



PAMBANSANG KOMISYON PARA SA KULTURA AT MGA SINING

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Through: **Ar. NERISSA PARUNGAO**, Planning Manager,
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Dear **Ms. Villareal**,

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

We are writing in reference to your letter received by this Commission last 27 June 2019, requesting concurrence for your proposed renovation and rehabilitation of the BDO Plaza Sta. Cruz Building, which is a work of National Artist Juan Nakpil in contemporary art deco architecture.

Under Section 8 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 10066, also known as the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009, works of National Artists are considered Important Cultural Properties. With this, we would like to extend this Commission's gratitude to BDO Unibank, Inc. for preserving the said building and integrating it to your proposed development.

Last 26 June 2019, the Technical Working Council, consisting of this Commission, the National Museum, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, and the Department of Public Works and Highways, discussed your proposal and raised no objection to your project. Further, the Council advised you to restore the structure as it is, fenestrations' sizes and configurations should be similar to the existing, repainting should be close to the existing color palette, all exterior architectural elements of the building should be restored, structural retrofitting should be non-intrusive and should respect the structure's original design, and replacement and addition of elevators should not compromise the structural soundness of the building.



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This Commission shall continue to monitor this project until its completion. Any deviation from the submitted and approved proposal would require clearance again from the Council.

With assurance of our highest esteem and warmest regards.

Very truly yours,

VIRGILIO S. ALMARIO

National Artist
Chairman

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