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FROM : 
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SUBJECT : OBSERVANCE OF 2021: YEAR OF FILIPINO PRE-COLONIAL
ANCESTORS

DATE : October 5, 2021

In connection with the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines (2021 QCP) and the 500th anniversary of the victory of Lapulapu and his men at the Battle of Mactan on April 27, 2021, the year 2021 was declared by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte as the **Year of Filipino Pre-Colonial Ancestors (YFPCA)** by virtue of **Proclamation No. 1128, s. 2021**.

By virtue of the said proclamation, the National Quincentennial Committee (NQC) was tasked to lead the nationwide observance of the YFPCA. Accordingly, the NQC convened to have the observance of YFPCA extended until August 30, 2022 to provide Filipinos sufficient time to celebrate.

The YFPCA is a thrust that aims to highlight the narratives of the Filipino Pre-Colonial Societies, especially the Indigenous Peoples and the Filipino Muslims, prior to the Philippines part in the First Circumnavigation of the World. Its observance seeks to strengthen our national pride and serves as a platform to heighten public knowledge on pre-colonial Philippines, the societies, and

cultures that inhabited the islands, as well as the links, extinct and extant, that connect the past and the present.

In this regard, the celebration of the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines should include activities or lessons about our ancestors, (i.e. the Indigenous Peoples or Muslim Filipinos), that would rectify the impression that, prior to the arrival of Magellan, our ancestors were mere savage uncivilized peoples and that our history began only with the "discovery of the Philippines" by the Portuguese explorer in March 1521.

For additional information, you may coordinate with or contact the **National Quincentennial Committee Secretariat**, 2nd Floor, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines Bldg., T.M. Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila through secretariat@nqc.gov.ph and/or tel. no. **(02)5335-1200 loc. 145**.

For information and dissemination.

Thank you.