



PAMBANSANG KOMISYON PARA SA KULTURA AT MGA SINING

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Dear **Attorney Gutierrez**,

Greetings from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)!

This is in response to your request for an NCCA clearance for the construction of Banhao Tower, a 40-storey residential condominium, on San Fernando Street corner Madrid Street, Binondo, Manila, as required by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB)¹.

Please be informed that on the basis of the inspections of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines² and the National Museum (NM)³, and pursuant to the powers of this Commission to regulate activities inimical to the preservation/conservation of the Filipino cultural heritage⁴, this Commission hereby **grants** this **clearance** for the above-mentioned project and advises your strict compliance with the rule to report to the NM if there will be recovery of archaeological materials during the excavation phase of the project³ and the existing policies of the City of Manila regarding building heights.

This Commission shall monitor the progress of your project until its completion.

For future coordination, you may contact Mr. Edison N. Molanida of the NCCA Heritage Office through phone number 527-2192 local 525 or E-mail address: heritage_office@ncca.gov.ph.

We hope for your strict compliance.

With assurance of our highest esteem and warmest regards.

Very truly yours,

FELIPE M. DE LEON, JR.

Chairman



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- ¹ In line with **Section 32 of RA 10066**: *"Institutional Linkages of the National Cultural Agencies. – x x x x x Furthermore, the Commission may link up with other agencies and institutions, as it may deem appropriate, as a way of dealing with conservation in a holistic manner x x x x x"*
- ² Excerpt from the **NHCP letter dated 27 October 2016** to the NCCA: *"Please be informed that the property is not listed in the Commission's registry of historic sites and structures. Upon inspection by our technical staff, we found that there is no heritage structure present on the site that will be affected by the development."*
- ³ Pursuant to **Section 30(b) of RA 10066**: *"When the presence of any cultural or historical property is discovered, the National Museum or the National Historical Institute shall immediately suspend all activities that will affect the site and shall immediately notify the local government unit having jurisdiction of the place where the discovery was made. The local government shall promptly adopt measures to protect and safeguard the integrity of the cultural property so discovered and, within five (5) days from the discovery, shall report the same to the appropriate agency. The suspension of these activities shall be lifted only upon the written authority of the National Museum or the National Historical Institute and only after the systematic recovery of the archaeological materials."*
- ⁴ As stated in **Section 13 l) of RA 7356**

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