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## MEMORANDUM

**FOR/TO :** **The Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs**

**The Regional Executive Director**  
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**The Chief**  
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Attention: The Head Librarian

**FROM :** **The Undersecretary and Chief of Staff**

**SUBJECT :** **COPY OF MUSEUM DECLARATION NO. 11-2020 RE DECLARATION OF THE GOTIAOCO BUILDING, NOW THE SUGBU CHINESE HERITAGE MUSEUM IN CEBU CITY, AS AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL PROPERTY (DENRCO-ASRMD-2022-002031)**

Respectfully forwarded herewith is a copy of Museum Declaration No. 11-2020 dated March 12, 2020 signed by Director General Jeremy R. Barns of the National Museum of the Philippines.

For your information and appropriate action.

  
RODOLFO C. GARCIA

cc : **The Office of the Secretary (OSEC)**

MEMO NO. 2022 - 63

  
**PAMBANSANG MUSEO NG PILIPINAS**  
**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PHILIPPINES**

August 23, 2021

**HONORABLE ROY A. CIMATU**

Secretary  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
DENR Building, Visayas Avenue, Diliman,  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Dear **Secretary Cimatu** :

Greetings from the National Museum of the Philippines!

We are happy to inform you that on March 12, 2020, the declaration of the Gotiaoco Building, now the Sugbu Chinese Heritage Museum in Cebu City was approved as an Important Cultural Property per Museum Declaration No. 11-2020.

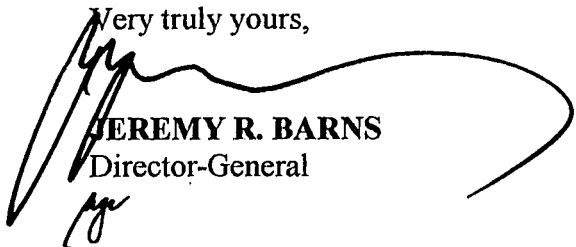
In this regard, we have the honor of sending you herewith a copy of the declaration for your reference, dissemination and appropriate action.

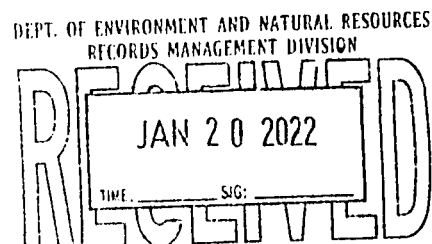
Please note that henceforth, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts takes the lead in the declaration and regulation of cultural properties in the country. However, the NMP remains committed in supporting this program and is available for any assistance.

For any inquiries, please contact Museum Services Division at (02) 8527-1218 and/or through email at [inquiry@nationalmuseum.gov.ph](mailto:inquiry@nationalmuseum.gov.ph).

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

  
**JEREMY R. BARNES**  
Director-General



Cc: **Honorable Arsenio J. Lizaso**, Chairman, National Commission for Culture and the Arts  
**Honorable Edgardo Labella**, Mayor, Cebu City  
**Mr. Bob D. Gotong**, Chairman, Sugbu Chinese Heritage Museum



**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**MUSEUM DECLARATION NO. 11-2020**

**DECLARATION OF THE GOTIAOCO BUILDING, NOW THE SUGBU CHINESE HERITAGE MUSEUM,  
IN CEBU CITY, AS AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL PROPERTY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides that “the State shall promote and popularize the nation’s historical and cultural heritage and resources”;

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State to preserve National Cultural Treasures and Important Cultural Properties of the nation, and to safeguard their intrinsic value;

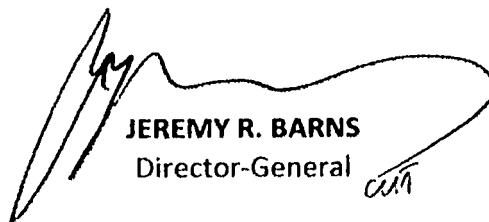
**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 4846, otherwise known as “The Cultural Properties Preservation and Protection Act” as amended by Presidential Decree No. 374; Republic Act No. 8492, “The National Museum Act of 1998” and Republic Act No. 10066, “The National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009”, specifically vested the National Museum of the Philippines with the responsibility and authority of implementing pertinent provisions of these Acts;

**WHEREAS**, a National Cultural Treasure is defined by Article II, Section 3(bb) of Republic Act No. 10066 as referring to a unique cultural property found locally, possessing outstanding historical, cultural, artistic and/or scientific value which is highly significant and important to the country and nation, and an Important Cultural Property is likewise defined by Article II Section 3(w) of Republic Act No. 10066 as referring to a cultural property having exceptional cultural, artistic and historical significance to the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, a Panel of Experts, requested to deliberate and decide which of certain cultural properties as may be nominated should be designated as National Cultural Treasures and Important Cultural Properties and consequently officially declared as such by the National Museum of the Philippines, subject to the appropriate action and attestation of its Director-General in the form of an official Museum Declaration, issued the results of its deliberation and decision in the form of Panel of Experts Resolution No. 1-2019, dated June 27, 2019;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Director of the National Museum, taking due note of Panel of Experts Resolution No. 1-2019, dated June 27, 2019, hereby attests, and confirms through this Museum Declaration, the designation of the Gotiaoco Building, now the Sugbu Chinese Heritage Museum, in Cebu City, as an Important Cultural Property.

**DONE** on March 12, 2020, at the National Museum of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines.

  
**JEREMY R. BARNES**  
Director-General

