RESTORATION PROJECTS IN THE PHILIPPINES

One of the on-going projects of the newly formed Restoration Division of the National Museum is the restoration and conservation of Intramuros or Old Walled City of Manila, a project that is receiving special attention by the First Lady Mrs. Imelda Marcos. In an effort to protect and conserve a part of the Filipino cultural heritage two important laws were passed within the past six years declaring old buildings, shrines, landmarks, historical sites and other works of arts as cultural properties and earmarked for protection and conservation.

Towards this end a work programme was formulated with the following objectives:

1. To undertake researches, compile and collate information on immovable cultural properties in the country.
2. To complete a graphic and photographic record of immovable cultural properties.
3. To present evaluation reports on important immovable cultural properties to serve as a basis for the declaration of those outstanding properties as “National Cultural Treasures” or “Important Cultural Properties.”
4. To exercise supervision and control over all demolitions, renovations, alterations, preservation and restoration work or declared immovable cultural properties in the country.
5. To prepare restoration and/or preservation project studies and development plans of sites, structures and landmarks designated as “National Cultural Treasures” or “Important Cultural Properties.”
6. To extend technical assistance and coordinate with other institutions and agencies in aspects dealing with the preservation, protection and restoration of immovable cultural properties.
7. To organize or participate in conferences, seminars and symposia on the preservation, protection and restoration of immovable cultural properties.
8. To study the latest techniques in the field of preservation, protection and restoration of cultural properties.

Following on these objectives the National Museum has already undertaken the following projects:

a. Restoration of Fort Pilar in Zamboanga City.
c. Spanish Churches in the Philippines.
d. Cultural Landmarks in Ilocos Region

LEGEND: MAP OF INTRAMUROS SHOWING SITES OF RESTORATION EFFORTS
1. Puerta Isabel
2. Bastion de San Gabriel
3. Ravelin del Parián
4. Bastion de San Andrés
5. Bastion de San Diego
6. Ravelin de San Pedro
7. Bastion de Sta. Lucia
7A. Puerta de Santa Lucia
8. Ravelin de San Francisco
9. Fort Santiago
10. Plaza de Roma
11. Plaza Sampalukan
12. Plaza de Sto. Tomas

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