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**DATE :** 1 JULY 2021

**TO :** ALL CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** POSTPONEMENT OF THE ISSUANCE OF TREASURE HUNTING PERMITS PENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE NCCA GUIDELINES ON TREASURE HUNTING IN THE PHILIPPINES

In view of the transfer of regulatory functions of the National Museum of the Philippines (NMP) to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), as provided for by Section 30 of R.A. No. 11333 and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the NMP and NCCA approved by the NCCA Board of Commissioners (BOC) through Resolution No. 2020-333, the authority to regulate treasure hunting activities in the Philippines will be officially transferred to the NCCA on July 1, 2021. As such, all concerned parties are hereby informed:

1. That no treasure hunting permit shall be issued and no applications shall be accommodated by the NCCA until the NCCA Guidelines on Treasure Hunting in the Philippines has been approved by the NCCA-BOC and until such guidelines has been published in 2 newspapers of general circulation;
2. That all treasure hunting permits previously issued by the NMP shall not be subject to renewal by the NCCA, and all individuals/entities previously or currently holding a valid license/permit, shall have to submit their applications anew subject to the requirements set forth under the new NCCA guidelines governing the issuance of permits for treasure hunting; and


  
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3. That all applicants are advised to coordinate with the Unit/Section/Division handling the issuance of permits and licenses through email: [heritagelaw@ncca.gov.ph](mailto:heritagelaw@ncca.gov.ph).

This Office Order shall take effect only on 1 July 2021.

Please be guided accordingly.

  
**AL RYAN S. ALEJANDRE**  
Executive Director *cf X*

  
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