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House Bill No. **5370**



Introduced by Representative Sol Aragones

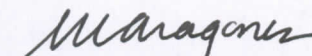
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Nayong Pilipino was established in 1972 by virtue of Presidential Decree 37. Originally, it was a cultural theme park established to promote tourism and social sciences in the country. It was initially situated in the City of Pasay covering an area of more than 45 hectares. However, it was closed in 2002 and subsequently relocated at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga.

The Nayong Pilipino is composed of imitations of both natural and man-made wonders that can be seen in the Philippines. Included among these imitations are smaller versions of the Rice Terraces in Banaue, Ifugao; Jose Rizal's house in Dapitan, Zamboanga del Norte; and the Barasoain Church in Malolos, Bulacan, among others.

However, as an attached corporation of the Department of Tourism (DOT), there is no representative from the DOT that sits on its Board of Trustees. It is therefore proposed in this bill to amend the charter of PD 37 to include the Secretary of the DOT to sit as the chairman of the Board of Trustees. It will ensure that Nayong Pilipino's programs will properly align with the vision of the DOT to properly promote and enrich not only tourism, but also cultural education in the country.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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1 **AN ACT AMENDING PARAGRAPH 3 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 37**
2 **CREATING THE NAYONG PILIPINO**

3 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
4 *assembled:*

5 **SECTION 1.** *Amending Paragraph 3 of PD No. 37.* — Paragraph 3 of PD no. 37 shall
6 now read as:

7 *“3. The policy-making body of the Nayong Pilipino shall be the Board of*
8 *Trustees. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE*
9 *SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, WHO SHALL BE THE*
10 *CHAIRPERSON, and eight Members to be appointed by the President for a term*
11 *of one year. The chairperson and members shall be persons genuinely interested*
12 *in the promotion of the purposes and objectives of the Foundation.*

13 **SEC. 2. Separability clause.** — The provisions of this Act are hereby declared separable,
14 and in the event one or more of such provisions or part thereof are declared unconstitutional,
15 such declaration of unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the other provisions
16 thereof.

17 **SEC. 3. Repealing clause.** — All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders,
18 proclamations and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of
19 this Act, are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

20 **SEC. 4. Effectivity.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the
21 completion of its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

22 *Approved.*