



MESSAGE

Greetings of peace and solidarity to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts as you celebrate National Heritage Month (NHM)!

To say that the past year has been challenging is an understatement: The pandemic has left no lives untouched. Economies around the world have been in turmoil. But as we have experienced in the past year, the bigger the challenge, the greater the imperative for us to put our heads together and contribute towards a collective goal. Kaya sa gitna ng kaguluhang bitbit ng COVID-19, napakita nating mga Pilipino ang kahalagahan ng pagtutulungan at bayanihang tunay na tatak Pinoy.

Sa aming Tanggapan, nangibabaw ang bayanihan nang tuloy-tuloy tayong nakapaghatid ng suporta sa mga kababayang nangangailangan. Mula sa iba't ibang sulok ng daigdig, nakatanggap tayo ng tulong para makapag-abot sa mga kababayan nating nasa pinakamaliliit, pinakamalalayo, at pinakamahihirap na komunidad sa ating bansa. Bayanihan binds us as a people and identifies us as a community that is dedicated to work together towards a collective goal: Surviving, adapting, and building a better normal for all.

As you celebrate NHM, I hope that you continue to create opportunities that highlight Filipino values and culture. May you build pathways that lead our youth towards understanding and contributing to Bayanihan, so that together, we can bring more people to be engaged and contribute to our shared vision of an equitable, more inclusive society. Mabuhay kayong lahat!

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