

MGA RELIHIYOSONG AGUSTINO SA PILIPINAS

Basilica Minore de Sto. Niño, Cebu City
August 8



Chair Escalante, RPHD Chief Alvin Alcid, and Fr. Harold R. Rentoria, OSA, unveil the marker, together with the Augustinian priests of the Province of Santo Niño de Cebu.

JOSE CORTES ALTAVAS

Altavas, Aklan
January 25



Altavas Historical Research Society Chairman Dr. Cleope Paterno, Director Badoy, Altavas Mayor Denny Refol, and Mr. Jose Ramon Altavas, descendant of Jose Cortes Altavas, display the signed Certificates of Transfer and Acceptance of the historical marker.

SIMBAHAN AT DAMBANA NG SEÑORA DE ARANZASU

San Mateo, Rizal
August 31



Chair Escalante, Bishop of Antipolo Most Reverend Francisco M. De Leon, D.D., Fr. Edwin Tirado of the Nuestra Señora De Aranzazu Parish, San Mateo Municipal Mayor Cristina Diaz and other local officials unveil the historical marker.

GABRIEL FABELLA

Banton, Romblon
October 3



Deputy Director Carminda Arevalo turns over the signed Certificates of Transfer and Acceptance of the historical marker to Banton Municipal Mayor Joseph Fadri.

SIMBAHAN NG MACABEBE

Macabebe, Pampanga
September 10



Director Badoy, Archbishop Florentino G. Lavarias, D.D. of the Diocese of San Fernando, and Rev. Fr. Jose B. Bascon, Jr. of the San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish Church unveil the historical marker. Standing at left is Macabebe Municipal Mayor Annette Balgan.

BICOL REGIONAL TRAINING AND TEACHING HOSPITAL

Legaspi City, Albay
September 3



Chair Escalante, NHCP-HPD Chief Arch. Reynaldo Lita, Second District of Albay Congressman Joey Sarte Salceda, Bicol Regional Training and Teaching Hospital (BRTTH) Medical Center Chief II Dr. Rogelio G. Rivera, and BRTTH Chief of Medical Professional Staff II Dr. Salvacion S. Macinas, pose beside the unveiled historical marker, together with other BRTTH officials.

SIMBAHAN NG LUMANG BOSOBOSO

Antipolo City, Rizal
June 14



Chair Escalante, together with Msgr. Pedro Cañonero, Chancellor of the Diocese of Antipolo and Fr. Evan Paul Villanueva, parish priest, sign the certificate of transfer of the marker "Simbahan ng Lumang Bosoboso." The clergy of the Diocese and the Camillian Fathers stand as witnesses to the ceremony.

KAPITOLYO NG SORSOGON

Sorsogon City, Sorsogon
October 7



Chair Escalante unveils the marker for the Capitol Building of the province of Sorsogon, together with Governor Robert Lee Rodriguez and Presidential Adviser for Bicol Affairs Marvel Clavecilla.

PAMPANGA HIGH SCHOOL

San Fernando, Pampanga
August 14



Director Badoy, Pampanga High School Principal Fe Rosalinda Cayao, San Fernando City Mayor Edwin D. Santiago, and Vice Mayor Jimmy T. Lazatin unveil the marker, together with other local officials.

JOSE RIZAL

Rizal Monument, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, USA
November 17



The Certificate of Transfer of the restored Rizal Monument and the historical marker is presented by Deputy Director Arevalo and NHCP Senior Science Research Specialist Lie Zar Montilla to Dr. Alex M. Cueto, President of the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Centennial Inc. and Mrs. Eleanor E. Benitez, Chairman of the Board.

OLD CHANCERY OF THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE UNITED STATES

1617 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.,
United States of America
November 9



Chair Escalante and Ambassador of the Philippines to the United States Jose Manuel G. Romualdez unveil the historical markers declaring the Old Chancery of the Philippine Embassy as a national historical landmark.



(L-R) Philippine Embassy Economic Minister Jose Victor Chan Gonzaga; Philippine Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Patrick Chuasoto; Ambassador Romualdez; Chair Escalante; and RPHD Chief Alvin Alcid pose for a group photo after the signing of certificate.

MARKERS The following markers were unveiled in 2018.		LOCATION
1	PAG-AKLAS NG REHIMYENTO NG TAYABAS	Fort Santiago, Intramuros, Manila
2	ANG KAPITOLYO NG LALAWIGAN NG ILOCOS NORTE	Provincial Capitol Building, Laoag, Ilocos Norte
3	PAROLA NG CAPE SANTIAGO	Calatagan, Batangas
4	ANG PINAGDAUNGAN NG USS STINGRAY	Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte
5	SIMBAHAN NG SAN MIGUEL DE MAYUMO	San Miguel, Bulacan
6	FRANCISCO MERCADO	Biñan, Laguna
7	TRINIDAD RIZAL	Los Baños, Laguna
8	SIMBAHAN NG LUMANG BOSOBOSO	Antipolo City, Rizal
9	SIMBAHAN NG SABLAYAN	Sablayan, Mindoro
10	PAGPUPULONG SA BACOR	Bacoor, Cavite
11	PAMPANGA HIGH SCHOOL	San Fernando, Pampanga
12	GUSALING CALVO	Escolta Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila
13	SIMBAHAN NG SEÑORA DE ARANZASU	San Mateo, Rizal
14	BICOL REGIONAL TRAINING AND TEACHING HOSPITAL	Legaspi City, Albay
15	KATEDRAL NG ALBAY	Legaspi City, Albay
16	SIMBAHAN NG MACABEBE	Macabebe, Pampanga

MARKERS		LOCATION
17	GUSALING PEREZ-SAMANILLO	Escolta Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila
18	KAPITOLYO NG SORSOGON	Sorsogon City, Sorsogon
19	PUERTA REAL NG PAGSANJAN	Pagsanjan, Laguna
20	AMBROSIO RIANZARES BAUTISTA	Biñan, Laguna
21	SIMBAHAN NG MAGDALENA	Magdalena, Laguna
22	SIMBAHAN NG CARMEN	Carmen, Bohol
23	JOSE CORTES ALTAVAS	Altavas, Aklan
24	GUSALI NG ILOILO-ACACIA LODGE NO.11	J.M. Basa Street, Iloilo City, Iloilo
25	OPPUS ANCESTRAL HOUSE	Maasin, Southern Leyte
26	BAHAY KALAKAL NG KER & CO. LTD.	Iloilo City, Iloilo
27	MGA RELIHIYOSONG AGUSTINO SA PILIPINAS	Basilica Minore de Sto. Niño, Cebu City, Cebu
28	GABRIEL FABELLA	Banton, Romblon
29	SIMBAHAN NG CALBAYOG	Calbayog, Samar
30	OLD CHANCERY OF THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE UNITED STATES	Washington, D.C., United States of America
31	JOSE RIZAL	Rizal Monument, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, United States of America





06

TRAINING AND NETWORKING

LGU TRAINING IN DAVAO CITY

Davao City
April 12-13



The NHCP, in coordination with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, conducted the LGU Training on History and Heritage on April 12 and 13 at the Grand Menseng Hotel in Davao City.

COLORS OF WAR EXHIBIT

AFP Museum, Camp Aguinaldo
April 9- May 9



The Colors of War exhibit was viewed at the AFP museum in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City from April 9 to May 9. The NHCP produced the exhibit, in coordination with the AFP and the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office.

100TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF TOMAS CLAUDIO

Museo ng Morong, Rizal
June 29



A lecture in commemoration of the 100th death anniversary of Tomas Claudio, Filipino World War I hero, by Dr. Ricardo T. Jose was held at the Museo ng Morong, Morong, Rizal on June 29, in coordination with Likas Morong.

PHILIPPINE-SPANISH FRIENDSHIP DAY CONFERENCE

Ozamiz City, Misamis Occidental
August 25



The NHCP conducted one of the Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day round table conferences at the Misamis University on August 25.

CANALES DE CARRIEDO EXHIBIT

National Historical Commission of the Philippines
August 8



The Canales de Carriedo exhibit was prepared by the Research, Publication, and Heraldry Division and was opened by Director Badoy with Alicia Arellano Carriedo and Ma. Luisa Carriedo at the NHCP lobby on August 8.

BASIC CONSERVATION OF ECCLESIASTICAL OBJECTS

Malinao, Aklan
December 10-13



The MRCD conducted the workshop “Basic Conservation of Ecclesiastical Objects” in Malinao, Aklan on December 10 to 13. The workshop was attended by 54 participants from different parishes in Aklan.

LECTURE ON PAPER AND RELATED MATERIALS CONSERVATION

DOST Science and Technology Information Institute
November 27



The MRCD conservators conducted a lecture on paper and related materials conservation at the DOST Science and Technology Information Institute on November 27. The lecture enabled the DOST STII personnel to conserve their archival materials and science journals dating back to 1907.

LECTURE-WORKSHOP ON THE PRESERVATION OF JAWI PAPER AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS

National Historical Commission of the Philippines
April 30 - May 1



The MRCD conservators conducted a lecture-workshop on the preservation of Jawi paper and other related materials on April 30 to May 1. The workshop was attended by fellows from the Mindanao State University-Marawi and Grupo Kalinangan.

ABA! ABANIKO ARTS WORKSHOP

Bonifacio Trial House, Maragondon, Cavite
March 27



To celebrate Andres Bonifacio's fan-making craft, the ABA! Abaniko Arts Workshop taught students the basic techniques in fan making.

FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES LECTURE

Museo ng Libingan sa Ilalim ng Lupa ng Nagcarlan, Laguna
June 14



Senior History Researcher Teodoro Atienza (RPHD) lectured on the IRR of RA No. 8491 or the Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines to LGU officials and teachers in Nagcarlan.



"MAY PAG-ASA" DOCUMENTARY FILM SHOWING

Museo ng Katipunan-Pinaglabanan Memorial Shrine, San Juan City
February 20



REPASO: HABLAMOS EXHIBIT

Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine
January 26



KABABAIHAN, DIBUHO, AT PILOSOPIYA LECTURE

Rizal Shrine Fort Santiago, Intramuros, Manila
March 16



WOMEN AND GOOD GOVERNANCE LECTURE

Museo ni Jesse Robredo
May 15



14TH PALARONG BAYANI

Mabini Shrine, Tanauan, Batangas
July 20





07

INTERNATIONAL TRAININGS & CONFERENCES

BASIC AND ADVANCE TRAINING ON THE USE OF GPR

Sweden

February 7-9



The Basic and Advance Training on the Use of GPR, February 7-9, in Sweden was attended by Janine Therese Francisco, Benjamin Paulin, and Jim Kalaw (MRCD).

OLYMPUS HAND-HELD XRF TRAINING

Singapore

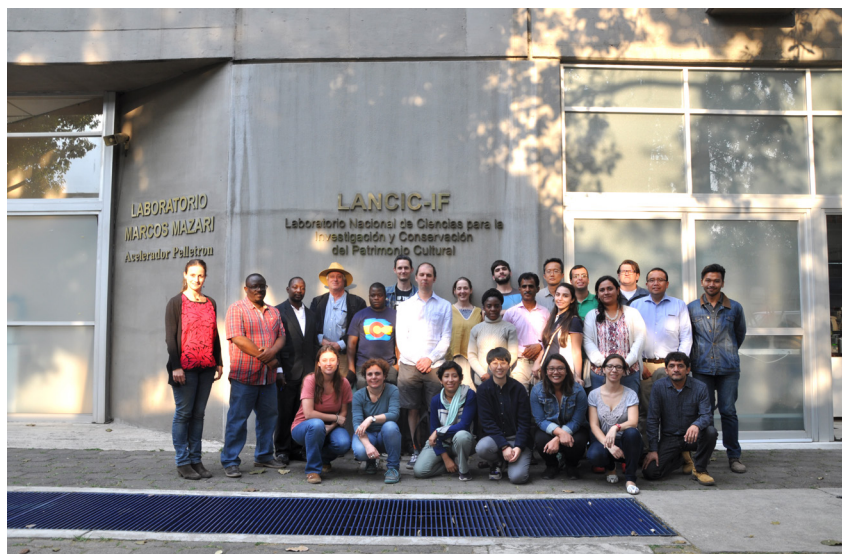
March 19-23



NHCP-MRCD conservators Rommel Aquino, Leonie-Lou Jizmundo, and Ranny Bacay attended the Olympus Hand-held XRF Training in Singapore on March 19-23.

20TH INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON STONE CONSERVATION

Mexico City, Mexico
March 19 - May 28



Lie Zar L. Montilla, Senior Science Research Specialist (MRCD), attended ICCROM's 20th International Course on Stone Conservation held in Mexico City and Chicana (Campeche), Mexico on March 19 to May 28.

MANAGEMENT OF HISTORIC CITIES AND COMMUNITY COOPERATION

Nara, Japan
November 21-27



Deputy Executive Director Veronica A. Dado attended the International Workshop for Senior Professionals 2018: "Management of Historic Cities and Community Cooperation" in Nara, Japan, November 21 to 27.

COOPERATION ON CULTURAL HERITAGE WITH ACA-JAPAN

Japan
July 9-13



Chair Escalante and HPD Chief Arch. Reynaldo Lita were invited to Japan by the Agency for Cultural Affairs (ACA) of Japan on July 9 to 13 to conduct field inspection in various conservation sites in Tokyo, Kumamoto, Fukuoka and Nagasaki, and discuss practical issues on the technical cooperation in the preservation and management of traditional buildings and historic sites between the NHCP and ACA. The visit was a valuable opportunity for heritage conservation partnership between the Philippines and Japan.

2018 INTERNATIONAL COURSE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT

Korea
October 14-17



HPD Chief Reynaldo Lita attended the 2018 International Course for Cultural Heritage Management organized by the Education Center for Traditional Culture (ECTC) at the Korean National University of Cultural Heritage (KNUCH) of the Cultural Heritage Administration (CHA) of the Republic of Korea on October 14 to 27. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts endorsed Arch. Lita in this training as the Head of the National Committee on Monuments and Sites.



INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON WOOD CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGY

Oslo, Norway
April 9 - June 29

Engr. Raul Naguit Jr. (HPD) attended the International Course on Wood Conservation Technology in Oslo, Norway from April 9 to June 29. The course was organized under the auspices of UNESCO by Riksantikvaren (The Directorate for Cultural Heritage, Norway), ICCROM, and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology.



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON TOLERANCE AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Bali, Indonesia
October 1-3

Senior History Researcher Ian Christopher Alfonso (HSED), was part of the Philippine delegation to the International Seminar on Tolerance and Religious Pluralism in Southeast Asia organized by the Indonesian Historians Society and Universitas Hindu Indonesia in Bali, Indonesia on October 1 to 3.



URBAN CONSERVATION — THE SINGAPORE JOURNEY

Singapore
January 29 - February 2

Arch. Benjamin Concepcion Empleo (HPD) attended the short course program organized by the Singapore Cooperation Programme on January 29 to February 2. The one-week program included discussions on Singapore's urban planning and policies on conservation as part of sustainable development, and visits to historical areas under conservation.






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SPECIAL PROJECTS

NATIONAL QUINCENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIONS: 500 YEARS OF VALOR AND VICTORY, 1521-2021



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 55

CONSTITUTING A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE QUINCENTENNIAL OF THE ARRIVAL OF FERDINAND MAGELLAN IN THE PHILIPPINES, THE VICTORY OF LAPU-LAPU IN THE BATTLE OF MACTAN, AND OTHER HISTORIC EVENTS THAT HAPPENED FROM 1519 TO 1522

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10086 or the "Strengthening People's Nationalism Through Philippine History Act," the State shall provide the means to strengthen people's nationalism, love of country, respect for its heroes and pride for the people's accomplishments by reinforcing the importance of Philippine national and local history in daily life with the end view of raising social consciousness;

WHEREAS, various entities have been proposing to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) the conduct of certain activities for the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan in the Philippines, the celebration of the first mass in the Philippines, the circumnavigation of the globe by Ferdinand Magellan-Juan Sebastian Elcano from 1519 to 1522, the victory of Lapu-Lapu in the Battle of Mactan, and other events associated thereto;

WHEREAS, the staging of commemorative activities in the Philippines for the quincentennial celebration will promote tourism and highlight our rich cultural and religious heritage as a nation;

WHEREAS, there is a need to systematically organize, coordinate and synchronize the commemoration of the quincentennial of the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan in the Philippines and other historic events that happened from 1519 to 1522 in different localities and in other countries where Magellan's voyage made landfall, by creating a committee that shall take charge of the preparations for the said commemoration in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the President shall have control of all the executive departments, bureaus and offices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

SECTION 1. The National Quincentennial Committee. A steering committee for the commemoration of the quincentennial of the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan in the Philippines, the victory of Lapu-Lapu in the Battle of Mactan, and other historic events from 1519 to 1522 is hereby created, to be known as the National Quincentennial Committee.

SECTION 2. Composition. The National Quincentennial Committee shall be constituted as follows:

- a. Chairperson, to be appointed by the President;
- b. NHCP, as Vice Chairperson;
- c. Department of Foreign Affairs;
- d. Department of the Interior and Local Government;
- e. Department of Tourism;
- f. Department of Budget and Management; and
- g. Other members from the government and the private sector, as may be designated by the President, upon recommendation of the Committee.

SECTION 3. Functions. The Committee shall take charge of the preparations for the commemoration, and for this purpose, shall have the following functions:

- (a) Undertake the overall study, conceptualization, and implementation of programs and projects relevant to the commemoration and which makes use of history, culture, and media for the purpose of reinvigorating the spirit of national unity and international comity;
- (b) Act as the principal coordinator for all activities related to the quincentennial commemoration, including those intended to increase awareness of the quincentennial among Filipinos;
- (c) Serve as the clearing house for the preparation and dissemination of all information about the place and activities for the quincentennial of Magellan's arrival and its associated events;
- (d) Constitute working groups which shall undertake the implementation of the programs and projects;
- (e) Prioritize the refurbishment of historical sites and structures associated with the quincentennial;
- (f) Receive donations for the purpose of achieving the objectives of this Order, subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations; and
- (g) Call upon any government agency or instrumentality, and invite private individuals and organizations, including overseas or international entities, to assist in the performance of its functions.

SECTION 4. Secretariat. The Committee shall be provided with technical and administrative staff support by a Secretariat to be constituted by the NHCP.

SECTION 5. Funding. The Committee shall be funded with an initial budget of Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00) to be drawn from the Contingent Fund. Appropriations for succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget proposal of the NHCP.

SECTION 6. Comprehensive Plan. The Committee shall prepare, for approval of the President, a Comprehensive Plan for the Quincentennial Commemoration within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Order.

SECTION 7. Sunset Provision. The Committee shall be an ad hoc body and its existence shall terminate on September 2022.



SECTION 8. Separability. If any section or part of this Order is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Repeal. All executive issuances inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.


SECTION 10. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 8th day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.


By the President:
SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary

PAMBANSANG LUPONG PANGKINSENTENARYO



NATIONAL QUINCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



Office of the President
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On May 8, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Executive Order No. 55 creating a steering committee to conceptualize programs and projects relevant to the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan in the Philippines, the victory of LapuLapu in the battle of Mactan, and other historic events that happened from 1519 to 1522. Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea is the Chairperson of the National Quincentennial Committee while the NHCP Chairman is the NQC Vice-Chairperson.



National Quincentennial Commemorations
500 Years of Valor and Victory
1521-2021

On November 21, the NQC adopted the official logo of the commemorations. The logo is formed by the number “500” and highlights in its digits the representation of Christianity through a stylized cross, the waves representing the circumnavigation, and the silhouette of Lapulapu is inspired by his statue in Lapu-Lapu City.

Blue is the color of the logo, representing the maritime culture of our ancestors, as well as the achievement of humanity in circumnavigating the world. The logo was designed by Mary Lyn Dioso and Relly Coquia, Creative Arts Specialists of the NHCP.



MAJOR ACTIVITIES

The National Quincentennial Committee proposes the following major activities:

PROPOSAL NO. 1:

Renaming of Mactan-Cebu International Airport

PROPOSAL NO. 2:

Revival of 2,000 Bank Note with Lapu-Lapu as the Featured Hero

PROPOSAL NO. 3:

To develop a 20-hectare park in Cebu where the National Monument of Lapu-Lapu will be installed

PROPOSAL NO. 4:

To declare 27 April 2021 as National Non-Working Holiday & National Volunteerism Day

PROPOSAL NO. 5:

Museum of Pre-Hispanic Philippines

PROPOSAL NO. 6:

International Conference on the First Circumnavigation of the World with King Philip VI of Spain as Keynote Speaker

PROPOSAL NO. 7:

Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the First Baptism in the Philippines with Pope Francis as the Main Celebrant



MOJARES PANEL

One controversy which the NQC hopes to resolve is the exact location of the Easter Sunday Mass that Fr. Pedro Valderama celebrated on March 31, 1521. A panel headed by National Artist and historian Dr. Resil Mojares was constituted to review all documents on this topic.

DR. RESIL B. MOJARES

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Chairman-Historian

DR. DANILO M. GERONA

Partido State University
Member - Historian

DR. FRANCIS M. NAVARRO

Ateneo de Manila University
Member - Paleographer/Historian

DR. CARLOS MADRID

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Member - Historian

FR. ANTONIO F.B. DE CASTRO, SJ

Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines
Member - Historian

DR. JOSE VICTOR Z. TORRES

De La Salle University
Secretary General - Historian

ISO AUDIT
National Historical Commission of the Philippines
November 29



ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFICATION

December 11

Ending the year on a happy note, the NHCP was granted its ISO 9001:2015 Certification by the Worldwide Quality Assurance Ltd. on December 11. The NHCP was the first among the cultural agencies to receive the ISO Certification.



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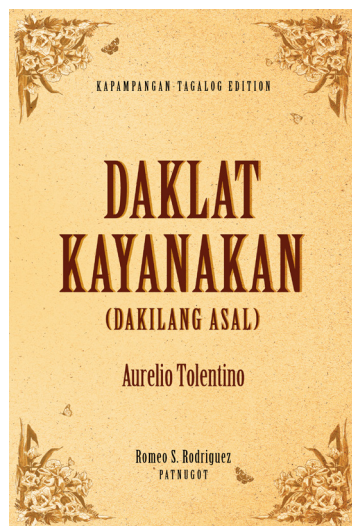
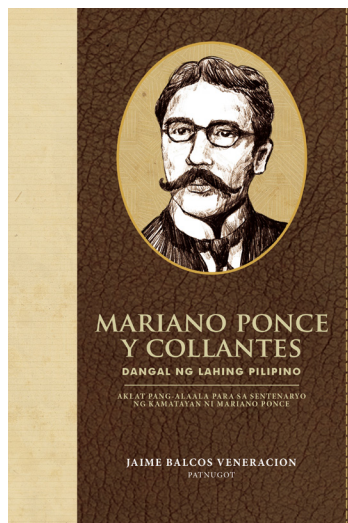
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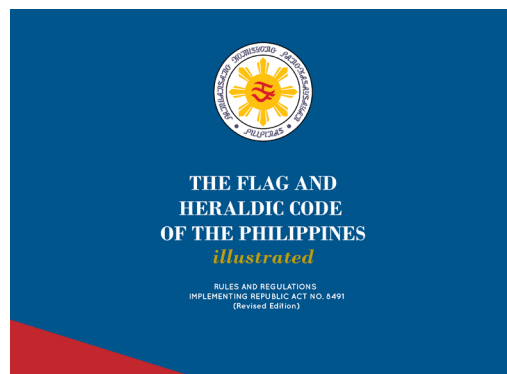
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DAKLAT KAYANAKAN BOOK LAUNCH

Manuel P. Santiago Park, Guagua, Pampanga
October 10



Deputy Director Carminda Arevalo delivers her message during the book launching of *Daklat Kayanakan (Dakilang Asal)* by Aurelio S. Tolentino.



Deputy Director Arevalo (third from right), with the guests who recieved complementary copies. (From left to right) Municipality of Guagua Sangguniang Bayan members Aira Antonio, Roy Andrew Sunglao, Gerald Chester Halili, Michelle Corpuz, Pampanga Board Member Anthony Joseph Torres and Kapampangan Studies Center Director Robby Tantingco.





