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01

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR



A Word from the Chair

On the cover of this Annual Report is the official logo of Aguinaldo@150 to commemorate the hero's 150th birth anniversary on 22 March 2019. General Emilio Aguinaldo led the revolution against Spain and declared Philippine Independence on 12 June 1898. Subsequently, he became president of the First Philippine Republic and strived to keep it through the Philippine-American War. The Commission spearheaded the occasion with three commemorative conferences—the international conference held in March at the Lyceum of the Philippines University in Cavite, the regional conference in Tabuk City and Lubuagan, Kalinga in July, and at the Tarlac State University in October. The Commission also observed the 150th birth anniversary of other revolutionary heroes such as Baldomero Aguinaldo (27 February), Pio Valenzuela (10 July), and Mariano Trias (12 October).

Another significant milestone which the Commission observed with an international conference on 20 October 2019 in Tacloban City was the 75th anniversary of Leyte Landing, which signalled the liberation of the Philippines and the end of the Second World War in the Pacific region.

Heritage structures, sites, and monuments are tangible representations of history. Thus restoring, building, and installing them with national historical markers are imperative tasks of the Commission. In 2019, the Commission restored 12 structures built during the Spanish and early American periods. Seven of these were Spanish colonial churches (four in Negros Oriental, one each in Bulacan and Ilocos Norte, and the sacristy of San Bartolome Church in Malabon, Manila). The sacristy and the rest of the structures (a “bahay na bato” residence in Ilocos Sur, an old



Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine

Gabaldon school building and a presidencia in Sorsogon, the old Iloilo City Hall in Iloilo, and the old Sanitarium in Culion, Palawan) were restored for adaptive reuse as museums and offices. The towns of Duenas and Pototan, Iloilo unveiled the monuments of Nazaria Lagos and Teresa Magbanua. Both women heroically joined in the Filipino struggle against the Spanish and, later, American colonizers. These two monuments, among other 16 structures, were installed with a national historical marker.

Part of the Commission's promotion of history is implemented through the publication of books on Philippine history. Among the new titles published in 2019 are two special issues of the *Journal of Philippine Local History and Heritage* (vol. 4, nos. 1-2), containing studies on World War II by Japanese and Filipino historians, *Honor: The Legacy of Jose Abad Santos*, and the Coffee Table Books on *Vahay*, *Tataya*, and the *Presidential Car Museum*. Other publications were the revised editions of books on General Emilio Aguinaldo and Gen. Gregorio del Pilar.

Forming a major promotional arm of history of the Commission are the museums it manages, where visitors can see relics and memorabilia of heroes and other educational information. Three museums were opened in 2019, bringing the NHCP-managed museums to a total of 27. Interestingly, the three new additions—Museum of Philippine Economic History in the old COA Building in Iloilo, the El Deposito Museum in Pinaglabanan, San Juan, and the Museo ni Mariano Ponce in Baliwag, Bulacan—are, in some measure, representations of the economic, physical, and political developments in the Philippines during the Spanish period.

The Commission also takes on special projects. In 2019, the Commission continues to serve as the implementing agency and secretariat of the activities of the National Quincentennial Committee (NQC) with Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea as chair and the NHCP Chairman as vice-chair. The NQC was formed by virtue of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's Executive Order No. 55 (s.2018) to commemorate the "500th anniversary



500 Day Countdown—Manila

of the role of the Philippines in the first circumnavigation of the world, the victory of Lapu-Lapu in the Battles of Mactan, and other related events." Taking on a more Filipino-centric point of view, the event was renamed in 2019 from the National Quincentennial Commemorations to Quincentennial Commemoration in the Philippines (QCP) with the theme, "Victory and Humanity."


We are grateful to the Almighty for enabling us all to finish 2019 with joy as we worked on all these projects that we humbly report in this Annual Report and for giving us new hope and excitement to continue our tasks and face new challenges this 2020.



MacArthur Landing Memorial National Park


Rene R. Escalante, Ph.D.
Chairman



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02

COMPLETED RESTORATION & DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



OLD COA BUILDING (YNCHAUSTI Y COMPANIA BLDG)

Iloilo City



In 2015, the Commission on Audit (COA) donated this cultural property to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) to be developed as the Museum of Philippine Economic History. There are three buildings inside the complex. The main building, annex building (former staff house), and water reservoir were built of masonry bricks and hardwood. Each one has been adaptively reused for museum operations.

TERESA MAGBANUA MONUMENT

Pototan, Iloilo



Teresa Magbanua, a woman leader of the Visayas, fought many battles against the Spaniards and the Americans.

NAZARIA LAGOS MONUMENT

Dueñas, Iloilo



A bronze monument of Nazaria Lagos, a woman leader from Dueñas, Iloilo, immortalizes her selfless and courageous service to the Filipino revolutionaries.

SACRISTY OF MALABON CHURCH

Malabon City, Metro Manila



The restored sacristy will be adaptively reused as an ecclesiastical museum to be managed by the San Bartolome Parish.



CARIÑO HOUSE

Candon, Ilocos Sur



The project accomplished the structural stabilization and restoration of the architectural elements of the historic bahay na bato. The NHCP repaired and rehabilitated the house to make it structurally stable. The restoration work entailed partial dismantling and replacement of all the wooden parts of the structure including the roof trusses, walls, floors, doors, and windows.

The house was donated by the Carino family to the City Government of Candon for adaptive reuse as a local museum.

OLD PRESIDENCIA OF BULAN

Bulan, Sorsogon



This American-period concrete building was damaged by a typhoon in 2016. The local government requested the assistance of the NHCP in the restoration and adaptive reuse of the building as a local museum and tourism office.

The project focused on restoring the neoclassical appearance of the building. Various incompatible additions through the years were dismantled to recreate the 1930s architectural character. The roof and concrete walls were structurally rehabilitated. Additional architectural finishes and landscaping were also introduced to harmonize in the overall American-period form of the building and its complex.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Calumpit, Bulacan



The conservation project prioritized the repair of the adobe walls, particularly the façade, in order to restore its architectural integrity.

ST. NICHOLAS DE TOLENTINO PARISH

Davin, Negros Oriental



With the presence of massive fissures and material losses on the church's masonry walls, the conservation work ensured the structural and architectural integrity of the building. Various architectural treatments were introduced inside the structure such as the reinstallation of the baldozas, repair of the side retablos, and the restoration of the main retablo.



CHURCH OF ST. ISIDORE THE WORKER

Lazi, Siquijor



The major structural work on the church involved the dismantling, repair, treatment, and reinstallation of the old wooden floors of the church. Some of the works done to protect and preserve the integrity of the church were the replacement of the roof, repair of the ceiling with paintings, and stabilization of the masonry walls.

OLD ILOILO CITY HALL (UP VISAYAS)

Iloilo City



Adaptively reused into an arts and culture hub of the university, the NHCP assisted in the restoration of its 1930s architectural character. The conservation work focused on the restructuring of the roof, dismantling of incompatible additions, and retrofitting of the wooden floors. UP also helped with the site development work.

The building was declared a National Historical Landmark on 14 December 2009 through NHCP Board Resolution No. 12, S. 2009.

CHURCH OF ST. ANNE

Piddig, Ilocos Norte



The church was declared as structurally unfit for occupancy by the local government years back. To restore the use of the church as a house of worship, the NHCP assisted the Diocese of Laoag in the structural conservation of the roof trusses, brick masonry walls, and site stabilization.

ST. ISIDORE THE WORKER PARISH

Zamboanguita, Negros Oriental



The restoration of the stone materials of the church was the main structural work in the project. Most of the rubble work or river stone-work were repointed and reinstalled with new materials. The wooden components of the retablo were also repaired.

MUSEO NG GERILYA SA SORSOGON

Burabod, Sorsogon



The newly restored Gabaldon school building of Sorsogon East Central School, Burabod, Sorsogon was opened to the public on October 29.

CULION MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Culion, Palawan



The Culion Museum and Archives was turned over to the Culion Sanitarium and General Hospital (CSGH) on November 19.

ONGOING PROJECTS		LOCATION
1	Site Development of El Deposito Cistern	Pinaglabanan, San Juan City
2	Restoration of Fort Pikit	Pikit, North Cotabato
3	Site Development of the Sorsogon East Central School	Burabod, Sorsogon City, Sorsogon
4	Site Acquisition and Development of the Jose B. Lingad Monument and Memorial Park	Lubao, Pampanga
5	Restoration of St. John the Baptist Parish Church (Phase 2)	Bato, Catanduanes
6	Restoration of St. Joseph Parish Church (Phase 2)	Barcelona, Sorsogon
7	Restoration of Cape San Agustin Lighthouse (Phase 2)	Governor Generoso, Cape San Agustin, Davao Oriental
8	Restoration and Adaptive Reuse of the Cariño House (Phase 2)	Candon, Ilocos Sur
9	Restoration of Paoay Church World Heritage Site	Paoay, Ilocos Sur
10	Restoration of Taal Basilica Historical Landmark	Taal, Batangas
11	Restoration of Mabini Shrine	Tanauan, Batangas
12	Restoration of Bacarra Church Bell Tower Historical Landmark	Bacarra, Ilocos Norte
13	Restoration of Bahay na Bato in Antique (Phase 2)	Gobierno Street, San Jose de Buenavista, Antique
14	Restoration of Barasoain Church Historical Landmark	Malolos, Bulacan
15	Construction of a Memorial on Iloilo Historic Events and/or Personages (Proposed World War 2 Memorial Wall for the Iloilo Veterans)	Sunburst Plaza, Iloilo
16	Detailed Engineering Studies (DES) for the Restoration of Cabugao Church Complex and Sarrat Church Complex	Cabugao, Ilocos Sur and Sarrat, Ilocos Norte
17	DES for the Restoration of Majayjay Church Complex	Majayjay, Laguna
18	DES for the Restoration of Malaueg Church Complex and Tumauni Church Complex	Malaueg, Cagayan and Tumauni, Isabela
19	DES for the Restoration of Leon Church Complex	Leon, Iloilo
20	Conservation Management Plan for the Old Iloilo Central Business District	Iloilo City



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03

NEW MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC HISTORY

Iloilo City
February 11



The Museum of Philippine Economic History in Iloilo City was launched as the 25th history museum under NHCP's administration and its second in the Visayas.

The opening ceremony was graced by Sen. Franklin M. Drilon.



The thirteen galleries of the museum feature informative and interactive displays that trace the rich history of trade and commerce in the Philippines.



MUSEO EL DEPOSITO

San Juan City
February 18



The Museo El Deposito is the latest addition to the ongoing development works at the historic Pinaglabanan Memorial Shrine. It offers innovative exhibits and interactive displays narrating the history of the 1882 Carriedo Waterworks, which provided potable water to Manila in the 19th century.

The opening ceremony was led by Department of Public Works and Highways Assistant Secretary Eduardo Ramos.



NHCP Chairman Rene R. Escalante speaks during the opening of the museum.





MUSEO NI MARIANO PONCE

Baliwag, Bulacan

May 23



The life and works of Mariano Ponce, a reformist who figured in the late 19th century, are immortalized in this museum. It features rare photographs and original artifacts as well as a resource center with digital files.



A commemorative biographical book titled *Dangal ng Lahing Pilipino*, edited by historian Dr. Jaime Veneracion, was also launched on the same date.

Dr. Maria Luisa Camagay of the University of the Philippines graced the opening ceremony.





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04

COMMEMORATIONS

150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF EMILIO AGUINALDO

Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine, Kawit, Cavite

March 22



150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF BALDOMERO AGUINALDO

Baldomero Aguinaldo Shrine, Kawit, Cavite

February 27



150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF PIO VALENZUELA

Valenzuela City Hall

July 10



150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MARIANO TRIAS

Gen. Trias Monument, Gen. Trias, Cavite

October 12



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEYTE LANDING

MacArthur Landing Memorial National Park, Palo, Leyte
October 20



33RD ANNIVERSARY OF PEOPLE POWER REVOLUTION

People Power Monument, EDSA, Quezon City
February 25



77TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARAW NG KAGITINGAN

Mount Samat National Shrine, Pilar, Bataan
April 9



121ST ANNIVERSARY OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE

Jose Abad Santos Monument, Malabang, Lanao del Sur / Lapu-Lapu City / Rizal National Monument, Rizal Park, Manila
June 12



6TH INFANTRY BATTALION HEADQUARTERS, LANA DEL SUR



RIZAL NATIONAL MONUMENT, MANILA



LANAO DEL SUR



LAPU-LAPU CITY



MANILA

17TH PHILIPPINE-SPANISH FRIENDSHIP DAY

Baler, Aurora
June 30



NATIONAL HEROES DAY

Libingan ng mga Bayani, Taguig City
August 26



BONIFACIO DAY

Bonifacio National Monument, Caloocan City / Bonifacio Trial House, Maragondon, Cavite / Andres Bonifacio Birth Site, Tutuban Center, Tondo, Manila / Bonifacio Monument, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig / Bonifacio Monument, Balintawak, Quezon City
November 30



CALOOCAN CITY



MARAGONDON



TONDO



BONIFACIO GLOBAL CITY



BALINTAWAK

RIZAL DAY

Rizal Park, Davao City and Rizal National Monument, Manila
December 30



DAVAO CITY



MANILA



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MANILA



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05

UNVEILING OF MARKERS



ILDEFONSO TRONQUED



UNIVERSIDAD DE STA. ISABEL



CLAUDIO TEEHANKEE



19 MARTYRS OF AKLAN



FRANCISCO DEL CASTILLO



PERMANENT HOISTING OF THE PHILIPPINE FLAG



SIMBAHAN NG ZAMBOANGUITA



SIMBAHAN NG MALINAO




SIMBAHAN NG DAUIN



COMPLETE LIST OF MARKERS The following markers were unveiled in 2019.		LOCATION
1	Ildefonso Tronqued	San Beda College, Manila
2	Universidad de Sta. Isabel	Naga City, Camarines Sur
3	Bahay Kalakal ng Ynchausti y Compania	COA Building, Iloilo City
4	Jose Rizal University	Mandaluyong City
5	Claudio Teehankee	KOR Building, Port Area, Manila
6	Francisco Del Castillo	Aklan Shrine, Kalibo, Aklan
7	19 Martyrs of Aklan	Kalibo, Aklan
8	MEMORARE (Bantayog para sa mga Bayani)	Goding Ramos Park, Kalibo, Aklan
9	Simbahan ng Malinao	Malinao, Aklan
10	Philippine Military Academy	Baguio City
11	Mariano Ponce	Baliuag, Bulacan
12	Simbahan ng Calumpit	Calumpit, Bulacan
13	Simbahan ng Piddig	Piddig, Ilocos Norte
14	Simbahan ng Davin	Davin, Negros Oriental
15	Simbahan ng Zamboanguita	Zamboanguita, Negros Oriental
16	Casa Vallejo	Baguio City
17	Jose Rizal (1861-1896)	Tarlac, Tarlac
18	Tomas Pinpin	Limbagan Pinpin Museum, Abucay, Bataan
19	Permanent Hoisting of the Philippine Flag	National Museum of the Philippines, Manila





06

TRAINING AND NETWORKING

AGUINALDO @ 150 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Lyceum of the Philippines University–Cavite
March 19-21



The NHCP, in partnership with Lyceum of the Philippines University, organized the international Conference on the 150th Birth Anniversary of General Emilio Aguinaldo in Gen. Trias, Cavite.

AGUINALDO @ 150 REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Tabuk City and Lubuagan, Kalinga
July 17-18



The Commission, together with the Kalinga State University and the Provincial Government of Kalinga, conducted a conference at the Kalinga State University with the theme "Aguinaldo and Local-Regional Histories" and a local history forum in Lubuagan, Kalinga where Aguinaldo and his revolutionary soldiers stayed prior to their escape to Palanan, Isabela.



AGUINALDO @ 150 FORUM-TARLAC

Tarlac State University
November 8



To close the series of public lectures on Aguinaldo's Sesquicentennial, the NHCP, in partnership with the Tarlac State University and City Government of Tarlac, hosted a one-day forum with the theme "Tarlac as the Last Capital of the Aguinaldo Republic". Speakers included Professors Lino Dizon and Michael Charleston Chua, both native Tarlaquenos.

MGA SAGISAG NG PAGKABANSA EXHIBIT

Museo ni Hen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Kawit, Cavite
August 23



In celebration of the History Month and in commemoration of the centenary of the repeal of the Flag Prohibition Law in 1919, the Research, Publication, and Heraldry Division (RPHD) launched a special exhibition entitled *Mga Sagisag ng Pagkabansa* (Symbols of Nationhood) at the Museo ni Hen. Emilio Aguinaldo in Kawit, Cavite.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEYTE LANDINGS

Leyte Normal University, Tacloban City, Leyte
October 17-18



In time for the 75th Anniversary of the 1944 Leyte Landings in October 20, the NHCP, in partnership with the Leyte Normal University, organized a conference with the theme “Turning the Tide: Stories of Resistance, Resilience and Resurgence in the Philippines from 1942-1944”.

World War II historian and Metrobank Outstanding Filipino Awardee Dr. Ricardo Jose of the University of the Philippines Diliman was the convenor and keynote speaker at the conference.

OPEN HOUSE CONSERVATION TRAINING

Dimaio, Garcia-Hernandez, and Lila, Bohol
April 8-9



Parishioners and private individuals with cultural properties were given a chance to tour the Loay laboratory and be acquainted with the various scientific processes involved in restoration. This was followed by a conservation training held at the Saint John the Baptist Parish Church in Garcia-Hernandez. Sixty participants attended the training that focused on the detrimental effects of the agents of deterioration and the skills on documentation and accessioning.



1869: CEMENTING THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE

Museo ni Hen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Kawit, Cavite

February 23



The exhibit showcased the significant events of 1869 that paved the way to the declaration of Philippine Independence.

LEADERSHIP AND GENDER: THE SAGA OF THE FIRST PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC

Muñoz, Nueva Ecija

September 11



The NHCP, in partnership with the Central Luzon State University, Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, conducted a conference entitled “Leadership and Gender: The Saga of the First Philippine Republic” on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo.

BASIC CONSERVATION FOR NHCP PERSONNEL

National Historical Commission of the Philippines
August 13-16



The training program was attended by museum and non-museum personnel who learned the essentials of preventive conservation and basic skills in cleaning methods.

LGU TRAINING ON HISTORY AND HERITAGE

Roxas City Provincial Capitol, Capiz
October 18-19

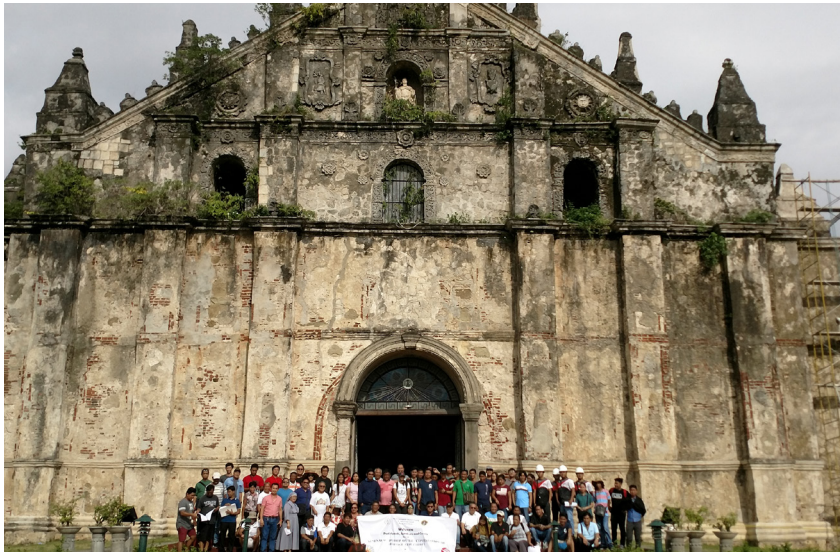


Group photo of NHCP speakers and staff together with the LGU participants of Region 6.



SEMINAR WORKSHOP ON THE CONSERVATION OF HERITAGE STRUCTURES

Paoay, Ilocos Norte
August 20-21



The Paoay Church served as a background for the participants of the seminar workshop organized by the NHCP and the Agency for Cultural Affairs of Japan.


CONSERVATION GOES TO THE PROVINCE

Balanga, Bataan
September 15-21



In line with the History Month Celebration, the Material Research and Conservation Division (MRCD) held an intensive training on the conservation of moveable and immoveable cultural property at the province of Bataan. Participants studied basic conservation methodology critical in heritage protection through theoretical and hands on approach and through case studies from various conservation and restoration works undertaken by the MRCD.



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07

INTERNATIONAL TRAININGS & CONFERENCES

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND CROSS CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Istanbul, Turkey

May 2-7



Delegates and panelists of the Global Public Diplomacy Network, including the NHCP's Finance and Administrative Division Chief Rosario Sapitan, strike a pose at the historical Esma Sultan Mansion in Istanbul. Photo by Nathalie Tomada.

ADVANCED COURSE ON CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION TECHNIQUES OF TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Suzhou, P.R. China

June 7-15



Arch. Mharren C. Castro of the NHCP's Historic Preservation Division (HPD), completed the course and shared his expertise with participants from other countries.

5TH HISTORIC MORTARS CONFERENCE

Pamplona, Spain
June 17-23



Engr. Jim Kalaw (MRCD), together with Engr. Raul Naguit, Jr. (HPD), presented his paper on “The Restoration of the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Davis, Bohol, Philippines” at the conference.

MANAGEMENT OF HISTORIC CITIES AND COMMUNITY COOPERATION

Nara, Japan
November 21-27



Arch. Giancarlo B. Aycardo (HPD), was among the participants at the Group Training Course on Cultural Heritage Protection in the Asia-Pacific Region in Nara.

WOODEN ARCHITECTURE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION COURSE

Russia

August 23 - September 16



Arch. Karen Hazel D. Co (HPD), attended the International ICCROM Course on Wooden Architecture Conservation and Restoration in Petrozavodsk and Kizhi Island, Republic of Karelia, Russia.

6th INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HISTORICAL-CULTURAL COOPERATION—SOUTHEAST ASIA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

September 2-6



Senior History Researcher Ian Christopher Alfonso (HSED) delivers his paper “Manila Fifty Years After Magellan” at the 6th International Conference of the International Council for Historical-Cultural Cooperation – Southeast Asia (ICHCC-SEA) at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), International Islamic University in Malaysia on September 4.

COMMUNICATION AND TEACHING SKILLS IN CONSERVATION AND SCIENCE

Arita, Japan
September 9-20



Rommel Aquino (MRCD) joins the participants of the ICCROM Summer School: Communication and Teaching Skills in Conservation and Science 2019 at Saga University. The course was participated in by 16 heritage professionals from around the world who discussed and explored the development of innovative approaches in teaching conservation and science.

ACCU INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR SENIOR PROFESSIONALS

Nara, Japan
October 25 - November 1



Ms. Carminda Arevalo, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Executive Director, represented the NHCP at the International Workshop for Senior Professionals. The workshop focused on more diverse types of cultural heritage closely related to local communities which is one of the challenges that countries of the Asia-Pacific region including Japan are facing in recent years after UNESCO World Heritage site designations.



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08

SPECIAL PROJECTS



INSIDE OUT: MUSEUM UNBOXED

12 NHCP Museums

August 23 - September 16



The Inside Out: Museum Unboxed project aims to make NHCP museums accessible to differently-abled visitors, specifically the blind, so they too can know more about Philippine heroes and history. An initiative of the Rotary Club of San Juan del Monte and Touch the Artists' Vision, 12 NHCP museums were chosen to have this exhibit.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH

National Historical Commission of the Philippines
March



Celebrating a month dedicated to women is not exclusive only to the female employees of the Commission. It also includes the men who recognize their role in fostering women empowerment and realizing positive change through collective effort, collaboration, and participation.

SA AMING TAHANAN

Museo ni Hen. Emilio Aguinaldo
February



Sa Aming Tahanan was a first-person interpretation program created by Fundacion Santiago for the 150th birth anniversary of Emilio Aguinaldo. It allowed viewers to experience first-hand Aguinaldo's life and times through the perspective of historical and fictional composite characters, giving the audiences a glimpse of the historical and mundane life of the general.

HISTORY RETRIEVAL PROJECT

National Historical Commission of the Philippines
February-March



The Commission digitized the personal papers and documents of the late Chief Justice Jose Abad Santos, upon the request of his heirs.

SALUTE TO A CLEAN FLAG

Camp Crame, Quezon City
March 4



Salute to A Clean Flag is a project of PronoveTai in partnership with the NHCP to promote love of country, starting with the Flag. Its main thrusts are the following: National Flag Day awareness, Flag and Heraldic Code re-education, and Abundant display of the Philippine Flag.

MAGING MAGITING FLAG CAMPAIGN CULMINATION

National Historical Commission of the Philippines
December 30



Maging Magiting is a project of Ayala Foundation in partnership with the NHCP. This year's culminating event boasts of having distributed more than 10,000 Philippine flags nationwide to schools and various organizations.



In one of its regular meetings, the National Quincentennial Committee (NQC) changed the nomenclature of the commemorations from National Quincentennial Commemorations to Quincentennial Commemoration in the Philippines (QCP) and adopted “Victory and Humanity” as the new theme.

The NQC conducted various activities to excite the Filipinos for the upcoming events in 2021. Among these are the following:

- Stakeholders’ meetings in Metro Manila hosted by the Department of Tourism, Visayas hosted by the City Government of Lapu-Lapu, Mindanao hosted by the City Government of Butuan, and Luzon hosted by the City Government of San Fernando, Pampanga.

- Three (3) legs for the Quincentennial Lecture Series held at the NHCP Serafin Quiason Resource Center, The Bellavista Hotel in Lapu-Lapu City, and The Oriental in Palo, Leyte with Prof. Michael Charleston Chua, Dr. Jose Eleazar Bersales and Dr. Rolando Borrinaga as the resource speakers respectively.

- Exhibition of the 16th-century Visayan warrior inspired national costume of Miss Universe 2018 Catriona Gray.

- Production of the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines Official Soundtrack in partnership with the Philippine Popular Music Festival (PhilPop) and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.

The NQC also convened with different government agencies and historical societies abroad such as the Malaysian Historical Society, Global Network of Magellanic Cities, Missão das Comemorações dos 500 anos da primeira viagem de Circum-Navegação de Fernão de Magalhães of the Portuguese Government, Ayuntamiento de Sevilla, and the Philippine Embassies in Madrid and Lisbon.



Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines

Victory and Humanity • 1521-2021

MOJARES PANEL ON THE 1521 EASTER SUNDAY MASS CELEBRATION

Tacloban City and Limasawa, Southern Leyte (April 25-26)
National Historical Commission of the Philippines (July 22-23)



As part of its mandate to resolve historical issues, the NHCP invited experts on the field to discuss the site of the 1521 Easter Sunday Mass. The group was chaired by National Artist Resil Mojares. Members are Fr. Antonio De Castro, SJ, Dr. Francis Navarro, Dr. Danilo Gerona, Dr. Carlos Madrid, and Dr. Jose Victor Torres as the Secretary-General of the Committee. Fr. Milan Ted Torralba, Fr. Emilio Edgardo Quilatan, OAR, and Fr. Amado Tumbali Jr., SJ served as observers for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines.

LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMITTEES NETWORK (LHCN) 6TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Baler, Aurora
June 28-30

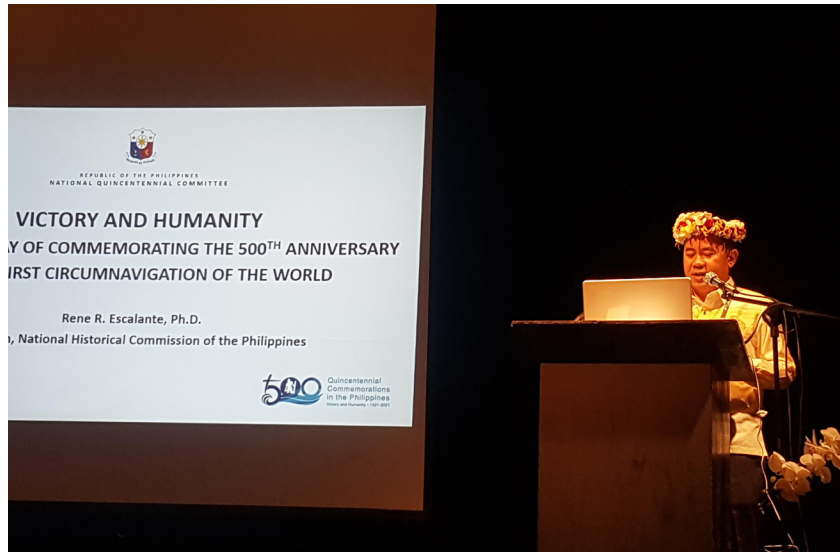


In solidarity with the Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day and 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines, forty-five (45) local historical and heritage organizations gathered in Baler, Aurora for the LHCN's annual general assembly.

4TH MARIANAS HISTORY CONFERENCE

Guam

August 29 - September 2



NQC Vice-Chair Rene Escalante delivers his Keynote Address at the 4th Marianas History Conference at the University of Guam. Dr. Escalante discussed the Filipino-centric point of view on the commemoration of the first circumnavigation of the world.

"MAGALLANES, MAGALHAES, MAGELLAN" LECTURE

Lisbon, Portugal

December 4



NHCP Chair Rene Escalante (seated in front), delivered his paper about the Philippine context of commemorating the 500th anniversary of the first circumnavigation of the world at the Philippine Embassy in Portugal's "Magallanes, Magalhaes, Magellan" Lecture held on 4 December 2019 at the Sociedade de Geografia de Lisboa, Lisbon.

500 DAY COUNTDOWN-CEBU

Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu

December 14



500 DAY COUNTDOWN-MANILA

National Museum of Natural History, Manila
December 14



500 DAY COUNTDOWN-DAVAO

Davao City Hall Grounds, Davao City
December 14





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PUBLICATIONS

NEW PRINTS

Museo ng Pampangulong Sasakyan

Honor: The Legacy of Jose Abad Santos
by Desiree Ann Cua Benipayo

Journal of Philippine Local History & Heritage Vol. 4 No. 1

Journal of Philippine Local History & Heritage Vol. 4 No. 2

Vahay: Ivatan Traditional House

Tataya: Ivatan Traditional Boat

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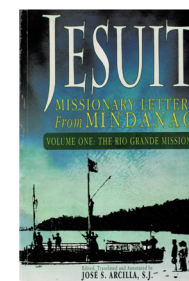
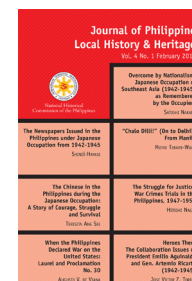
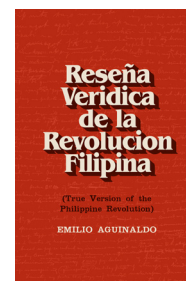
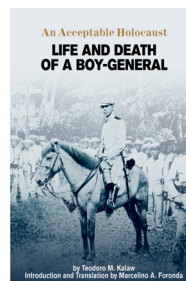
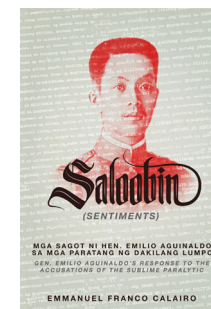
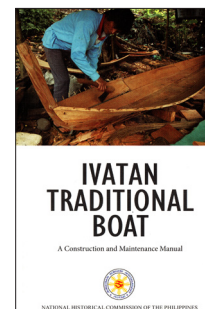
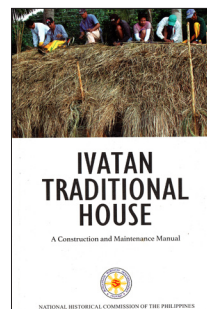
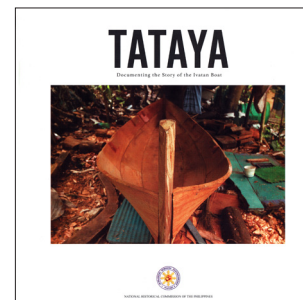
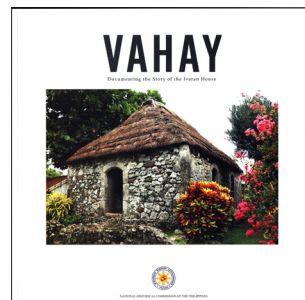
An Acceptable Holocaust: Life and Death of A Boy-General
by Teodoro M. Kalaw

Reseña Veridica de la Revolucion Filipina
by Emilio Aguinaldo

Saloobin/Sentiments
by Emmanuel F. Calairo

E-BOOK CONVERSIONS

Six Volumes of Jesuits in the Philippines
by Jose S. Arcilla, S.J.



HONOR: THE LEGACY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS BOOK LAUNCH

SM San Fernando City, Pampanga
February 19



L-R: Architect Veronica A. Dado, Vice Mayor Jimmy Lazatin, Desiree Ann Cua Benipayo, Members of the Abad Santos Family—Rafael Abad Santos Galvez, Raul Abad Santos, Mindy Abad Santos Gana, and Mario Abad Santos Benipayo.

VAHAY AND TATAYA BOOK LAUNCH

Henry Sy Hall, De La Salle University, Manila
March 22



Dr. Escalante with recipients of copies of the Batanes books: SDRC Director Dr. Maria Caridad Tarroja, Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation Dr. Raymond G. Tan, University Fellow Dr. Tereso Tullao, Jr., Chancellor Emeritus Dr. Carmelita Quebengco, Br. President Raymundo Suplido FSC, Sec. Florencio Abad, and DLSU Br. Chancellor Bernard Oca FSC.





