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SUBJECT: STRICT PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

In view of the mandate and policy of the State provided under Sections 15 and 16 of the 1987 Constitution to conserve, develop, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, all Regional Offices, District Engineering Offices, Project Engineers, and Offices of the Building Officials are hereby required to:

1. Consult and coordinate with the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA) in conducting feasibility studies for the design, improvement or implementation of the infrastructure projects that may affect any Cultural Property as defined and enumerated under Republic Act No. 10066, otherwise known as National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations; and

2. Comply with the directive under Section 32 of R.A. No. 10066 to consult, coordinate, and work closely with the NCCA and National Cultural Agencies (NCA) regarding any construction, renovation, retrofitting or demolition activities that may affect the integrity of historical and cultural sites under its jurisdiction.

For this purpose, all Building Officials, Project Engineers, and Implementing Offices are **directed to consult and coordinate with the NCAA and other NCAs, prior to any issuance of permits/certificates** for any proposed construction, renovation, retrofitting or demolition activities that may affect the integrity of historical and cultural sites or any adjoining historical or cultural sites.

Appropriate sanctions will be taken against those who fail to comply with this directive.

For strict and immediate compliance.

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