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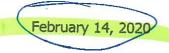
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Republic of the Philippines DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS Region X

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Engineers' Hill, Bulua, Cagayan de Oro City



MEMORANDUM

FOR

: MARK A. VILLAR

Secretary

This Department

THRU

: DIMAS S. SOGUILON, CESO I

Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Mindanao

This Department

SUBJECT

: Project Status of Cagayan de Oro Convention Center

This pertains to your Memorandum dated 23 January 2020, directing this Office to provide Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel the chronology of the project milestones and the current project status of the above-captioned project.

Please be informed that on 7 October 2019, this Office had conveyed a letter addressed to Senator Pimentel (hereto attached) elucidating in details the significant events surrounding the implementation of the project as well as its status as of 30 September 2019. To recapitulate the content of the letter, what contributed immensely to the delayed completion of the project was the events transpired between the years 2012 to 2016 wherein the same encountered a set back due to questions of ownership over the project site. As further stated, subsequent works for the completion of the project were put on hold due to a pending court action for the nullification and or/ annulment of donation of real property between the donors and the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority, with DPWH as an intervenor. It was in the last quarter of 2016 when the issue on ownership was settled. Consequently, construction activities, thereafter, resumed with the funds released under FY 2017 (Contract ID No. 17K00475) and FY 2018 (Contract ID No. 18K00342), both implemented by this Office and under contract with Jejor's Construction Corp. (JCC).

After a thorough assessment on the conditions of the project prior to the implementation of the foregoing contracts, the result revealed that some items of work needed replacement and repair as a result of normal wear considering the lapse of time that activities on the project were halted and as necessitated by current engineering standards. Thus, in order to reflect the necessary works required for the project, revision of plans had been effected and appropriate work suspension orders were issued extending the duration of the contact period of Contract ID No. 17K00475. Some items of work of the said contract are dependent on the completion of the works under Contract ID No. 18K00342, thus, the latter had been first completed last July of 2019. The former contract was likewise completed on 12 November 2019 earlier than its revised completion date which was on 12 December 2019. The full details of the scope of works of the foregoing contracts were expressed in our previous letter to Senator Pimentel (hereto attached).

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Moreover, to apprise you on the status of the project as of this writing, records revealed that for this year an amount \$\frac{2}{2}14,920,000.00\$ has been released for the completion of the said project. Included in the scope of works are: Construction of Guard House, Main Building Electrical Works, Electronic and Communication Works (network, stage lighting and public address), mechanical works, veener masonry works at pylon and provision of bleacher seats and FIBA flooring. The utilization of this fund would entail the completion of the main building; thus the same could then be functional from then on and could be used for the purpose it was constructed for.

On the matter of the need of more working space for the Court of Appeals – Mindanao Station, we are respectfully expressing that for now the said building is not yet suitable for occupancy for there are much works to be done which are included on the program of works in the budget appropriation mentioned in the preceding paragraph. This Office could assure you that right after the same could be completed, the building will then be ready for occupancy and be fully operational.

Attached hereto are the following documents for your ready reference:

- Photocopy of the letter addressed to Senator Pimentel dated 7 October 2019;
- 2. Budget Releases and Status as of February, 2020;
- 3. Project Briefer/Brochure;
- 4. Summary of allotment received;
- 5. Project photo as of August 2019 showing the interior view;
- 6. Project photo as of August 2019 showing the exterior view; and
- 7. Project photo as of April 30, 2019

Again, we reiterate our commitment to remain steadfast in order to pursue the vision that this project aimed for, i.e., "To ignite further economic development with the emphasis on investments, infrastructure improvements and tourism. Such development will inevitably provide more job opportunities for the whole populace of Cagayan de Oro City and the neighboring areas".

For your information and guidance.

ZENAIDA T. TAN Regional Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO

ZENAIDA T. TAN

Regional Director DPWH - Region X

Engineer's Hill, Bulua, Cagayan de Oro City

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This pertains to the letter dated January 14, 2020 of Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III, expressing his "exasperation" on the delayed completion of Cagayan de Oro Convention Center (CDOCC) located in Indahag, Cagayan de Oro City.

It is informed that the Court of Appeals-Mindanao Station is in need of "more working space" and "seriously considering CDOCC."

Based on the foregoing, you are enjoined to provide Senator Pimentel the chronology of the project milestones and the current project status of CDOCC. Further, you are directed to effect appropriate action to ensure the completion of the project the soonest.

DIMAS S. SOGUILON, CESO I Undersecretary or Regional Operations in Mindanao

Cc:

Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III Senate of the Philippines GSIS Building, Financial Center, Diokno Blvd., Pasay City

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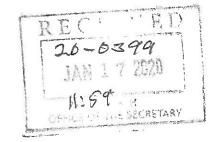
January 14, 2020

SECRETARY MARK A. VILLAR

Department of Public Works and Highways Bonifacio Drive, Port Area City of Manila, Metro Manila

Dear Secretary Villar,

Greetings!



My office recently received information that the Court of Appeals Mindanao Station is in need of more working space and was seriously considering the "Cagayan de Oro Convention Center" located in Indahag, Cagayan de Oro City, had the same been available for use. It is for this reason that I write your office expressing my concern on the much delayed completion of this infrastructure project. Many good opportunities for the use of the structure have been lost. Hopefully, your good office can look into this problem and take steps to hasten the completion of the project.

My research reveals that ancient Egypt took eighteen (18) years to build their great, world-famous pyramids, which are still standing up to today. While in the Philippines, during modern times, it takes "forever" to build a convention center in Cagayan de Oro City. Are we not all exasperated?

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Cc: 1) ENGR. ZENAIDA T. TAN Regional Director DPWH Region X Engineer's Hill, Bulua, Cagayan de Oro City

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