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Dear Atty Rubiato:

Warm greetings to you. I trust you are well.

The PRA full forfeiture of the 22 hectare property was not the end of it but rather Sagip Coron Palawan treats it as a start of a new and exciting beginning, given efforts are now more focused on coming up with a masterplan to fully rehabilitate the illegally reclaimed site.

With much sincerity, we appreciate Engr Diomedes Tan's efforts to reach out and meet with us (Aug 12, 2022), so we can participate in this challenging, history-in-the-making endeavor. We are definitely excited to work with PRA and be one the participants in the Interim Technical Work Group working side by side with DENR RED Mimaropa, DILG RD, DOT RD, DPWH RD and other key government agencies who can be of value to PRA.

As start, we want to propose the following to PRA, so PRA can assert it's ownership of the illegally reclaimed land:

1. Fence the area to avoid further proliferation of informal settlers. We were told that even at this moment, there are people building new structures despite the Order of Forfeiture. Less informal settlers = Less problems.
2. Deputize some members of Sagip Coron Palawan to act as PRA representatives who have the power to call the attention of the incoming informal settlers and if need be, ask for local police assistance to put some teeth in the enforcement.
3. Start the process of titling the illegally reclaimed land so it's claim of ownership has a solid basis and that it won't be subject to ownership disputes.

I hope these proposals will be both good and acceptable to PRA. These 3 items will definitely act as a deterrent to trespassers and would be violators.

On another note, as early as 1st week of May and with an attitude of being forward looking, I took the volition of contacting Arch. Jun Palafox given he is a well known urban planner. Initially he had reservations helping Sagip Coron on the rehabilitation component but in the long run - given his sense of patriotism and believing the Sagip Coron's cause is noble and admirable, he agreed to help plan Coron comprehensively. This means he is willing to put in place (among others), the following:

1. Island Development Plan
2. Tourism Plan
3. Land Use Plan
4. Transport Plan

The only condition that will make him participate on doing all these is - both PRA and DOT leadership ought to have a buy-in for this project. Of course, the reality of it from happening also depends on the government agency who can fund it. This is still subject for discussion.

I will appreciate your feedback on this.

Laudato si,

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Sagip Coron Palawan