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Senator Vicente C. Sotto III

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## MESSAGE

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My warmest felicitations to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) as they lead our country's celebration of the National Heritage Month.

The diversity in our culture and our distinguishable traits as Filipinos such as hospitality, resourcefulness and resiliency continue to astound people from all over the world. Our traditions, customs and practices have always fascinated the international community for being beautiful and truly one of a kind.

As we celebrate this year's National Heritage Month, we should all be reminded of our shared responsibility towards promoting and conserving our Philippine cultural heritage and Filipino identity even in the midst of a public health crisis. We should take an active role in ensuring that our history, ancestry and identity are kept and at all times remembered.

As one nation, conserving our cultural heritage and identity is of paramount importance and the month of May is dedicated to promoting, recognizing and celebrating who we truly are as Filipinos.

Maraming Salamat at MABUHAY TAYONG LAHAT.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vic Sotto III".

**VICENTE C. SOTTO III**