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Attention: MR. NEIL ANTHONY A. DEL MUNDO
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Dear RED MIRASOL:

The Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro (PGOM) values the Tamaraw as a source of pride and heritage that not only the Mindoreños but all Filipinos can be proud of.

The Oriental Mindoro Heritage Museum (OMHM) was opened to the public 15 November 2021 during the 71st Founding Anniversary which was built at the Old Provincial Capitol of Oriental Mindoro in Brgy. Ibaba, Calapan City. It showcases the province's rich culture and history and its features are inspired by the "MAHAL TANA" theme which highlights the iconic symbols of Oriental Mindoro – Mangyan, HALcon, Tamaraw and Naujan Lake. Only last 05 October 2023, it was recognized as the Grand Winner, for Best Program for Culture and Arts of the Association of tourism Offices of the Philippines.

At present, it is one of the top tourist attractions in the province visited by both local and foreign tourists. Cultural artifacts, historical records, things used by the native Mangyan for livelihood and household, including evidences of abundant biodiversity and remarkable collected memorabilia are displayed in the OMHM.

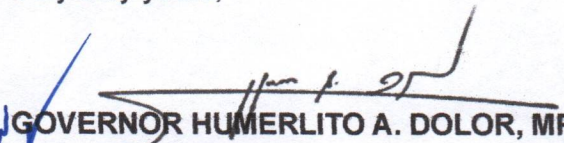
Meanwhile, the Oriental Mindoro Heritage and Cultural Center (OMHCC) established in the municipality of Mansalay showcases the unique and rich culture of Mangyan indigenous people is also a must-see place to visit in the southern part of the province.

In this connection, we would like to request the two (2) skeletons of Tamaraw found in Mt. Gimparay in Brgy. San Andres Putik, Naujan for display in the above-mentioned museums managed by the PGOM. Showcasing these Tamaraw skeleton will not only add value to these facilities but will also enhance the advocacy on the protection and conservation of this endemic wildlife locally, nationally and globally.

We believe that the Tamaraw skeletons displayed for viewing to the public in the OMHM and OMHCC will gain more understanding and interests for support for this critically endangered wildlife and its habitat protection and conservation among different stakeholders. To showcase a complete skeleton of the Tamaraw will also be a major attraction in the museum foreseen to contribute to the general goals of economic and environmental sustainability in the province of Oriental Mindoro.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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