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Hon. Vicente Y. Emano
Mayor
Cagayan de Oro City

Dear Mayor Emano:

The representative of the Archaeological Studies Program (ASP), University of the Philippines, in the person of Mr. Lee Anthony M. Neri, and Mr. Clyde Jago-on of the National Museum, were tasked to assess the Huluga Open Site in Barangay Irinahag, Cagayan de Oro City last August 4-8, 2003.

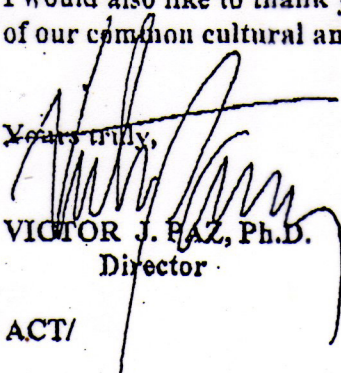
Based on their assessment, it was confirmed that the Huluga Open Site was partly destroyed because of a road construction that crosses through the Huluga Open Site. This site was the study area of Mr. Neri when he was working on his master's thesis, hence I believe that he has a thorough knowledge about the site. Cultural materials from a prehistoric settlement in the area possibly during the Late Neolithic Period (500 BC - 500 AD), were recovered before and during the rescue efforts of Mr. Neri and Mr. Jago-on.

It is unfortunate that a misunderstanding about the exact location of the archaeological site has led to this situation. Nevertheless, we trust that you, in your capacity as a mayor and a concerned citizen, would help in the protection of your city's heritage.

We hope that archaeological endeavors will be done in the future and the protection of the site will be implemented.

I would also like to thank you for finding time to dialogue with us on this important matter of our common cultural and historical heritage.

Yours truly,


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