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DIR. RICO S. PABLEO, JR.
Executive Director
National Commission for Culture and the Arts

Dear **Director Pableo,**

We acknowledge your letter concerning the e-mail of Mr. Tony L. regarding the recent fire incident that destroyed old houses in Boac, Marinduque.

The same concern had been brought to us by former Mayor and Board Member Pedrito Nepomuceno of Boac, Marinduque. Inasmuch as the National Historical Commission of the Philippines would want to restore the old houses, please be informed that we cannot restore privately owned houses.

The NHCP suggests however, to the community and to the LGU to:

1. Formulate a prevention and mitigation plan in case of emergencies such as fire that may cause damage to lives and properties including heritage structures;

2. Conduct a regular training on the protection of heritage structures within the area. Wooden structures are susceptible to fire, hence, regular monitoring of old houses is advised especially the electrical connections and any other sources that might cause conflagration; and

3. The LGU may coordinate with the NDRRMC, BFP, and other related agencies that can give training in disaster risk reduction. The training shall be attended by the homeowners and stakeholders of the heritage structures in the municipality.

To prevent similar cases in the future, a collaboration between the LGU and the local community is encouraged. The protection of lives, property and heritage must be included in the disaster risk reduction management plan of the respective government units.

Thank you.

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Yours truly,

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