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## A Word from the Chair

Normally, we at the NHCP start a new year with renewed eagerness to pursue our mandate of promoting our rich history and heritage through our various projects on conservation and restoration, museum management, and research and publication, and to overcome the challenges in discharging these responsibilities. Little did we know that 2020 would be ushered in by a cataclysmic event which literally began with a bang that came one after the other!

On 12 January 2020, a few days after we returned to work when the holiday season was over, Taal Volcano in Batangas erupted and spewed tons of ashfall. The disaster prompted the immediate dispatch of our rescue team to the severely hit areas to save lives while the rest of us painfully watched and waited for the best opportunity to help. In cases of natural calamities, it is also our duty as vanguards of history, art, and culture to look after our heritage structures and museums that may have been affected. The NHCP maintains the Museo ni Apolinario Mabini in Tanauan, Museo nina Leon at Galicano Apacible and Museo nina Marcela Mariño at Felipe Agoncillo in Taal, and Museo ni Miguel Malvar in Santo Tomas. One important structure that we had to immediately inspect is the imposing Minor Basilica of St. Martin of Tours in Taal as well as the row of ancestral stone houses along the nearby streets.

As soon as the roads were cleared for transportation, our group of conservators rushed to the aforementioned museums to secure the relics and memorabilia and to assess the damages in the basilica for immediate repair or restoration.



After the NHCP had dealt with the impact of the volcanic eruption and buckled down to implement the programs and projects slated for the rest of the year came another blow. The onslaught of COVID-19 reached our shores, forcing the national government to impose an enhanced community quarantine. The virus caused a pandemic that we never imagined to experience in our lifetime and necessitated drastic changes in the way we live and work. Nonetheless, life went on and public service continued.

In response to the government's campaign to combat COVID-19 through "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act (RA No. 11469), we readily adapted our programs to conform to the guidelines formulated by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Infectious Diseases. Similarly, we gave back a substantial part of our annual budget to augment the government's funds in implementing emergency measures. Some of our employees also served as volunteers assisting our health workers in the front lines. They were assigned to the swabbing centers that needed additional manpower.

Interestingly, the constraints caused by the pandemic did not hinder the NHCP from completing its major restoration projects. It restored four churches, one bell tower, two monuments, and El Deposito, the Spanish-era underground water reservoir whose construction was completed in 1882. Undoubtedly, the most significant is the centuries-old Barcelona Church in Sorsogon which was fully restored and revitalized with the addition of ceiling paintings that are typical features of colonial churches in Cebu and Bohol.

The pandemic compelled the temporary closure of museums and exhibit galleries to visitors but the use of technology and the Internet made it possible for us to showcase some of our museums—Museo el Deposito in San Juan, Museo ni Jose Rizal in Fort Santiago, Museum of Philippine Social History in Angeles City, and the Presidential Car Museum in Quezon City—through virtual tours. This annual report also includes the quick response (QR) codes of these museums that enable the public to connect and see what these historical museum are all about.

Our curators, researchers, and conservators have also tapped the virtual media for online exhibits and webinars such as the series on the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. Viewers generally find these easily accessible presentations equally educational, convenient, and informative during this time of social distancing, staying at home, restricted mobility, and regimented travel.

Highlighted in this year-end report are the accomplishments, thus far, of the National Quincentennial Committee (NQC), a special project of the NHCP which houses the committee secretariat and with the NHCP chairperson as executive director. The NQC oversees the ongoing quincentennial observance aptly

hashtagged #VictoryAndHumanity or #PH500, which celebrates the Philippines' role in the first circumnavigation of the globe that started with the Magellan-Elcano expedition and climaxed with the victory of the early Filipinos in the Battle of Mactan, among other historical milestones. Likewise, the NQC successfully carried out major activities that include the resolution affirming Limasawa Island as the site of the first mass in the Philippines which was uploaded in the NHCP website; launching of "Bagani," the quincentennial soundtrack via Spotify and Facebook; holding of the Lapulapu National Monument Design Competition; start of the countdown to the 500th anniversary of the victory at Mactan; and the conduct of the Batang Bagani Kiddie Art Project Online. The committee also participated in the international conference entitled "Beyond the Magellan History" from 28 September-1 October 2020 held in partnership with Partido State University and the Philippine embassies in Lisbon, Madrid, and Sevilla. The conference proceedings were streamed live via [facebook.com/magellanelcano2020.psu](https://facebook.com/magellanelcano2020.psu).

We present the rest of our achievements in this annual report with thanksgiving to the Almighty for sustaining and enabling us to serve amidst the pandemic. It is a humbling experience to be scared daily as we dutifully wear our facial masks and shields and observe health and safety protocols when reporting to the office or doing field work. The pandemic that still persists throughout the world made us end 2020—the year under review—with a whimper but with an unwavering faith that we shall always overcome.



**Rene R. Escalante, Ph.D.**  
Chairman







## SAN LUIS OBISPO DE TOLOSA PARISH CHURCH

Lucban, Quezon



The NHCP completed the restoration and renovation of the San Luis Obispo de Tolosa and formally turned it over to the Diocese of Lucena on 7 February 2020.



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH - BARASOAIN CHURCH

Malolos, Bulacan



Before restoration



The historical Barasoain Church in Malolos, Bulacan, site of the inauguration of the First Republic of the Philippines, was rehabilitated by the NHCP, specifically its damaged roof tiles and ceilings, interior walls, and drainage system. Rehabilitation was completed on 15 September 2020.



## ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Barcelona, Sorsogon



Before restoration



The NHCP restored the Barcelona Church in Barcelona, Sorsogon with additional feature—ceiling-painting of scenes that are turning points in the redemption of humankind. It was turned over to the Diocese of Sorsogon on 25 September 2020.

## BACARRA BELL TOWER

Bacarra, Ilocos Norte



Before restoration



Also known as “Torre ti Baccarra,” the NHCP completed the restoration works and turned it over to the Diocese of Laoag on 17 November 2020.



## **SAN AGUSTIN CHURCH OF PAOAY**

Paoay, Ilocos Norte



Before restoration



The San Agustin Church of Paoay, declared a “National Cultural Treasure” by the National Museum of the Philippines (NMP), is one of the four Baroque Churches in the Philippines declared by UNESCO as World Heritage. The restoration was done from 2018 to 2020. It was turned over to the Diocese of Laoag on 17 November 2020.

**CARIÑO HOUSE**

Dario St, San Antonio, Candon, Ilocos Sur



Before restoration



The Cariño House in Candon City, Ilocos Sur is the ancestral house of Don Miguel Cariño, grandfather of Gabriela Silang. The house underwent restoration for adaptive reuse. It was turned over to the Local Government of Candon in November 2020.



## **CORREGIDOR WAR MEMORIAL MONUMENT RESTORATION**

Corregidor Island, Cavite



The "Brother of Arms" War Memorial Monument in Corregidor Island was restored in preparation for the various commemorative events in line with the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in the Philippines.



**EDSA PEOPLE POWER MONUMENT**

EDSA and White Plains Avenue, Quezon City



The multi-material EDSA People Power Monument installed on the corner of EDSA and White Plains Avenue was made by the late Eduardo Castrillo. Partial restoration was done from February to October to address damages due to exposure to environmental elements, vandalism, and material losses. Restoration was done by the Castrillo Legacy Art Studio with the supervision of the NHCP.

## MINOR BASILICA OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS RESTORATION

Calle Marcela M. Agoncillo, Poblacion Taal, Batangas



Before restoration



The Taal Basilica, the largest Catholic church in the country, was restored by retrofitting and restrengthening of the whole church including the bell tower. It was turned over to the Diocese of Lipa on 11 November 2020.



**EL DEPOSITO**

San Juan, Metro Manila

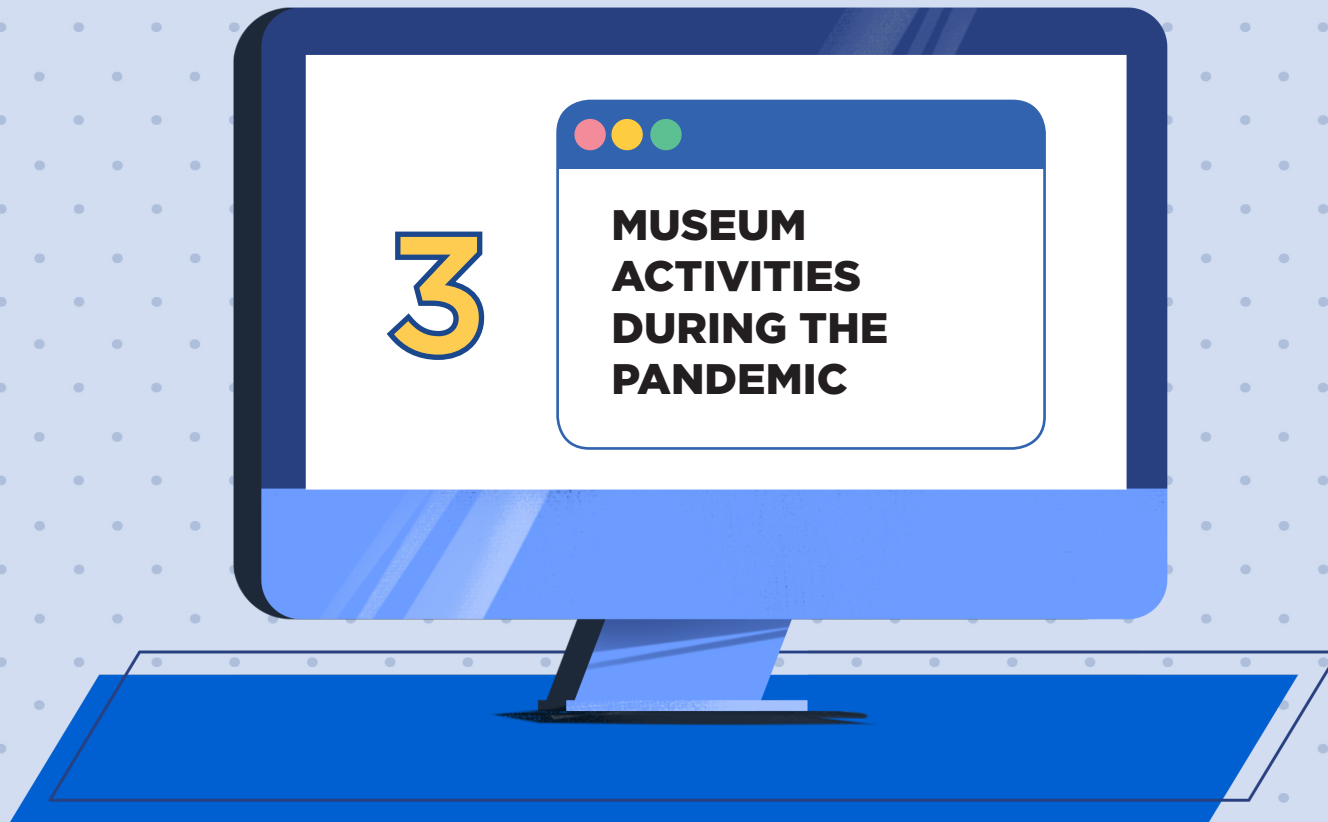


Before restoration



The restoration of the underground tunnel of El Deposito, formerly Carriedo Waterworks, that supplied clean water to Manila during the Spanish period was completed in March 2020. The tunnel is part of the El Deposito Museum that was opened to the public in 2019.





## VIRTUAL TOUR





## VIRTUAL TOUR



## ONLINE EXHIBITS

### **DALAWANG DAAN: THE EVOLUTION OF 200 PESO BANKNOTE**

Museo at Aklatan ni Diosdado Macapagal

### **BAYANIHAN: THE TRANSFERS OF MABINI SHRINE**

Museo ni Apolinario Mabini, PUP

### **MUSEO NI APOLINARIO MABINI, TANUAN COLLECTIONS**

Museo ni Apolinario Mabini, Tanauan

### **THE BALDOMERO AGUINALDO HOUSE**

Museo ni Baldomero Aguinaldo

### **CARVED AND EMBOSSED: SUBTLETY OF A VISION**

Museo ni Emilio Aguinaldo

### **HISTORY AT HOME: AN ONLINE COMMUNITY EXHIBIT**

Museo El Deposito

### **MUNICIPIO: AN ONLINE EXHIBIT OF THE EVOLUTION OF PHILIPPINE TOWN HALLS**

Museo ni Jesse Robredo

### **RIZALPABETO**

Museo ni Jose Rizal, Calamba

### **DAPITAN: THE SHRINE CITY OF THE PHILIPPINES**

Museo ni Jose Rizal, Dapitan

### **LOVE IN THE TIME OF COVID**

Museo ni Jose Rizal, Fort Santiago

### **KATIPUNERO-IN-FOCUS: PACIANO RIZAL**

Museo ng Katipunan, Pinaglabanan Memorial Shrine

### **PAGSABOG: IMAGES OF TAAL VOLCANIC ACTIVITY 1729-1911**

Museo nina Leon at Galicano Apacible

### **MOURNING A GENERAL**

Museo ng Libingan sa Ilalim ng Lupa ng Nagcarlan

### **FEATURED ARTIFACTS**

Museo ni Marcelo H. del Pilar

### **KA-BATANG: MGA BATANGUEÑONG HENERAL NG REBOLUSYON**

Museo ni Miguel Malvar

### **HINTUAN: ITINERARIES OF MARIANO PONCE**

Museo ni Mariano Ponce

### **KWENTONG QUEZON**

Museo ni Manuel Quezon

### **MARAGONDON MOUNTAIN RANGE**

Museo ng Paglilitis ni Andres Bonifacio



## **FOCUS: BAHAY KALAKAL IN AMATEURS' EYES**

Museum of Philippine Economic History

## **HISTORIC PIPE ORGANS OF BOHOL**

Museo ng Pamana at Kasaysayang Boholano

## **PILIPINASASYON**

Museo ng Kasaysayang Pampulitika ng Pilipinas

## **FILIPINIANA DRESS AS AN EVERYDAY WEAR**

Museo ng Kasaysayang Panlipunan ng Pilipinas

## **BAKIT MALOLOS?**

Museo ng Republika ng 1899

## **RAMON MAGSAYSAY'S BARONG LEGACY**

Museo ni Ramon Magsaysay

## **MASTER PIECE: AN ONLINE EXHIBIT OF AUTOMOBILE HOOD ORNAMENTS**

Museo ng Pampangulong Sasakyan







### 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PEOPLE POWER REVOLUTION

People Power Monument, EDSA, Quezon City  
February 25



### NATIONAL FLAG DAYS

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





**NATIONAL HEROES DAY**

Libingan ng mga Bayani, Taguig City  
August 31



## OPENING OF THE MALOLOS CONGRESS

Barasoain Church Historical Landmark

September 15





## BONIFACIO DAY

Bonifacio National Monument, Caloocan City / Bonifacio Monument, Balintawak, Quezon City / Bonifacio Birth Site, Tutuban Center, Tondo, Manila  
November 30



CALOOCAN



BALINTAWAK



TUTUBAN



CALOOCAN



CALOOCAN







## RIZAL DAY

Rizal National Monument, Manila / Museo ni Jose Rizal, Calamba / Museo ni Jose Rizal, Dapitan  
December 30



MANILA



MANILA



CALAMBA



CALAMBA



DAPITAN



## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II COMMEMORATIONS

Lingayen / Cabanatuan / Memorare / Los Baños / Battle for Manila / Corregidor / Zamboanga



LINGAYEN



LINGAYEN



MEMORARE



CABANATUAN



MEMORARE



ZAMBOANGA





LOS BAÑOS



CORREGIDOR



CORREGIDOR



ZAMBOANGA



BATTLE FOR MANILA



BATTLE FOR MANILA







## MEMORARE

De La Salle University, Manila  
February 12



## GENERAL MARIANO TRIAS

Gen. Mariano Trias Civic Center, Gen. Trias, Cavite  
February 24



**SALVADOR ESCUDERO, SR.**

PNP Provincial Headquarters, Sorsogon City  
August 14



**SIMBAHAN NG BARCELONA**

Barcelona, Sorsogon  
September 25



## PHILIPPINE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

San Narciso, Zambales  
December 3



## RIZAL PARK HOTEL

South Road, Ermita, Manila  
December 30







MEMORARE



GENERAL TRIAS



SALVADOR ESCUDERO, SR.



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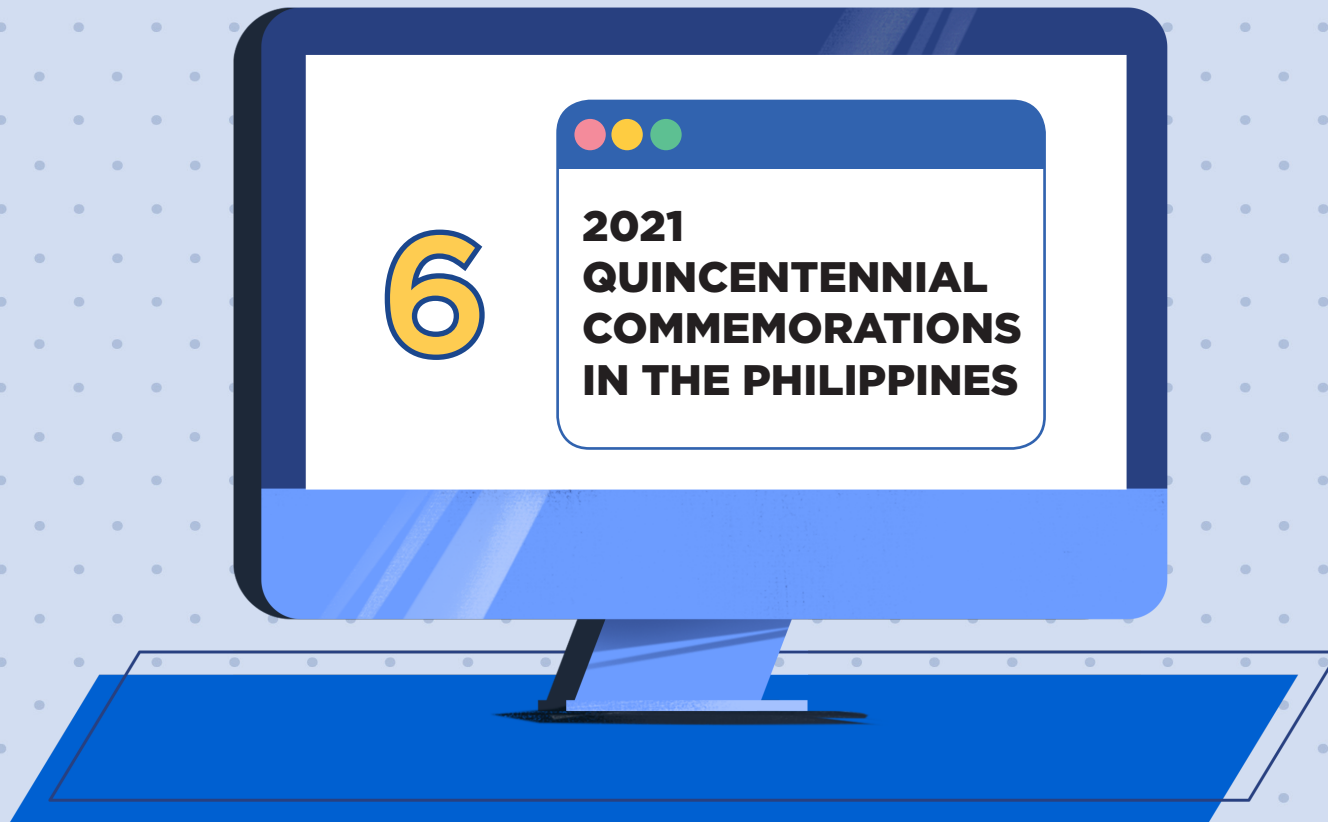
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RIZAL PARK HOTEL







### **“OUR ANCESTORS IN MAGELLANIC SOURCES” LECTURE**

Museo de Legazpi, Legazpi City

January 20



4th Quincentennial Lecture Series “Our Ancestors in Magellanic Sources” with Dr. Danilo Gerona, Museo de Legazpi, Legazpi City.

### **“LOSING A PART OF OUR ANCESTORS: HISTORICAL SOURCES LOST DURING WORLD WAR II IN THE PHILIPPINES” LECTURE**

National Museum of Anthropology

February 20



5th Quincentennial Lecture Series “Losing a Part of Our Ancestors: Historical Sources Lost during World War II in the Philippines” with Ian Christopher Alfonso, National Museum of Anthropology.

## LAUNCHING OF THE QUINCENTENNIAL SOUNDTRACK

via Spotify and Facebook  
February to August

Add to Your Spotify Library Playlist  
**500 Years Philippines**

**500** Quincentennial  
Commemorations  
in the Philippines  
Victory and Humanity • 1521-2021

**NOW AVAILABLE!**

*500: The NQC-PhilPop  
Playlist on Spotify!*

## LAUNCHING OF THE LAPULAPU NATIONAL MONUMENT DESIGN COMPETITION

via Facebook  
July 27

The Rizal National Monument was a product of a monument design competition in 1907.  
Same as the Bonifacio National Monument in 1930.  
Now it's your turn **to be part of history.**

Deadline: **23 October 2020**. Submission is ONLINE.

FOR DETAILS, VISIT  
 [www.nqc.gov.ph/en/mon](http://www.nqc.gov.ph/en/mon)

A PROJECT OF IN SOLIDARITY WITH Quincentennial  
Commemorations  
in the Philippines  
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## 1-YEAR COUNTDOWN TO THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY AT MACTAN

via Facebook  
April 27



A Facebook event poster for the 1-Year Countdown to the 500th Anniversary of the Victory at Mactan. The poster features a dark blue background with a large, stylized '500' logo on the left. The text on the right lists the event details:

**Countdown to 500**  
The 2021 Quincentennial  
Commemorations in the Philippines Special

**27 APRIL 2020, MONDAY**  
• **LIVE**  [www.facebook.com/nqc2021](https://www.facebook.com/nqc2021) \*

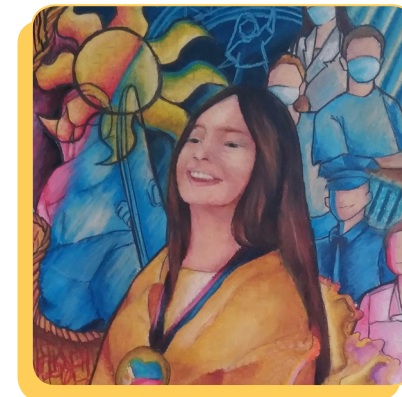
8:00-8:30 a.m.	Laging Handa Network Briefing with PCOO Sec. Martin Andanar
9:00-10:30 a.m.	Memorials to the 500 Years
11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Commemorating the 500 Years the Filipino Way integrated in Laging Handa on PTV 4 hosted by PCOO Sec. Martin Andanar
2:00-3:30 p.m.	Imagining History from 500 Years Ago: The Quincentennial Art Competition
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Enriching the 500 Years Discourse
7:00-8:30 p.m.	Music of the 500 Years

\* And various government pages

#VictoryAndHumanity #1YearTo500Years  [www.nqc.gov.ph](http://www.nqc.gov.ph)

## LAUNCHING OF THE BATANG BAGANI, KIDDIE ART PROJECT

via Facebook  
July 24



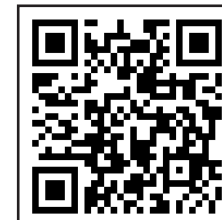
## LAUNCHING OF THE QUINCENTENNIAL ONLINE LECTURE PORTAL

via [www.nqc.gov.ph](http://www.nqc.gov.ph)  
August 10



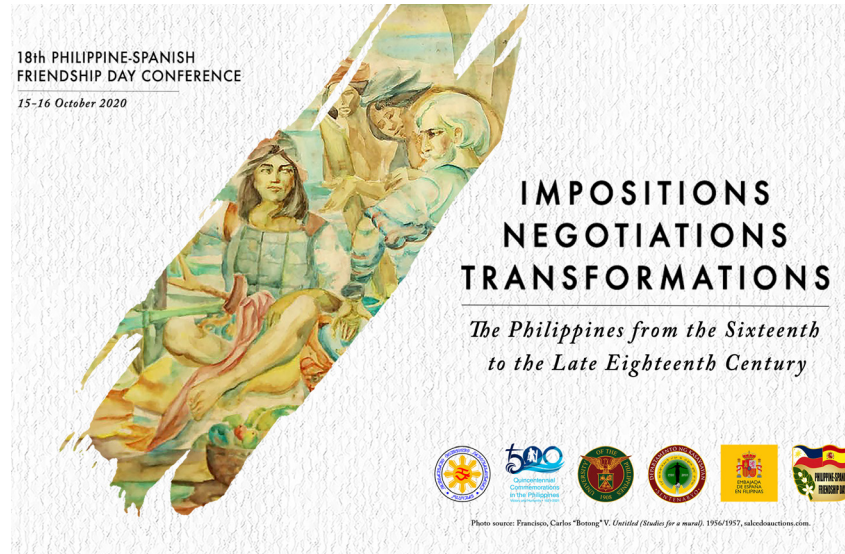
## LAUNCHING OF THE NATIONAL MEMORY PROJECT

via Facebook  
August 12



## 18<sup>TH</sup> PHILIPPINE-SPANISH FRIENDSHIP DAY CONFERENCE – “IMPOSITIONS, NEGOTIATIONS, TRANSFORMATIONS: THE PHILIPPINES FROM THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY TO THE LATE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY”

via Facebook  
October 15-16



18<sup>th</sup> Philippine Spanish Friendship Day Conference with the theme Impositions, Negotiations, Transformations: The Philippines from the Sixteenth Century to the Late Eighteenth Century”.

## ASEAN TRADITIONAL COSTUME EXHIBITION 2020

Vietnamese National Museum of History  
October 23





## BEYOND THE MAGELLAN HISTORY CONFERENCE

via Facebook

September 28 - October 1

**SPEAKERS**

Hon. Adrian Elmer S. Cruz  
Philippine Embassy in Spain

HE Celia Anna Forta  
Philippine Embassy in Portugal

Dr. Rolando Borinaga  
University of the Philippines Manila  
School of Health Science

Dr. Felice Noelle Rodriguez  
Ateneo de Zamboanga University

Dr. Miguel Rodrigues  
Universidade NOVA de Lisboa

Fr. Dedert Duarte  
University of Munster

Dr. Danilo Geron  
Purdue State University

Dr. Antonio Sanchez  
de Mora  
Archivo General de Indias

**BEYOND THE MAGELLAN HISTORY**

• **LIVE** [www.facebook.com/magellanelcano2020.psu](https://www.facebook.com/magellanelcano2020.psu)  
\*And various government pages

**September 28 - October 1, 2020**  
<http://bit.ly/BeyondMagellanHistoryRegistration>

OFFICIAL ACTIVITY OF  
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IN COORDINATION WITH  
OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT  
CENTER FOR PARTIDO STUDIES  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF  
500  
ARCHIVO GEN DE IN

## ARRIVALS, CONFLICT & TRANSFORMATION

via Facebook

October 29-31

7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR  
HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION - SOUTHEAST ASIA &  
2020 PHILIPPINE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**ARRIVALS, CONFLICT & TRANSFORMATION**  
IN MARITIME SOUTHEAST ASIA (C. 1400-1800)

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN PART  
IN THE FIRST CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE WORLD (1521-2021)

**29-31 OCTOBER 2020**  
VIA FACEBOOK PAGES OF THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Philippine Historical Association, National Quincentennial Committee, National Historical Commission of the Philippines, Society of Indonesian Historians, Malaysian Historical Society, DLSU Southeast Asia Research Center and Hub, and University of San Carlos

## COUNTDOWN TO 500 ONLINE LECTURE SERIES

via Facebook

June to December

**Episode 1, “Mactan, Macapagal, and the Transfer of Independence Day to June 12”** by Dr. Jose Victor Torres (June 12)

**Episode 2, “Rizal and Reclaiming the World of Our Ancestors”** by Dr. Kerby Alvarez (June 19)

**Episode 3, “Mabini and the Malay Freedom”** by Dr. April Hope Castro (23 July)

**Episode 4, “Theorizing the Visayan Food Magellan Possibly Ate”** by Dr. Rolando Borrinaga (28 July)

**Episode 5, “Our Ancestors and the World Trade in Pre-Hispanic Times”** by Van Ybiernas (11 August)

**Episode 6, “From Magellan to Quezon: Our Heritage of Compassion”** by Dr. Ricardo Trota Jose (19 August)

**Episode 7, “The Last Governor General of the Philippines”** by Ian Christopher Alfonso (25 August)

**Episode 8, “Our Ancestors and the Peace Process”** by Hane Saloria-Badiles (15 September)

**Episode 9, “Dogs in the Life of Our Pre-Colonial Ancestors”** by Timothy James Vitales (30 September)

**Episode 10, “Interesting Things in the Museums of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines”** with Selected NHCP Museum Curators (14 October)

**Episode 11, “Periodization and Colonization: The Case of Cordillera History”** Dr. Maria Nela Florendo (28 October)

**Episode 12, “The Spanish Encounter of Philippine Boats”** by Dr. Maria Bernadette Abrera (5 November)

**Episode 13, “The Indigenous Thrives in Us”** by Dr. Fernando Zialcita (2 December)

**Episode 14, “Tattooing in the Life of Our Ancestors”** by Michael Charleston Chua (9 December 2020)



## ROAD TO 500: A PHILIPPINE QUINCENTENNIAL SPECIALS WITH CONGRESSWOMAN LOREN LEGARDA

via Facebook

June to December

**Episode 1, “Rethinking 1521”** (30 June)

**Episode 2, “Quincentennial Flagship Projects”** (21 July)

**Episode 3, “Humanity in Filipino”** (4 August)

**Episode 4, “A Taste of Asia in 1521”** (8 September)

**Episode 5, “Quincentennial Art Competition: Visualizing our Ancestors”** (24 November)

**Episode 6, “History. Heritage. Faith”** (15 December)

**A LITER OF LIGHT**

December 30

The portrait of Jose Rizal made of thousands of solar lamps was a tribute on his 124th year of martyrdom by Illac Diaz' Liter of Lights Foundation, which provides solar energy to communities with limited or zero access to electricity.



Drone photograph of Jose Rizal's solar light portrait at the lawn behind his monument at Rizal Park.



## **LIST OF OTHER NQC 2020 ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS**

### **ONLINE BAYBAYIN WORKSHOP**

March 28

In partnership with Project Saysay and Hibla Sanghabi

### **AN OPEN DOOR: HOLOCAUST HAVEN IN THE PHILIPPINES"**

June 20

With Mr. Noel "Sonny" Izon, Dr. Sharon Delmendo, Mr. Jack Simke, Ms. Kinna Kwan and Atty. Paulito C. De Jesus; moderated by Atom Araullo, in commemoration with World Refugee Day.

### **LAUNCHING OF MANGAYAW: ANG MUNDO NG ATING MGA NINUNO ALBUM ON SPOTIFY**

July 4

### **LAUNCHING OF THE QUINCENTENNIAL PAPER CRAFTS**

July 17

### **LAUNCHING OF THE HIMIG BAGANI SONG COVER**

August 8

### **LAUNCHING OF THE QUINCENTENNIAL ONLINE LECTURE PORTAL**

August 10

### **KULTURA UG KAAGI: THE USC MUSEUM WEBINAR SERIES**

August to November

"Visayan Contexts for Philippines Archaeology" by Dr. John Peterson (8 August)

"The Ceramic Treasures of Thailand: Highlights from the Southeast Asian Ceramics Museum of Bangkok University" by Prof. Atthasit Sukkham (26 August)

"Ang Kaagi sa Mga Kaagi: Biographical Journeys Through the History of Cebu, 1521-1940" by Dr. Michael Cullinane (12 September)

"Face-to-Face: "The Initial Encounter between Spanish and Filipinos in Philippines" by Victorino M. Manalo (19 September)

"Fujian Ceramics Found in the Philippines, 10th-16th Centuries" by Deliza Ridoloso (26 September)

"Vietnamese Ceramics Exported to the Philippines in the 14th-16th Centuries" by Dr. Alex Giang (10 October)

"The 1967 Downtown Cebu Archaeological Project" by Dr. Karl Hutterer (17 October)

"Chinese and Japanese Trade and Commerce in Cebu" by Dr. Jobers Reynes Bersales (14 November)

### **OFFICIAL RELEASE OF THE RESULT OF THE DELIBERATION OF THE MOJARES PANEL ON THE SITE OF THE 1521 EASTER SUNDAY MASS**

August 19

**“HEALING THROUGH MUSIC IN THE TIME OF COVID “**

August to November

With the support from Kalinga ng Sining Program of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, CASA San Miguel’s Sunday’s Best program is transformed online, with the series of performance dedicated to the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines

Episode 3, “Himig-sikan: Romance and Revolution” (30 August)

Episode 4, “Zambales Virtuosos” (27 September)

Episode 5, “Original Pinoy Music” (25 October)

Episode 6, “Studio Ghibli, Anime/Kpop and Pinoy Education” (29 November)

**200-DAY COUNTDOWN**

October 9

**“A NEW WORLD OF FLAVORS ACROSS THE OCEANS: TRADITION, HISTORY AND INNOVATIONS”**

October 13

Rediscovering the common roots of Philippine and Spanish cuisine through a colloquium with archivist Antonio Sánchez de Mora and Chefs Chele Gonzalez and Borja Sanmon, in partnership with the Embassy of Spain in the Philippines and Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**“HUMABON’S REALM?: SIGNIFICANT FINDS FROM THE 2008 SRP SUBWAY TUNNEL SALVAGE ARCHEOLOGY**

November 18

By Dr. Jose Eleazar Bersales in partnership with University of San Carlos Museum.

**100-DAY COUNTDOWN TO QUINCENTENNIAL OF GUIUAN PART IN THE FIRST CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE WORLD**

December 7







## LIBERATION COMMEMORATIVE LECTURE SERIES

Lingayen / Cabanatuan / Binondo / Intramuros / Los Baños / Sta. Cruz, Laguna  
January - March



The NHCP conducted several lectures in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Philippine Liberation with Dr. Rico T. Jose as resource speaker.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II IN THE PHILIPPINES

via Facebook  
September 3, 10, 17, and 24



## LECTURE WORKSHOP ON CONSERVATION

Bato, Catanduanes  
February 12



NHCP conservators conducted Lecture Workshop on Preventive Conservation of Movable Church Heritage Objects at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Virac, Catanduanes. Close to 200 participants from various parishes in the province attended the event.

## VIRTUAL SUMMER INTERNSHIP 2020 DHAROHAR

Online  
May 26 - July 4




*A collaborative initiative by Dharohar and Kalakriti*

**CALL FOR VIRTUAL SUMMER INTERNSHIP 2020**

Aims to enhance the practical knowledge of students pursuing Masters in Architectural Conservation and young professionals

Dharohar and Kalakriti have been hosting internships for students of architectural conservation since last many years. These programs have helped students gain insightful knowledge about conservation practices. Considering the COVID-19 situation this year, Dharohar is happy to announce virtual internship for the post graduate students of architectural conservation. We are also accepting applications from young professionals (up to one year of experience in architectural conservation)



Practical Conservation Processes



Historic Materials and Construction Systems



Scientific Documentation and Assessment Techniques



Material Specifications for Conservation Works



Research Tools and Techniques



Site Management and Challenges

**PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

The proposed internship program will have different modules ranging from practical to theoretical aspects of conservation of historic buildings in Indian context.

**COURSE CONTENT**

- ONLINE LECTURE SESSIONS
- INTERACTION WITH EXPERTS
- WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

Certificates shall be provided upon satisfactory completion of the internship

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## EXIT CONFERENCE ON CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT

Paoay, Ilocos Norte  
November 23-25



NHCP conservators conducted the exit conference with the different stakeholders from the Local Government Units, Tourism Office, and the Archdiocese of Paoay after the restoration of the UNESCO World Heritage St. Augustine Parish Church in Paoay, Ilocos Norte.

## THE ROYAL DANISH ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS

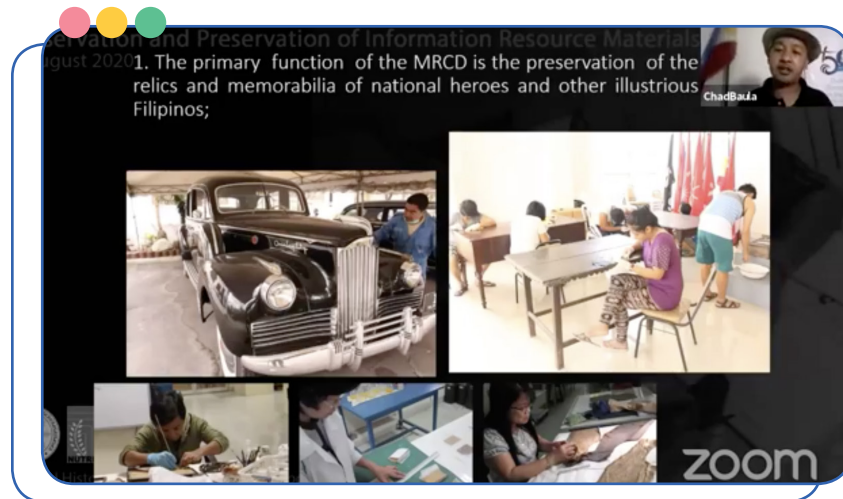
Hosted online by Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts  
November 25



Webinar on Textile Conservation with students from The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts. The discussion focused on the Baro't Saya, its materials, construction, deterioration and museum display, with Rommel Aquino of NHCP-MRCD as guest resource speaker.

## SEMINAR ON CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF INFORMATION RESOURCE MATERIALS

via Facebook  
August 19



The webinar was about improving technical skills and proper care of paper material collections. Attendees were the Technical Committee members of Nutrition Research Information Network (NUTRINET), a network of 20 member-institutions whose libraries and information centers form a specialized information system. Richard Baula of MRCD served as resource speaker.

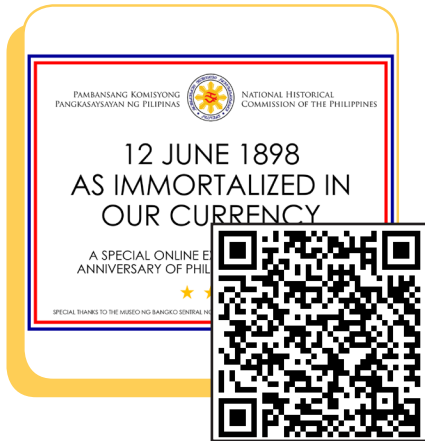
## SALA SA LAMIG, SALA SA INIT: A WEBINAR ON MUSEUM ENVIRONMENT MONITORING

via Facebook  
August 25



The webinar was about museum environment monitoring and object deterioration with the first session focused on treatment and preventive conservation. The second session was about environment monitoring using conservation devices. Resource speakers were Engr. Janine Therese Francisco and Leonie-Lou Jizmundo of the Materials Research Conservation Division.

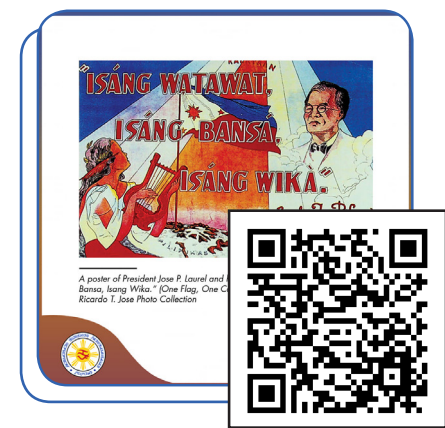
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## ANG PAMBANSANG WATAWAT NG PILIPINAS



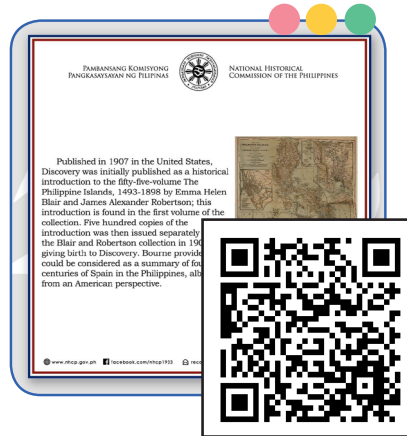
## ISANG WATAWAT, ISANG BANSA, ISANG WIKA



## BEYOND 1898: AMERICAN POLICIES AGAINST NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS, 1901-1918



## SAILING THE INTERNET: ONLINE SOURCES ON THE MAGELLAN-ELCANO EXHIBITION





## OTHER ONLINE WEBINARS

### **TEN: TRANSLATE. EXHIBIT. NARRATE.**

Museo ni Emilio Aguinaldo

### **A WEBINAR ON WATER SANITATION AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Museo ni Emilio Aguinaldo

### **INA PEÑAFRANCIA**

Museo ni Jesse Robredo

### **ANG NOSYON NI RIZAL NG KALAYAAN**

Museo ni Jose Rizal Calamba

### **BEYOND CONVENTIONAL WISDOM**

Museo ni Jose Rizal Dapitan

### **RIZAL AND BOOKS**

Museo ni Jose Rizal Fort Santiago

### **ADDRESS BONIFACIO: THE "ORIGINS" OF THE BONIFACIO CLAN**

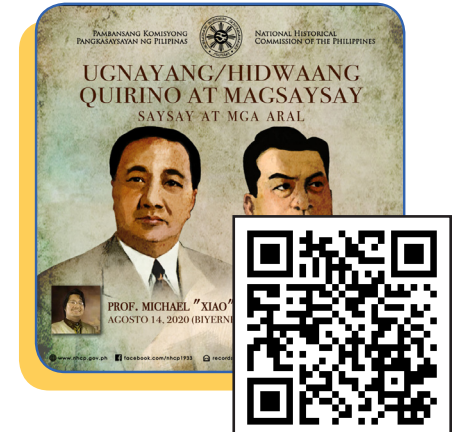
Museo ng Katipunan, Pinaglabanan Memorial Shrine

### **TEOLOHIYA, KATARUNGAN, AT PAGKABANSA**

Museo ng Libingan sa Ilalim ng Lupa ng Nagcarlan

### **HUWAG KANG MAG-AANGAS SA LALAKING MAY BALBAS: ANG KABAYANIHAN NI MIGUEL MALVAR**

Museo ni Miguel Malvar



### **SUSPENSO: PONCE AS A STUDENT**

Museo ni Mariano Ponce

### **CAVITE: HISTORICAL TOURISM TRAIL**

Museo ng Paglilitis ni Andres Bonifacio

### **KYRIAL DE BACLAYON ANO DE 1826**

Museo ng Pamana at Kasaysayang Boholano

### **VIVA LA REYNA**

Museo ng Kasaysayang Panlipunan ng Pilipinas

### **BAKIT MALOLOS?**

Museo ng Republika ng 1899

### **UGNAYANG/HIDWAANG QUIRINO AT MAGSAYSAY**

Museo ni Ramon Magsaysay







## NEW PRINTS

### THE LIVES, IDEAS, AND WORKS OF BASQUE IN THE PHILIPPINES, VOL. 1–VOL 4

Aitor Anduaga



### TALANGBUHAY NG SUPREMO AND BONIFACIO SA KABITE

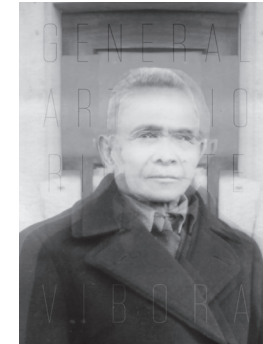
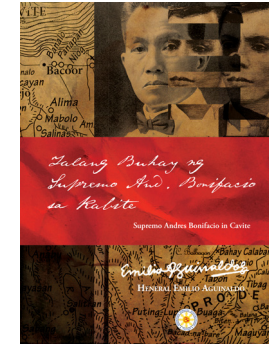
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### IN DIALOGUE: THE ECONOMIC MANAGERS OF THE MARCOS ADMINISTRATION

Laya, Mapa, Mendoza, Paterno, Sicat, and Virata

### JOURNAL OF PHILIPPINE LOCAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE, VOL. 5, NO. 1

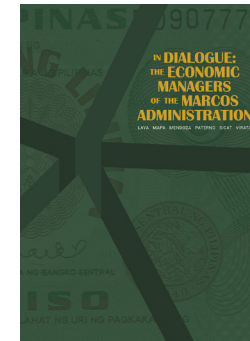
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## REPRINT

### GEN. ARTEMIO RICARTE (VIBORA)

Hen. Artemio Ricarte



### **BOOK LAUNCHING: THE LIVES, IDEAS, AND WORKS OF BASQUE IN THE PHILIPPINES, VOL. 1-VOL 4**

Blackbird at the Nielson Tower, Ayala Avenue, Makati City  
February 25



L-R (seated) Dr. Bernadette Abrera, Dr. Victor Paz, Dr. Maria Serena I. Diokno, Prof. Adonis Elumbre, and Ms. Jeriah Gray. (Standing) Dr. Maria Nela Florendo, Dr. Kerby Alvarez, Dr. Ricardo Trota Jose, Prof. Karl Poblador. Photo courtesy of Dr. Kerby Alvarez.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL PROOF: TALANGBUHAY NG SUPREMO AND. BONIFACIO SA KABITE**

National Historical Commission of the Philippines  
February 28



(L-R): Christine Dulnuan and Alvin Alcud of NHCP with the book team: Giney Villar, Elizabeth Angsioco, Angelo Aguinaldo, and Ige Ramos.







## LIST OF LHCN 2020 ACTIVITIES

### **LHCN WEBINAR SERIES 2020-2021: SUSTAINING THE DISCUSSION ON PHILIPPINE HISTORY AND CULTURE DURING THE PANDEMIC**

Organized by Cavite Studies Center and De La Salle University-Dasmariñas in collaboration with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Center for Tarlaqueño Studies, Palawan Studies Center, Philippine Historical Association, Cavite Historical Society, Kapisanan ng Bahay-Saliksikan sa Bansa, Bacoor Historical Society and National Quincentennial Committee

Episode 1, “Ang Kalayaan ng Pilipinas: Mga Perspektiba at Interpretasyon” (11 June)

Episode 2, “Philippine Historiography I” (20 July)

Episode 3, “Philippine Historiography II” (19 August)

Episode 4, “Preserving Cultural Heritage” (16 September)

Episode 5, “Philippine Spanish Heritage” (14 October)

Episode 6, “Local Culture and Traditions” (18 November)

Episode 7, “Religiosity and Heritage” (11 December)

### **SULAT SINAUNA: TALAKAYAN TUNGKOL SA MGA SINAUNANG SULAT NG BANSA**

August 22

Organized by Project Saysay and Department of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with the National Quincentennial Committee.

### **WEBINAR SA KASAYSAYAN 2020: PAGKAKAISAYSAYAN, PAGLABAN AT PAGBANGON**

August 29

Organized by Asosasyon ng mg Dalubhasa, May Hilig at Interes sa Kasaysayan ng Pilipinas, Inc., Center for West Visayan Studies, Kapisanan ng Bahay-Saliksikan sa Bansa in collaboration with the National Quincentennial Committee.

### **TAUNANG TALASTASAN TUNGKOL SA KASAYSAYAN AT PAMANA NG LALAWIGAN NG RIZAL**

August 30

Organized by Lipunang Pangkasaysayan ng Morong, University of Rizal System in collaboration with the National Quincentennial Committee.

### **PAMBANSANG KUMPERENSYA SA BULACAN 2020**

September 13-15

Organized by Samahang Pangkasaysayan ng Bulacan in collaboration with the National Quincentennial Committee.

### **MACABULOS BIENVENIDO: A WEBINAR IN ANTICIPATION OF THE 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF GENERAL FRANCISCO MACABULOS**

September 16

Organized by Tarlac State University, Center for Tarlaqueño Studies, Department of Foreign Affairs and National Quincentennial Committee.

## PHILIPPINE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 65TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL ONLINE EVENT

September 18

## LONG DISTANCE TRADE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPLEX SOCIETIES IN THE PREHISTORY OF THE CENTRAL PHILIPPINES: THE CEBU CENTRAL SETTLEMENT CASE

September 23

Organized by Cebu City Cultural and Historical Affairs  
Commission in collaboration with the National Quincentennial  
Committee.

## IKA-31 PAMBANSANG KUMPERENSYA SA KASAYSAYAN AT KALINANGAN "TAONG LABAS: ANG TULISAN, REMONTADO AT VAGAMUNDO SA KASAYSAYAN AT KALINANGAN PILIPINO"

November 30 - December 3

Organized by Asosasyon ng mg Dalubhasa, May Hilig at Interes  
sa Kasaysayan ng Pilipinas, Inc., National Quincentennial  
Committee and National Commission for Culture and the Arts

## LIST OF NEW LHCN MEMBER-AFFILIATES FOR 2020

1. Center for Pangasinan Studies
2. University of the Philippines Baguio- Kalipunan ng mga Mag-aaral ng Kasaysayan (KAMALAYAN)
3. Katipunan da rin Talasaliksik at Talaturung Kapampangan (KATATAGAN), Inc.
4. Bureau of Cultural Heritage- Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BCH-BARMM)



LHCN Webinar Series 2020-2021: Sustaining the Discussion on Philippine History and Culture During the Pandemic



Webinar sa Kasaysayan 2020: Pagkakaisaysayan, Paglaban at Pagbangon







## RESCUE OF MUSEUM ITEMS AFFECTED BY THE TAAL VOLCANO ERUPTION

Marcela and Felipe Agoncillo and Leon and Galicano Apacible Museums, Taal, Batangas

January 17



The front page photo of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* is Mr. Rommel Aquino, OIC of the Materials Research and Conservation Division of NHCP, securing artifacts at the Leon and Galicano Apacible Museum affected by the eruption.



NHCP museum workers and conservators secured relics and memorabilia at the two museums in Taal, Batangas—Museo ni Leon at Galicano Apacible and Museo ni Marcela at Felipe Agoncillo.



## COVID-19 DISASTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE ASSISTANCE

Jaime Cardinal Sin Village Tenement community, UERM Hospital, Philippine General Hospital and Sta. Ana Hospital  
April 4

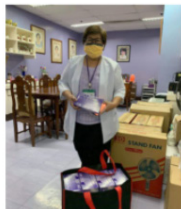


THE MATERIALS RESEARCH CONSERVATION DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES, (NHCP-MRCD), MANILA, PHILIPPINES

On April 4, 2020, we (The Materials Research Conservation Division of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines-NHCP-MRCD) donated our supplies of PPEs and disinfectants to the front liner institutions who need it the most at this time, including the Jaime Cardinal Sin Village tenement community, the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay (UERM) Hospital, the Philippine General Hospital, and the Santa Ana Hospital.

This is our small way of showing appreciation to all our valiant front liners working tirelessly in the fight against COVID-19.

Keep safe everyone and may God bless us all.



THE MET MASK PROJECT, THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, NEW YORK CITY, USA

*A Sewing Army. Making Masks for America*, a March 25, 2020, *New York Times* article sent by Yael Rosenfield—a former conservator in The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Department of Textile Conservation (DTC)—to Janina Poskrobko, Conservator in Charge, became an inspiration for a project at The Met to help health care providers and others in need of masks during the pandemic. The mask

Featured in an online article of International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works. The NHCP Materials Research Conservation Division donated personnel protective equipment or PPEs for the frontline institutions like the Jaime Cardinal Sin Village Tenement community, UERM Hospital, PGH and Sta. Ana Hospital.

## STO. NIÑO DE PANDACAN FIRE RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Pandacan, Manila  
July 11



The MRCD provided technical assistance to the Sto. Niño Parish Church in Pandacan, Manila after a huge fire gutted the building and burned majority of its furniture and furnishings including the centuries old image of the Sto. Niño de Pandacan. Retrieval and protective equipment were also donated to volunteers who helped in salvaging and recovery efforts.











## NHCP PRAISE AWARDS

National Historical Commission of the Philippines

December 16







