

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 103, January 28, 2020]

RECONSTITUTING AND STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL QUINCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, AND AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 55 (S. 2018) FOR THE PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 15 of the Constitution declares it a policy of the State to conserve, promote and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as its artistic creations;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10086 or the "Strengthening People's Nationalism Through Philippine History Act," the State shall provide the means to strengthen the Filipino people's nationalism, love of country, respect for its heroes and pride for the people's accomplishments by reinforcing the importance of Philippine national and local history in daily life, with the end view of raising social consciousness;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 55 (s. 2018) created the National Quincentennial Committee (Committee) to serve as the coordinator and clearing house of all government initiatives for the 500 th anniversary of the role of the Philippines in the first circumnavigation of the world, the victory of Lapulapu in the Battle of Mactan, and other related events, collectively known as the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines (2021 QCP);

WHEREAS, the Committee espouses a Filipino-centric point of view of the first circumnavigation of the world, by underscoring the magnanimity, compassion and humanity of our ancestors in helping the impoverished crew of the expedition that traversed the Pacific ocean, and the courage and bravery of the warriors in Mactan, which continue to serve as inspiration to our heroes and martyrs up to this day; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 QCP aims to promote local and national tourism, reignite the nationalism of every Filipino, inculcate values for the common good, strengthen social cohesiveness of the community, intensify social awareness, and foster the Filipino creativity and innovation for our socioeconomic growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The National Quincentennial Committee. The Committee is hereby reconstituted as follows:

Chairperson: Executive Secretary

Vice-

Chairperson Chairperson, National Historical Commission of the and
and Executive Executive Philippines (NHCP)

Director:

Members: Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs;

Secretary, Department of Tourism;
Secretary, Department of Budget and Management;
Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government;
Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways;
Secretary, Department of Education;
Secretary, Department of National Defense;
Secretary, Presidential Communications Operations Office;
Chairperson, National Commission for Culture and the Arts;
and
Presidential Adviser for the Visayas

The Committee shall oversee the preparations for the 2021 QCP and perform the following functions:

- a. Undertake the overall study, conceptualization and implementation of relevant programs and projects on, but not limited to, diplomatic concerns, history, culture and the arts, academic affairs, science, environment and agriculture, socio-civic participations, volunteer and partner mobilization, military participation, and infrastructure;
- b. Act as the principal coordinator for all the activities related to the 2021 QCP;
- c. Serve as clearing house for the preparation and dissemination of all information on the programs, activities and projects for the 2021 QCP;
- d. Constitute sub-committees or working groups, as may be necessary, to undertake the implementation of programs, activities and projects;
- e. Undertake fund raising activities, as may be necessary, to attain the objectives of this Order, subject to applicable laws, as well as budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations;
- f. Call on any government agency or instrumentality, and invite private individuals and organizations, including overseas or international entities, to assist in the preparations and celebration of the 2021 QCP; and
- g. Carry-out such other functions as may be directed by the President.

The Committee shall be provided with technical and administrative staff support by a Secretariat to be constituted by the NHCP.

SECTION 2. Powers and Functions of the Vice Chairperson and Executive Director. The Vice Chairperson and Executive Director shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Coordinate and monitor the implementation of the projects and activities of the Committee;
- b. Represent the Committee in meetings, as may be authorized or delegated by the Committee;