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TO FILCCA AND ALL FILIPINO COMMUNITY AND MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS IN AUSTRALIA

The Embassy wishes to provide the enclosed letter from the Provincial Office of Vigan City requesting assistance in promoting the **heritage city of Vigan** to be **one of the new seven wonder cities of the world**.

The heritage city of Vigan is the lone candidate from the Philippines vying for the spot. A total of 28 cities are contending for the seven slots. Attached is the complete list of candidate cities, for reference.

Additional information on the mechanics for the online voting, as well as a brief profile of the countries nominated, panelists and the organization can be accessed through www.new7wonders.com/en/cities. To vote, please log on at www.n7w.com/en/cities.

This online search earned the Puerto Princesa Underground River its slot as one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature in 2012, which spurred tourist arrivals, business opportunities and employment in the Philippines.

Two elimination rounds are set in July and in October 2014 and the New Seven Wonder Cities of the World will be announced on 07 December 2014.

Kindly disseminate the information and encourage all your members and friends to vote for the Heritage City of Vigan as one of the new seven wonder cities of the world. Kindly further post the announcement to your respective websites for the information of all our kababayans.

Your kind support and cooperation are much appreciated.

Very truly yours,


BELEN F. ANOTA
Ambassador



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Ilocos Sur
CITY OF VIGAN

OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

Eva Marie S. Medina
City Mayor

May 9, 2014

SEC. ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO
Department of Foreign Affairs
2330 Roxas Boulevard
Pasay City, Philippines

Dear Secretary del Rosario,

We are pleased to inform you that Vigan has qualified as one of the Top 28 in the search for New 7 Wonders – Cities of the World. Our city is the lone nominee from the Philippines.

This online search earned for the Puerto Princesa Underground River the slot as one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature in 2012. The inclusion then triggered tourist arrivals, business opportunities and employment that intensified the entire country's reputation as a top global destination. This brought forth economic gains to the cross section of the Philippines society.

In its bid for the distinction as one of the New 7 Wonders- Cities, we enjoin each of our countrymen to support this cause, which will bring pride to every Filipino.

We then appeal for the support of the Department of Foreign Affairs through the country's embassies and consular offices to encourage worldwide support for Vigan in the entire duration of the voting season. Let us be partners to ensure its inclusion in the Top 21 which will be announced in July, narrowed down to 14 in October, and finally the New 7 Wonders – Cities in December.

May we therefore endorse Resolution No. 22-A, Series 2014 of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Let us altogether show our solidarity by advancing the cause to have Vigan included in the prestigious roster of New 7 Wonders – Cities. To vote please log in at www.n7w.com/cn/cities.

Thank you and more power! Viva Vigan!

Sincerely yours,

EVA MARIE S. MEDINA



CITY OF VIGAN

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

Fifth City Council
Resolution No. 22A
Series of 2014

"A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THRU SECRETARY, ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN PROMOTING THE HERITAGE CITY OF VIGAN THROUGH PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS LOCALLY AND ABROAD TO VOTE FOR VIGAN IN ITS QUEST TO BE ONE OF THE NEW SEVEN WONDER CITIES OF THE WORLD"

WHEREAS, the City of Vigan, with its unique fusion of Asian building design and construction with European architecture and planning was inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1999, making it the only World Heritage City in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the City of Vigan, with its rich culture and heritage is continuously establishing efforts to sustain and promote its historical legacy through various conservation programs and projects;

WHEREAS, the New Seven Wonders Foundation aims to inspire and create awareness on the beauty of the world and to celebrate seven symbols of unity that respect and honor the cultural diversity of our planet;

WHEREAS, the world had witnessed the Filipino resilience after Typhoon Yolanda, the Filipino people always manage to survive amidst adversities and that is a fighting spirit hard to match, our ability to unite and face challenges reflects an important Filipino concept in Bayanihan;

WHEREAS, the Heritage City of Vigan, the lone candidate from the Philippines vying for a spot in the New Seven Wonder Cities of the World List is requesting the help of the Department of Foreign Affairs to provide assistance in promoting the City of Vigan by voting at www.new7wonders.com/en/cities and posting voting posters in conspicuous places in all the offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs worldwide;

WHEREAS, while voting is on-going, the assistance coming from the Department of Foreign Affairs will significantly help increase the chances of the City of Vigan from being eliminated during the two elimination phase set on July and October of this year;

WHEREAS, the final announcement of the New Seven Wonder Cities of the World is set on December 7, 2014 and continuous support until then is needed for the inclusion of the Heritage City of Vigan in the list of the New Seven Wonder Cities of the World;

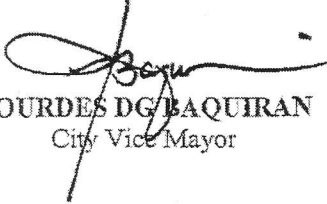
WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Heritage City of Vigan to the list will create awareness amongst many nations on the beauty of Vigan and the entire Philippines, boosting in its way not only our tourism industry but also the entire nation's economy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Vigan in session duly assembled, to approve this resolution requesting the Department Of Foreign Affairs thru Secretary, Albert F. Del Rosario to provide assistance in promoting the Heritage City Of Vigan through promotional campaigns locally and abroad to vote for Vigan in its quest to be one of the New Seven Wonder Cities Of The World.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Secretary Albert F. Del Rosario of the Department of Foreign Affairs, for his information and kind consideration.

Approved on May 5, 2014

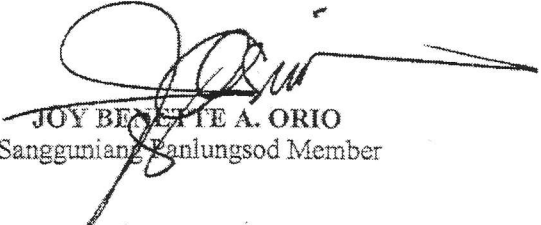
Page 2. Resolution No. 22-A, Series of 2014. 5th City Council
 (A Resolution requesting the DFA to provide assistance to vote Vigan as New 7 Wonder Cities of the World..)


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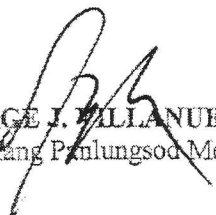
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Attested:


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EVA MARIE S. MEDINA
 City Mayor

LIST OF FINALIST CITIES:

1. Istanbul (Turkey)
2. Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)
3. Shenzhen (China)
4. Beirut (Lebanon)
5. Saint Petersburg (Russia)
6. Kyoto (Tokyo)
7. Casablanca (Morocco)
8. Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam)
9. Mendoza (Argentina)
10. Vigan (Philippines)
11. Mexico City (Mexico)
12. Prague (Czech Republic)
13. Perth (Australia)
14. Bangkok (Thailand)
15. Chicago (United States of America)
16. Phnom Penh (Cambodia)
17. Durban (South Africa)
18. Quito (Ecuador)
19. Athens (Greece)
20. Doha (Qatar)
21. Mumbai (India)
22. Seoul (South Korea)
23. La Paz (Bolivia)
24. London (United Kingdom)
25. Reykjavik (Iceland)
26. Vancouver (Canada)
27. Havana (Cuba)
28. Barcelona (Spain)