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**CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF GABALDON
SCHOOLHOUSES AND OTHER HERITAGE SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Recognizing the importance of Gabaldon Schoolhouses and other heritage school buildings in the history of Philippine education, the Department of Education (DepEd) embarks on the conservation and restoration of these school buildings to prevent their further deterioration.

These schoolhouses are treated as important structures considering their **architectural, historical, social, and scientific significance**. The passing of Republic Act (RA) No. 10066 “*National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009*” and RA No. 11194 “*Gabaldon School Building Conservation Act*” further proves the significance of these structures to Filipino heritage.

The classification of Gabaldon Schoolhouses based on their geographical and heritage value is the primary consideration for all these structures. Built in the salient features of traditional Philippine architecture and blended with the most innovative American construction technology of the early 20th century, these schoolhouses designed by Architect William E. Parsons generally housed significant historical events or were either visited or attended by persons of national and international prominence.

II. CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

Cognizant of Gabaldon Schoolhouses' importance to Filipino education and culture, DepEd, under the leadership of Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones, took the initiative to preserve their original architectural features and reinforce their structural integrity. In March 2018, the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA), through the Education



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Facilities Division (EFD), officially introduced the **Gabaldon Heritage Schools Restoration and Conservation Project**.

With the support and assistance from government institutions, DepEd is taking all necessary measures to classify and preserve the remaining Gabaldon Schoolhouses in all regions. These include the three cultural agencies – the **National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)**, the **National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP)**, and the **National Museum of the Philippines (NM)**; together with the **Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)** and Local Government Units, the **Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)**, and the **Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)**.

Gabaldon Schoolhouses and other heritage structures that are covered by the conservation and restoration are:

- a. school buildings designed and built by the Bureau of Architecture and Construction of Public Buildings for the Bureau of Education from 1910 to 1940;
- b. ancillary structures integral to the Gabaldon Schoolhouses; and
- c. other heritage structures within the school complex.

The guidelines in the conservation and restoration of Gabaldon Schoolhouses and heritage school buildings mandated in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 11194 of 2019 shall be conformed with accordingly.

As part of the IRR of RA 11194, the Department will implement:

- the standard color scheme for the painting and repainting of previously renovated, rehabilitated, or restored Gabaldon Schoolhouses; and
- the demolition of nearby structures that obstruct the façade of Gabaldon Schoolhouses.

DepEd Regional and Division Engineers shall oversee the conservation and restoration of these Gabaldon Schoolhouses and heritage school buildings. The OUA-EFD Gabaldon Heritage Schools Restoration and Conservation Project Team shall provide technical assistance in the preparation of plans and conservation and restoration procedures. Furthermore, The NHCP and NCCA shall also provide technical assistance in the implementation of the project, particularly in the conduct of consultation meetings with stakeholders to explain the importance of conserving and restoring these historical structures.

The Gabaldon Heritage Schools Restoration and Conservation Project not only safeguards the schoolhouses' appearance and functionality, but also guarantees that more Filipinos will be made aware of their pivotal role in



shaping the nation’s public school system. Moreover, it hopes to instill among the younger generation that sense of place and pride and for them to treasure their time in these historical edifices as much as their ancestors did.

III. INVENTORY OF GABALDON SCHOOLHOUSES

Based on the **2016 National School Building Inventory (NSBI)** under the enhanced Basic Education Information System (eBEIS), a total of **2,752 Gabaldon Schoolhouses are still existing** in 2,304 schools nationwide.

Region	Condemned	Good	Needs Major Repair	Needs Minor Repair	Total
ARMM	12	58	65	81	216
CAR	20	31	80	45	176
NCR		8	16	11	35
Region I	16	25	99	46	186
Region II	6	20	36	39	101
Region III	8	52	83	39	182
Region IV-A	16	34	99	43	192
Region IV-B	3	19	27	21	70
Region V	4	11	70	38	123
Region VI	5	48	169	121	343
Region VII	26	37	230	132	425
Region VIII	17	14	103	34	168
Region IX	11	25	39	21	96
Region X	15	13	94	49	171
Region XI	8	18	63	34	123
Region XII	3	13	28	27	71
CARAGA	6	14	39	15	74
Total	176	440	1,340	796	2,752

Table 1. Inventory of Gabaldon Schoolhouses per region and their condition

The Gabaldon Heritage Schools Restoration and Conservation Project Team created under the OUA conducts validation and documentation of these type of school buildings. The objective of the activity is to have complete documentation of the structures in terms of their historical significance, uniqueness of designs, and current use and conditions to guide the Department in proper planning and decision-making under the Gabaldon Heritage Schools Restoration and Conservation Program.

IV. ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Following the NSBI data, **705 Gabaldon Schoolhouses** in 702 sites nationwide **have either undergone or are currently undergoing full restoration** with the utilization of the annual Gabaldon Heritage School Building Restoration and Conservation Program from 2017 to 2020.

On the other hand, there are 176 Gabaldon Schoolhouses recorded as condemned. The DepEd Inspectorate Team and Engineers still need to conduct validation of the actual status of these condemned schoolhouses



to delve into the possibility of their restoration, as some might have been demolished already since the report was made years ago.

A total of P5.36 billion was appropriated for the last three (3) years in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for this purpose.

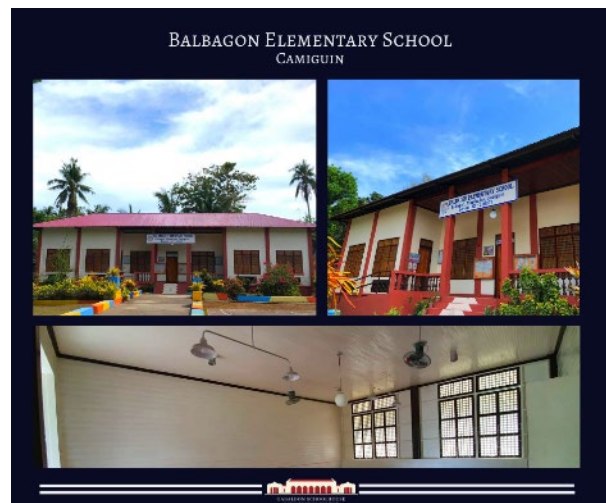
Once the restoration of these buildings is completed, **a total of 4,810 equivalent classrooms can be used by the learners** in addition to the current standard classrooms they are using. This is if the restored Gabaldon schoolhouse will be used for its original purpose. Below is the summary of allocation and accomplishment per year.

CY	Project Allocation	Total No. of Sites	No. of Buildings	No. of Sites Completed	No. of Sites On Going	No. of Sites Under Procurement	No. of Sites for Procurement	No. of Classrooms Completed	No. of classrooms On Going	No. of classrooms Under Procurement	No. of classrooms for Procurement
2017	300,000,000	37	37	37	0	0	0	379	-	-	-
2018	1,999,790,553	277	280	259	18	0	0	1,736	156	-	-
2019	2,060,447,999	260	260	64	154	42	0	387	1,036	370	-
2020	999,998,799	128	128	0	0	42	86	-	-	244	502
	5,360,237,352	702	705	360	172	84	86	2502	1192	614	502

Table 2. Summary of Accomplishments under the Gabaldon Heritage School Building Program as of April 30, 2020

V. COMPLETED RESTORATION WORK

Shown below are photos of some of the completely restored Gabaldon Schoolhouses across the country, which adhere to the Conservation IRR and guidelines.



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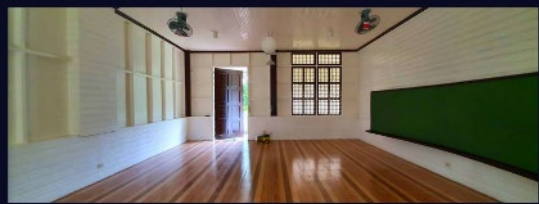
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ANTIQUE



ANDILI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
COMPOSTELLA VALLEY



VI. PLANS AND PROPOSAL

a. Restoration Program

To date, a total of 980 Gabaldon Schoolhouses in 819 sites are still in need of repair and restoration funds which the Department intends to program for the next three (3) years. This will require an annual appropriation of P3.3 billion. Further, the proposal is presented in this manner since the preparation of the Detailed Engineering Plans for the Gabaldon restoration projects is tedious and will require more time than the usual Repair and Rehabilitation projects of the Department.

Region	Good Condition		Condemned		Needs Major Repair (net of 2017-2020 program)		Needs Minor Repair	
	No. of sites	No. of Buildings	No. of sites	No. of Buildings	No. of sites	No. of Buildings	No. of sites	No. of Buildings
ARMM	36	58	9	12	42	65	46	81
CAR	26	31	16	20	60	66	37	45
NCR	8	8			25	31	11	11
Region I	25	25	16	16	9	10	44	46
Region II	16	20	4	6	66	70	29	39
Region III	44	52	8	8	23	29	34	39
Region IV	33	34	15	16	47	62	42	43
Region IV-	16	19	2	3	66	75	15	21
Region V	11	11	4	4	17	20	35	38
Region VI	35	48	5	5	30	34	101	121
Region VII	30	37	25	26	26	32	109	132
Region VII	13	14	17	17	87	111	29	34
Region IX	20	25	9	11	148	172	15	21
Region X	12	13	13	15	57	65	39	49
Region XI	16	18	7	8	59	72	26	34
Region XII	11	13	3	3	33	39	24	27
CARAGA	11	14	4	6	24	27	13	15
Total	363	440	157	176	819	980	649	796

Table 3. Summary of existing Gabaldon Schoolhouses which need budget allocation to be restored in the next three years.

CY	Target No. of Buildings	Unit Cost (per building)	Financial Requirement
2021	333	P10 million	P3.33 billion
2022	332	P10 million	P3.32 billion
2023	331	P10 million	P3.31 billion

Table 4. Proposed budget allocation for the restoration of the identified 980 damaged Gabaldon Schoolhouses for the next three (3) years.

b. Preventive Maintenance

In order to preserve the condition of the restored Gabaldon Schoolhouses and heritage school buildings, an annual maintenance budget should be put in place for their preventive maintenance. The said budget should be on top of the regular budget for the restoration



program. **The preventive maintenance of the structure is estimated to cost P500,000 per classroom** for minor repairs, which may include but is not limited to repainting using the Standard Color Scheme for Gabaldon Schoolhouses, minor repair of walls, floors, and ceilings, electrical accessories, minor repair of roofing, and termite control among others.

The preventive maintenance of buildings shall be made every five years or as the need arises.

The initial round of preventive maintenance will cover all restored Gabaldon Schoolhouses restored for more than five years, those in good condition, and those needing minor repairs. Thus, the following is proposed for 2021:

Category	No. of Buildings	Total Budgetary Requirement
Total Number of Buildings Restored for the last Three Years	360	180,000,000
Total Number of Buildings needing Minor Repairs	796	398,000,000
Total Number of Gabaldons in good condition	440	220,000,000
Total	1,596	798,000,000

Table 5. Proposed budget allocation for the maintenance of 1,582 Gabaldon Schoolhouses.

VII. SUMMARY

In summary, the budget proposal for the 2021 **Gabaldon Heritage Schools Restoration and Conservation Project** will have a total of P4.128 billion broken down as follows:

Category	Total Target No. of Buildings	Total Proposed Budget
Restoration of Gabaldon Schoolhouses	333	P 3,330,000,000
Preventive Maintenance of Gabaldon Schoolhouses	1,596	P 798,000,000
Total	1,929	P 4,128,000,000

Table 6. Total of the proposed budget allocation for the restoration and maintenance of 1,929 Gabaldon Schoolhouses for the year 2021.

This proposal is being put forward to again emphasize the architectural, historical, social, and scientific significance of the Gabaldon Schoolhouses and other heritage school buildings and may be considered a legacy project of this Administration.

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