



MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26

**PROMOTING FILIPINO HISTORY AND CULTURE THROUGH THE  
EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF MALACAÑANG HERITAGE  
MANSIONS, AND CREATING AN ADVISORY BOARD AND  
MANAGEMENT CENTER FOR THE PURPOSE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article XIV of the Constitution mandates the State to conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act (RA) No. 10086 or the "Strengthening Peoples' Nationalism Through Philippine History Act," declares it a policy of the State to strengthen people's nationalism, love of country, respect for its heroes and pride for the people's accomplishments by reinforcing the importance of Philippine national and local history, with the end in view of enhancing programs for the protection, preservation, and conservation of historical relics and memorabilia, monuments, sites, and other historical resources;

**WHEREAS**, the Kalayaan Museum and other government assets under the management and maintenance of the Office of the President (OP) have witnessed the rich and invaluable history of the Philippine Government;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to maintain, preserve, and utilize the aforementioned properties in recognition of its potential to promote the country's history and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all executive departments, bureaus and offices, and the mandate to ensure the faithful execution of laws;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

**Section 1. Advisory Board.** An Advisory Board for the efficient management of the Malacañang Heritage Mansions ("Advisory Board") is hereby created. The Advisory Board shall be chaired by the Social Secretary, and shall be composed of

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

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three (3) representatives from the OP, who shall serve in *ex officio* capacity, and three (3) representatives from the private sector who shall be appointed by the President.

The Advisory Board shall have the general function and responsibility of formulating policies, projects, and programs for the efficient management of Malacañang Heritage Mansions, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

For this purpose, the Malacañang Heritage Mansions shall include the Kalayaan Museum, and such other properties as may be identified by the Advisory Board.

**Section 2. Transfer.** The supervision of the Kalayaan Museum is hereby transferred from the Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary for General Administration to the Social Secretary's Office (SoSec).

**Section 3. Malacañang Heritage Mansions Management Center.** The Malacañang Heritage Mansions Management Center (MHMMC) is hereby established to provide technical and administrative support to the Advisory Board. The MHMMC shall be headed by an Executive Director tasked to ensure that the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the subject properties are managed effectively, efficiently and economically, as well as oversee its operational activities, including the performance by all employees and personnel of their respective functions. The SoSec shall likewise exercise administrative supervision over the MHMMC.

**Section 4. Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern.** The SoSec, in coordination with the Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary for Finance and Administration (ODESFA), shall: (a) determine the appropriate staffing pattern and corresponding qualification standards for all positions necessary for the administration and operations of the Malacañang Heritage Mansions; and (b) submit to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), for review and approval, the proposed organizational structure and staffing pattern of the MHMMC, pursuant to this Order and subject to compliance with relevant laws, rules and regulations.

Pending the approval of the proposed organizational structure and staffing pattern of the MHMMC, the SoSec may tap into the existing manpower of the OP to ensure the immediate implementation of this Order.

**Section 5. Revolving Fund.** Consistent with policies and guidelines to be promulgated by the Advisory Board, the Malacañang Heritage Mansions may be opened to the public as venue for special events, programs, and temporary exhibitions, and appropriate fees may be charged for the purpose, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

The proceeds of the operations of the Malacañang Heritage Mansions shall go to a Revolving Fund which will be set up by the ODESFA, in coordination with the DBM and the Bureau of the Treasury, in compliance with relevant budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Such Revolving Fund shall be used for the maintenance, operation, preservation, restoration, and beautification of properties covered by this Order.



**Section 6. Implementing Guidelines.** Within thirty (30) working days from the effectivity of this Order, the Advisory Board shall issue the necessary guidelines to effectively implement this Order. The Advisory Board may request the assistance of other relevant government agencies and offices in the formulation of the said guidelines.

**Section 7. Funding.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Order shall be charged against appropriate funding sources under the OP, subject to relevant budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations. Thereafter, the subsequent funding requirements for the purpose shall be included in the budget proposal of the OP, subject to the usual budget preparation process.

**Section 8. Separability.** If any section or part of this Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 9. Repeal.** All issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 10. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of **May**, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three



By the President:



LUCAS P. BERSAMIN  
Executive Secretary

