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THRU : UNDERSECRETARY OSCAR P. PALABYAB
Tourism Services and Regional Offices
SUBJECT : CABINET INTERVENTION ON SAVING AN
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Sir attached hereto is a document regarding the plight to save a historical site that dates back to the 11th century, a place called HIMOLUGAN, the ancient original site of Cagayan de Oro City under the domain of then Datu Salangsang.

The bridge now undergoing initial construction on the opposite side of the river is one that would lead to the convention center.

I have sent a copy of this to Senate President Aquilino Pimentel for his information.

We hope this will also merit attention from the National Historical Commission and National Museum.

The action needed is immediate; the response critical in saving the open site that has yielded so many pieces of potsherds.

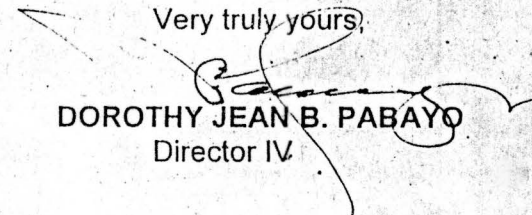
If we can save this site by slightly deviating the approach of the bridge on the Taguanao side then we can preserve the historical landmark and add attraction to the forthcoming Convention Center which would be only a few hundred meters up the slope.

Recommendations:

1. For DPWH to investigate the area in question and make necessary technical adjustment to answer the cry for preserving Cagayan de Oro's treasure.
2. A team of anthropologists and archaeologists be fielded to Cagayan de Oro to team up with Dr. Linda Burton of Xavier University to conduct further research in the area for presentation to the City Government to solicit favorable action leading to the preservation of the Huluga site.

Thank you for your concern.

Very truly yours,


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