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REGION IV-A CALABARZON


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**Regional Memorandum**  
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**DISSEMINATION OF THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES  
ON THE RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION  
OF GABALDON SCHOOLHOUSES AND OTHER  
TYPES OF HERITAGE SCHOOL BUILDINGS  
FOR FY 2025 - 2026**

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In reference<sup>1</sup> to the DepEd Memorandum DM-OUHROD-2026-0231 dated January 26, 2026<sup>1</sup>, this Office disseminates the implementing guidelines on the restoration and conservation of Gabaldon schoolhouses and other types of heritage school buildings for FY 2025 – 2026.
2. This shall govern the planning, funding, implementation, monitoring, and compliance of conservation and restoration works for Gabaldon schoolhouses and other heritage school buildings, in strict adherence to applicable standards, procedures, and institutional responsibilities.
3. Attached is the aforementioned Memorandum for reference.
4. For more information or queries, please contact Chief Eduarda M. Zapanta or Engr. Jamaica Rose G. Rolloque of Education Support Services Division at (02) 8682 – 2114 local 430.
5. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are highly desired.

  
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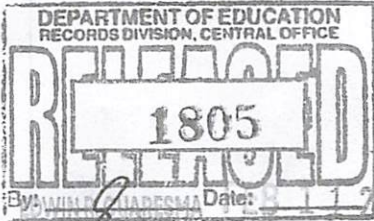
<sup>1</sup> Implementing Guidelines on the Restoration and Conservation of Gabaldon Schoolhouses and Other Types of Heritage School Buildings for FY 2025 - 2026



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**HUMAN RESOURCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**MEMORANDUM**  
**DM-OUHROD-2026-0231**

**FOR :** REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
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**DATE :** 26 January 2026

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For this implementation period, the **Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)** is designated as the **Implementing Unit**, in close coordination with DepEd and concerned cultural agencies, including the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP).

## II. PURPOSE

This Memorandum sets forth the **implementation guidelines for FY 2025–2026 only** governing the planning, funding, implementation, monitoring, and compliance of conservation and restoration works for Gabaldon school buildings and other heritage school buildings, and reiterates the standards, procedures, and institutional responsibilities applicable during this period.

## III. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

In accordance with the selection criteria prescribed under the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 11194 (*Gabaldon School Buildings Conservation Act*), eligible sites were systematically evaluated and shortlisted for funding. Accordingly, this Memorandum shall apply to Gabaldon schoolhouses and other heritage school and ancillary buildings under DepEd jurisdiction that were constructed during the Spanish and American colonial periods or up to the 1960s and are recognized for their social, cultural, historical, and architectural significance.

Based on the application of these IRR-prescribed criteria, a **priority list of shortlisted sites (see attached list)** shall be endorsed to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for the conduct of site validation and the preparation of the corresponding scope of works in accordance with the approved Conservation Management Plans (CMPs) or Conservation Plans.

This Memorandum shall serve as the primary reference for DPWH, DepEd, Schools Division Offices (SDOs), and other government agencies involved in the implementation of FY 2025–2026 conservation and restoration projects.

## IV. IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK AND STANDARDS

### A. General Rules

1. All project implementation shall strictly comply with R.A. No. 11194, its IRR, applicable national laws, and recognized international heritage conservation standards. Any prior issuances inconsistent with this Memorandum shall not apply to FY 2025–2026 projects.
2. Assessment, removal, or demolition of unsafe or obstructing structures within heritage sites shall be undertaken only after proper engineering and architectural evaluation to mitigate risks to the heritage structure and its occupants.
3. Site improvements, including ground stabilization, regrading, drainage correction, and stormwater management, shall be undertaken with due consideration of soil conditions, hydrology, and proximity to adjacent structures to prevent damage, settlement, or water intrusion.
4. All conservation and restoration works shall strictly adhere to the **approved Conservation Management Plan (CMP)**, including provisions on structural

retrofitting, material conservation, construction techniques, and historically accurate architectural detailing.

5. DepEd, in coordination with NCCA and NHCP, shall maintain and validate the official list of Gabaldon and other heritage school buildings covered under this Memorandum.

#### **B. Funding and Implementation Arrangement (FY 2025–2026)**

1. Funds for FY 2025-2026 conservation and restoration projects have been released to DPWH. DPWH shall ensure the timely, efficient, and accountable utilization of funds strictly in accordance with approved CMPs, DAEDs, and applicable budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules.
2. Allocation of funds shall be based on actual conservation requirements, taking into account:
  - o Building size and configuration;
  - o Degree of deterioration or structural damage;
  - o Presence of unique architectural or heritage features requiring specialized treatment; and
  - o The approved CMP endorsed by NCCA and/or NHCP.
3. Up to **0.5% of the total project cost** may be utilized as Engineering and Administrative Overhead (EAO), subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules.

#### **C. Identification and Prioritization of Recipient Schools**

1. Prioritization shall be guided by objective criteria, including structural condition, historical and cultural significance, student population served, and environmental vulnerability.
2. Priority may be given to:
  - o Existing and functional Gabaldon or heritage school buildings constructed during the Spanish or American periods or using Gabaldon funds;
  - o Heritage buildings with rare architectural character or design;
  - o Structures associated with historically significant events or persons; and
  - o Condemned heritage school buildings with confirmed historical, social, or architectural value.

#### **D. Conservation Management Plan (CMP) and Clearances**

1. No restoration or conservation work shall proceed without an **approved CMP** from the NCCA, or appropriate clearance from the NHCP for works classified as immediate remedial or minor repairs.
2. Immediate remedial or minor repair works may include repainting with historically appropriate colors, minor crack repairs, roof leak repairs, window and door restoration, masonry repointing, minor carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and similar non-intrusive interventions.

3. CMPs shall be prepared by the concerned schools in coordination with DepEd engineers and architects and submitted to DepEd-EFD for endorsement and onward transmittal to the appropriate heritage agency.
4. Approved CMPs and cleared projects shall be publicly posted. Any written objections or concerns must be filed within fifteen (15) calendar days from posting. A Grievance Committee shall address all formally lodged complaints.

**E. DAED and DUPA Preparation**

1. The approved CMP shall serve as the sole basis for the preparation of the **Detailed Architectural and Engineering Design (DAED)** and **Detailed Unit Price Analysis (DUPA)**.
2. For FY 2025-2026, DPWH shall prepare the DAED and DUPA in full compliance with the CMP and shall secure prior review and concurrence from DepEd and the concerned heritage agency.
3. Any deviation from approved designs, materials, or methods shall be strictly prohibited without prior written clearance from DepEd and NCCA and/or NHCP.

**F. Monitoring, Reporting, and Compliance**

1. A joint monitoring mechanism involving DPWH, DepEd, and concerned heritage agencies shall ensure compliance with CMPs, schedules, and quality standards.
2. DPWH shall submit regular physical and financial accomplishment reports to DepEd and concerned heritage agencies.
3. Any non-compliance shall be subject to corrective action and accountability measures under applicable laws and regulations.

**G. Post-Restoration Requirements**

1. Upon completion, NHCP, in coordination with DepEd, shall install the standard historical marker for restored Gabaldon buildings.
2. Completed projects shall be properly booked-up in accordance with DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2021.
3. DepEd may initiate petitions for formal declaration of restored properties as cultural or historical properties in accordance with NCCA or NHCP guidelines, as applicable.

**V. EFFECTIVITY**

This Memorandum shall take effect immediately and shall apply **exclusively to FY 2025-2026 conservation and restoration projects** for Gabaldon school buildings and other heritage school buildings.



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REGION	DIVISION	SCHOOL ID	SCHOOL NAME	MUNICIPALITY	ID	TOTAL NO. OF SITES	SCOPE OF WORK
CAR	Abra	134989	Bucay Central School	BUCA Y	Lone	1	Conservation and Restoration of Gabaldon School Building
CAR	Abra	500590	Peñarrubia Integrated School	PEÑARRUBIA	Lone	1	Conservation and Restoration of Gabaldon School Building
CAR	Ifugao	135871	Kiangan Central School	KIANGAN	Lone	1	Conservation & Restoration of Gabaldon School Building
CARAGA	Butuan City	132118	Libertad CES	BUTUAN CITY (Capital)	1st	1	Conservation And Restoration Of Gabaldon School Building With Solar Pv Energy System And Solar Powered Water System And School Furniture
CARAGA	Cabadbaran City	500312	North Cabadbaran CES	CITY OF CABADBARAN	2nd	1	Conservation And Restoration Of Gabaldon School Building - Four (4) Classrooms (9.0M X 18.0M)
CARAGA	Surigao del Sur	132848	Hinogbakan Elementary School	MARIHATAG	1st	1	Conservation and Restoration of Gabaldon School Building
CARAGA	Tandag City	132979	Tandag Pilot Elementary School	CITY OF TANDAG (Capital)	1st	1	Restoration of Gabaldon
Region I	Candon City	100449	Tablac Elementary School	CITY OF CANDON	2nd	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region I	Ilocos Norte	100120	Dingras Central ES	DINGRAS	2nd	1	Restoration of gabaldon school building
Region I	Ilocos Sur	100397	San Esteban North Central School	SAN ESTEBAN	2nd	1	Restoration
Region I	La Union	100952	Luna Central School	LUNA	1st	1	Repair / Rehabilitation of Gabaldon Building
Region I	Pangasinan I, Lingayen	101483	Lingayen I CS	LINGAYEN (Capital)	2nd	1	Repair/Rehabilitation of Gabaldon Building
Region I	Pangasinan I, Lingayen	101622	Mapandan Central School SPED Center	MAPANDAN	3rd	1	Repair/Rehabilitation of Gabaldon Building
Region I	Pangasinan II, Binalonan	101765	San Felipe ES	BINALONAN	5th	1	Restoration/Rehabilitation of Gabaldon Buildings

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Region I	San Carlos City	500057	Tarece Integrated School	SAN CARLOS CITY	3rd	1	Reconstruction
Region II	Cagayan	102359	Alcala East Central School	ALCALA	1st	1	Repair and Maintenance (TERMITE CONTROL)
Region II	Cagayan	102608	Claveria CS	CLAVERIA	2nd	1	Repair and Maintenance (Rehabilitation due to Typhoon Damages)
Region II	Nueva Vizcaya	300621	Bascaran NHS	SOLANO	Lone	1	Conservation and Restoration of 2CL Gabaldon Building
Region III	Bataan	104610	Hermosa ES	HERMOSA	1st	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region III	Nueva Ecija	105615	Peñaranda North Central School	PEÑARANDA	4th	1	Repair and Rehabilitation
Region III	Pampanga	106272	Sasmuan CS	SASMUAN (SEXMOAN)	2nd	1	Restoration and Conservation of Gabaldon Building
Region III	Pampanga	106093	Macabebe Elementary School	MACABEBE	4th	1	Restoration and Conservation of Gabaldon Building
Region III	San Fernando City	107195	San Fernando Elementary School	CITY OF SAN FERNANDO (Capital)	3rd	1	Restoration Of Gabaldon School Bldg.
Region III	Tarlac	106355	Anoling ES	CAMILING	1st	1	Restoration of Gabaldon School Building
Region III	Tarlac City	106702	Maliwalo Central ES	CITY OF TARLAC (Capital)	2nd	1	Restoration
Region IV-A	Cavite	107996	Kayquit Elementary School	INDANG	7th	1	Restoration of Gabaldon/Heritage Buildings
Region IV-A	Cavite City	109637	Manuel S. Rojas ES	CAVITE CITY	1st	1	Conservation and Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region IV-A	General Trias City	107957	Bacao Elementary School	CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS	6th	1	Conservation and Restoration of Gabaldon School Buildings

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Region IV-A	Quezon	108944	Agdangan Central Elementary School	AGDANGAN	3rd	1	Restoration and Conservation of Gabaldon Building
Region IV-A	Quezon	109114	Aurora ES	SAN FRANCISCO (AURORA)	3rd	1	Restoration and Conservation of Gabaldon Building
Region IV-A	Sto. Tomas City	107720	Sto. Tomas North Central School	SANTO TOMAS	3rd	1	Rehab of Gabaldon including electrical and solar
Region IV-B	Calapan City	111571	Baruyan Elementary School	CITY OF CALAPAN (Capital)	1st	1	Restoration Of Gabaldon And Other Heritage Buildings
Region IV-B	Romblon	111441	San Fernando Elementary School	SAN FERNANDO	Lone	1	Restoration
Region IX	Dipolog City	125983	Sicayab ES	DIPOLOG CITY (Capital)	2nd	1	Restoration / Conservation Of Gabaldon School Building
Region IX	Zamboanga del Norte	124398	La Libertad CS	LA LIBERTAD	1st	1	Restoration / Conservation Of Gabaldon School Building
Region IX	Zamboanga del Norte	124784	Siari P. Escabarte ES	SINDANGAN	2nd	1	Restoration / Conservation Of Gabaldon School Building
Region IX	Zamboanga del Sur	124868	Aurora Reg'L Pilot School Regular	AURORA	1st	1	Restoration and Conservation of Gabaldon Bldgs
Region V	Camarines Norte	112134	Daet Elementary School	DAET (Capital)	2nd	1	Restoration & Conservation of Gabaldon Building
Region VI	Bacolod City	117449	Andres Bonifacio Elementary School-1	BACOLOD CITY (Capital)	Lone	1	Conservation/Restoration of Gabaldon School Buildings
Region VI	Guimaras	115838	East Valencia Elementary School	BUENAVISTA	Lone	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region VI	Iloilo	116754	San Miguel CS	SAN MIGUEL	2nd	1	Restoration and Rehabilitation of Gabaldon Building
Region VI	Iloilo	116302	Dueñas Central Elementary School	DUEÑAS	4th	1	Restoration and Rehabilitation of Gabaldon Building

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Region VI	Roxas City	501335	President Manuel Roxas Memorial Integrated School South	ROXAS CITY (Capital)	1st	1	Restoration
Region VI	Silay City	117822	Lantad Elementary School	SILAY CITY	3rd	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region VI	Victorias City	302695	Victorias National High School	CITY OF VICTORIAS	3rd	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region VII	Bohol	118259	Dauis Central ES	DAUIS	1st	1	Repair and Rehabilitation
Region VII	Bohol	118618	Sagbayan Central Elementary School	SAGBAYAN (BORJA)	2nd	1	Repair and Rehabilitation
Region VII	Bohol	118346	Basdio ES	GUINDULMAN	3rd	1	Restoration and Conservation of Gabaldon Building
Region VII	Carcar City	119161	PERRELOS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	CITY OF CARCAR	1st	1	Restoration & Preservation of Gabaldon Buildings
Region VII	Cebu	119637	Tubod ES	SAN FERNANDO	1st	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region VII	Cebu	119538	Oslob Central ES	OSLOB	2nd	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region VII	Cebu	118916	Zaragoza ES	ALOGUINSAN	3rd	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region VII	Cebu	119498	Moalboal Central ES	MOALBOAL	7th	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region VII	Cebu City	119904	Talamban Elementary School	CEBU CITY (Capital)	1st	1	Restoration & Conservation
Region VII	Danao City	119355	Portland ES	DANA O CITY	5th	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Bldg
Region VII	Lapu-Lapu City	119967	Mactan Elementary School	LAPU-LAPU CITY (OPON)	6th	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building

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Region VII	Negros Oriental	120061	Bacong Central School	BACONG	3rd	1	Proposed Restoration And Conservation Of Gabaldon Building (8 Classrooms + 2 Offices)
Region VIII	Catbalogan City	303620	Samar National School	CITY OF CATBALOGAN (Capital)	2nd	1	Restoration & Conservation of Gabaldon School Building
Region X	Bukidnon	126266	Imbatug CES	BAUNGON	1st	1	Completion of Restoration & Conservation
Region X	Bukidnon	500246	Impalutao Integrated School	IMPASUG-ONG	2nd	1	Restoration and Conservation of Gabaldon Building
Region X	Camiguin	500685	Kuguita Integrated School	MAMBAJAO (Capital)	Lone	1	Restoration
Region X	Lanao del Norte	304005	Lanao del Norte NCHS	BAROY	1st	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region X	Malaybalay City	501580	Casisang Central Integrated School	CITY MALAYBALAY (Capital)	2nd	1	Restoration of Gabaldon
Region X	Misamis Occidental	127419	Lopez Jaena CS	LOPEZ JAENA	1st	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region X	Misamis Occidental	127554	Sinacaban CS	SINACABAN	2nd	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region XI	Davao City	129652	Alejandra L. Navarro Central Elementary School	DAVAO CITY	2nd	1	Repair/Rehab. Of Gabaldon Bldg.
Region XI	Davao City	129743	Tugbok Central ES SPED Center	DAVAO CITY	3rd	1	Repair/Rehab. Of Gabaldon Bldg.
Region XI	Davao Oriental	502246	Francisco E. Lahora Sr. Integrated School	MANAY	1st	1	Gabaldon Restoration
Region XI	Digos City	129764	Cogon ES	CITY OF DIGOS (Capital)	1st	1	Restoration & Conservation of Gabaldon Building
Region XII	North Cotabato	130242	Mlang Pilot ES	M'LANG	3rd	1	Conservation Restoration of Gabaladon School Bldg

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CARAGA	Agusan del Norte	131565	RIZAL CES	BUENAVISTA	2nd	1	Restoration/ Conservation of Gabaldon School Building
Region I	Pangasinan II, Binalonan	101953	Juan C. Laya Central School SPED Center	SAN MANUEL	6th	1	Restoration/Rehabilitation of Gabaldon Buildings
Region III	Bulacan	105041	San Ildefonso ES	SAN ILDEFONSO	3rd	1	Restoration of Gabaldon School Building
Region III	Bulacan	105111	San Miguel Elementary	SAN MIGUEL	3rd	1	Restoration of Gabaldon School Building
Region IV-A	Batangas City	301472	Batangas City Integrated High School	BATANGAS CITY (Capital)	5th	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building
Region IV-A	San Pedro City	108432	San Pedro CES	SAN PEDRO	1st	1	Conservation and Rehabilitation of Heritage Building (2 Storey H.E Building)
Region IV-B	Occidental Mindoro	110273	Siete Central ES	SAN JOSE	Lone District	1	Conservation and Restoration of Gabaldon School Building
Region IV-B	Oriental Mindoro	110658	Lumangbayan ES	SAN TEODORO	1st	1	Rehabilitation/Restoration Of Gabaldon Bldg
Region IX	Isabela City	303894	Basilan NHS	CITY OF ISABELA (Capital)	Lone	1	Conservation/Restoration
Region V	Sorsogon City	114552	Abuyog Elementary School	CITY OF SORSOGON (Capital)	1st	1	Restoration & Conservation of Gabaldon Building
Region VI	Antique	115075	Malandog ES	HAMTIC	Lone	1	Conservation and Restoration of Gabaldon School Building
Region VII	Carcar City	119171	Bolinawan ES	CITY OF CARCAR	1st	1	Restoration & Preservation of Gabaldon Buildings
Region VII	City of Naga, Cebu	119509	Naga Central Elementary School	CITY OF NAGA	1st	1	Repair/Rehabilitation

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Region VII	Dumaguete City	119939	West City Elementary School	DUMAGUETE CITY (Capital)	2nd	1	Restoration and Rehabilitation of Gabaldon Bldgs.
Region VIII	Biliran	120758	Almeria CS	ALMERIA	Lone	1	Repair of 7 Room Bldg
Region VIII	Borongan City	122397	Cabong Elementary School	CITY OF BORONGAN (Capital)	Lone	1	Conservation
Region VIII	Southern Leyte	122213	San Vicente Elementary School	MALITBOG	1st	1	Restoration and Conservation
Region X	Ozamis City	128164	Ozamiz City Central School	OZAMIS CITY	2nd	1	Restoration of Gabaldon Building



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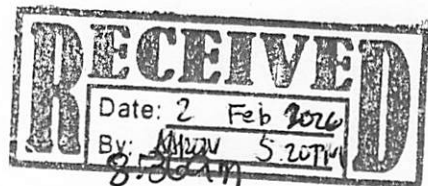
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**FROM** : **WILFREDO E. CEBRAL**  
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**SUBJECT** : **REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE OF THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM TO FIELD OFFICES DISSEMINATING THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION OF GABALDON SCHOOLHOUSES AND OTHER TYPES OF HERITAGE SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR FY 2025-2026**

**DATE** : 30 January 2026

This is to respectfully request your clearance of the attached memorandum to field offices disseminating the **“Implementing Guidelines on the Restoration and Conservation of Gabaldon Schoolhouses and Other Types of Heritage School Buildings for FY 2025-2026.”**

The said guidelines shall govern the planning, funding, implementation, monitoring, and compliance of conservation and restoration works for Gabaldon schoolhouses and other heritage school buildings, in strict adherence to applicable standards, procedures, and institutional responsibilities. It shall serve as the primary reference of DepEd, DPWH, and other concerned agencies in the implementation of Gabaldon conservation and restoration projects.

Should you have questions/clarifications, your staff may contact the **EFD** through email [efd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:efd@deped.gov.ph) or landline (02) 8638-7110.

**For your approval and/or further instructions.**



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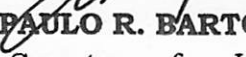
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SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF GABALDON SCHOOLHOUSES AND OTHER TYPES OF HERITAGE SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND THE REVISED CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN (CMP) GUIDELINES FOR FY 2025-2026**

DATE : **JANUARY 26, 2026**

**I. BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 11194, otherwise known as the "Gabaldon School Buildings Conservation Act," and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the Department of Education (DepEd) is mandated to ensure the conservation and restoration of heritage school buildings, particularly Gabaldon school buildings. This initiative is critical in preserving the historical and architectural integrity of these structures while ensuring their continued functionality as learning spaces.

To institutionalize a standardized approach, the proposed Department Order provides comprehensive guidelines for the implementation of conservation and restoration works in coordination with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP).



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Since Gabaldon schoolhouses and other heritage school buildings are classified as **Group III cultural properties**, all conservation and restoration works shall be undertaken in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11961 (*Heritage Act of 2024*). Accordingly, the preparation, submission, and strict implementation of a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) is mandatory, serving as the primary technical and compliance reference to ensure historical authenticity, structural integrity, and safety throughout the project lifecycle.

## II. PURPOSE

This endorsement seeks approval for the issuance of a Memorandum prescribing the Guidelines for the Conservation and Restoration of Heritage School Buildings and for the adoption of the revised and updated Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Guidelines as the primary technical and compliance reference for FY 2025–2026 recipient schools undertaking restoration works on Gabaldon schoolhouses, other heritage school buildings, and associated heritage ancillary structures.

## III. KEY PROVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT ORDER

### 1. Strict Compliance with Conservation Standards

- All restoration works shall strictly adhere to the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A. No. 11194 (Gabaldon Act) and applicable national and international heritage conservation best practices.
- The approved Conservation Management Plan (CMP), prepared and submitted by the concerned schools and validated by the NCCA, shall serve as the definitive reference for all restoration activities.
- The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), as the implementing agency for FY 2025, shall strictly implement projects in accordance with the approved CMP. No deviation, alteration, or variation shall be allowed without formal clearance from both DepEd and the NCCA/ NHCP.

### 2. Site Improvement and Structural Integrity Considerations

- Site grading, leveling, and removal of obstructions must be conducted with full consideration of structural safety, accessibility, and the preservation of historical features.
- Structural assessment, stabilization, and retrofitting shall follow sound engineering standards and architectural conservation principles in consultation with qualified heritage professionals.
- All site development and landscape improvements shall complement, not obstruct or diminish, the visual, architectural, and historical significance of the restored structure.



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### 3. Funding and Implementation Framework

- The budget for the restoration and conservation of Gabaldon and heritage school buildings shall be directly released to DPWH, starting FY 2025 allocation, as part of its infrastructure appropriation.
- Schools Division Offices (SDOs) through the DPWH, with guidance from the DepEd Central Office and in accordance with approved priorities, shall implement restoration works based on site-specific CMPs approved by the NCCA and/or NHCP.
- Up to 0.5% of the total project allocation may be utilized for Engineering Administrative Overhead (EAO), covering essential pre-restoration activities such as structural assessments, cultural value mapping, stakeholder consultations, and project management support.

### 4. Monitoring and Compliance

- A Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Team composed of representatives from DepEd, DPWH, NCCA/NHCP, and relevant heritage agencies shall be created to ensure strict compliance with approved CMPs and conservation standards.
- The DepEd EFD -Planning and Design Unit shall consolidate reports, conduct periodic site visits, and submit regular compliance updates to the NCCA/NHCP and the Office of the Secretary.
- Any violation of this Department Order or approved CMP provisions shall be subject to investigation, and implementing personnel may face appropriate administrative sanctions.

In view of the foregoing, may we respectfully seek the approval for the issuance of the attached **Memorandum on the Guidelines for the Conservation and Restoration of Heritage School Buildings** and the **DepEd Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Guidelines**.

Upon approval, the order shall be disseminated to all DepEd regional and division offices, and other relevant heritage conservation agencies for immediate implementation.