



PAMBANSANG KOMISYON PARA SA KULTURA AT MGA SINING

26 April 2017

MR. BENNIE B. CUANSON

Chief Executive Officer

Ascott Resources and Development Corp. (ARDC)

Standford Building

1870 M.H. del Pilar Street, Malate, Manila

Subject: Preservation and Restoration of the old Capitol Theater Building

Dear **Mr. Cuanson**,

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

This is with reference to your request for approval of the adaptive reuse plan and design of the old Capitol Theater Building located in Escolta Street, Binondo, Manila.

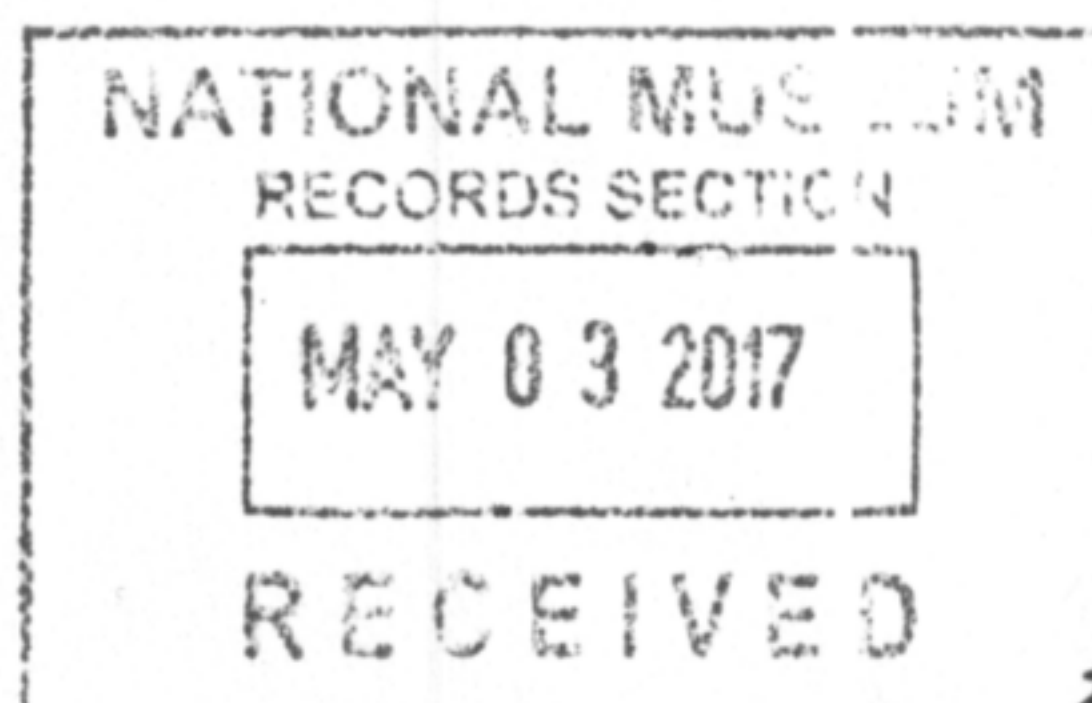
We, the Tripartite Agencies (NCCA-NM-NHCP), are pleased to inform you that we consensually agreed to adopt the *in-situ* methodology¹ exterior perspective design version submitted by the consultancy firm B. Cabebe Engineering & Consulting Services commissioned by your company. The three (3) cultural agencies expressed their strong desire on the following points:

- a) to undertake a perfect replication of the existing façade;
- b) to prepare complete documentation of the entire existing building, including as-built plans;
- c) to prepare casts of the relief sculptures of the tower for turnover to the National Museum; and
- d) to install appropriate hoarding/enclosure featuring the original façade of the Capitol Theater for the site during demolition and construction.

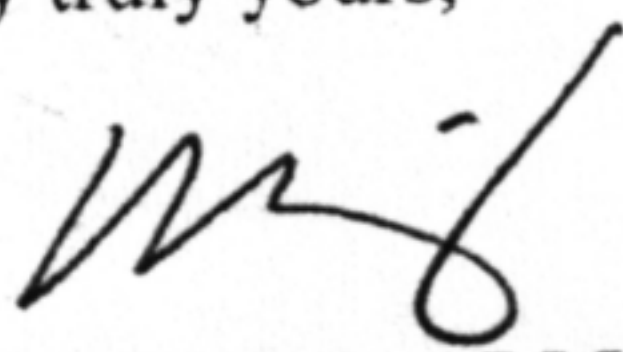
This Commission shall monitor the progress of the project until its completion. Any major deviation from the *in-situ* bracing methodology of the "tower relic" submitted by your commissioned consultancy firm shall be subject for review by this Commission. For future coordination, you may contact Mr. Lawrence Charles Salazar, Head, NCCA Cultural Heritage Section through phone number 527-2192 local 304 or email charles.salazar@ncca.gov.ph.

We hope to have been of service.

With assurance of our highest esteem and warmest regards.



Very truly yours,


VIRGILIO S. ALMARIO
National Artist
Chairman

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¹ ANNEX A