ABSTRACT

Title: “THE EXTENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES’ STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES IN MAINTAINING TOURISM HISTORIC SITES AND STRUCTURES IN CAVITE: BASIS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN”

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Purpose of the Study

This study focused on the eight (8) historical sites and structures recognized by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP). The researchers assessed the extent of implementation of standards and guidelines in maintaining these sites. Hence, this study would give the management an overview of the current status of their sites. Furthermore, the management will know about the areas that they need to improve on in terms of maintaining the sites and would be able to promote better the province of Cavite as the Historical Capital of the Philippines.

Methodology

This study was a quantitative research wherein the researchers gathered and assessed data using the total population sampling method. The researchers used survey method for the data gathering. Survey method was the most appropriate method because it clearly illustrated what aspects regarding maintenance of historical sites and structures were implemented and not. The survey forms are derived from the standards and guidelines set by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

Summary of Findings

1.) What is the profile variable of the respondents in terms of:

   a.) Work

      Based from the data gathered, the respondents were from the local government unit including the maintenance personnel of the historic sites and
structures. The number of respondents from the maintenance personnel was greater than the local government unit.

b.) Age

Based from the data gathered, most of the respondents came from the age group of 33-39 years old while the least age group came from 54-59 years old.

c.) Place of work

Based from the data gathered, Corregidor got the largest number of respondents while the Sta. Cruz Parish Convent has the least.

d.) Length of work experience

Based from the data gathered, most of the respondents have been working for 5 years and above in the historical sites and structures in Cavite while the least worked for 3-4 years.

2.) How do the respondents rate the implementation of standards and guidelines in maintaining historic sites and structures in Cavite?

Based from the data gathered, the overall rating of the respondents for the maintenance works was moderately implemented. For the standards and guidelines, they rated them as moderately implemented as well. In general, the implementation of standards and guidelines in maintaining historic sites and structures in Cavite was moderately implemented. The overall rating of implementation was moderately implemented because not all the standards and guidelines are applicable for all the sites. Also, the performance and assessment of the respondents differ from one another.
3.) Is there a significant relationship between the profile variable of the respondents and the level of implementation of standards and guidelines in maintaining historic sites and structures in Cavite?

   Based from the data gathered, there was no significant relationship between the work of the respondents and the length of their work experience with the implementation of standards and guidelines because the work of the local government unit and maintenance personnel differs from each other and did not affect the level of implementation of the standards and guidelines. On the other hand, the variables age and place of work were significant because not all standards and guidelines were applicable with all the sites and the age affects the implementation and performance of the respondents.

4.) How do the respondents’ assessment compare?

   Based from the data gathered, there was a significant difference in the assessment between the maintenance personnel and the local government unit respondents. It further implied that the assessment of the respondents differ and depends on the type of their work.

5.) What development plan can be proposed to improve the current state of the historical sites and structures in Cavite?

   Based from the data gathered, the researchers proposed a tourism historical sites and structures development framework, the EMS framework. E
stands for enhance; M stands for maintain; and S stands for sustain. This would help improve the current state of the historical sites and structures in Cavite.

Conclusions

Based from the result of this study, the researchers concluded that:

1.) The respondents were from the local government unit and the maintenance personnel of the historic sites and structures. The number of respondents from the maintenance personnel was greater than the local government unit. Most of the respondents came from the age group of 33-39 years old while the least age group came from 54-59 years old. Corregidor got the largest number of respondents while the Sta. Cruz Parish Convent has the least. Most of the respondents have been working for 5 years and above in the historical sites and structures in Cavite while the least worked for 3-4 years.

2.) The result of the assessment of the respondents for the maintenance works, standards and guidelines were moderately implemented.

3.) The researchers’ first hypothesis showed that there is no significant relationship between the work of the respondents and the length of their work experience with the implementation of standards and guidelines because the work of the local government unit and maintenance personnel differs from each other and does not affect the level of implementation of the standards and guidelines. On the other hand, the variables age and place of work are
significant because not all standards and guidelines are applicable with all the sites and the age affects the implementation and performance of the respondents.

4.) The second hypothesis of the researchers showed that there was a significant difference in the assessment between the maintenance personnel and the local government unit respondents. It further implied that the assessment of the respondents differ and depends on the type of their work.

5.) The researchers proposed a tourism historical sites and structures development framework, the EMS framework. E stands for enhance; M stands for maintain; and S stands for sustain. This will help improve the current state of the historical sites and structures in Cavite.

Recommendations

In line with the findings of this study, the researchers recommended the following:

1.) The researchers ascertained that the age of hired personnel is a significant factor in having an efficient and effective implementation of the set standards and guidelines. Therefore, the management must consider hiring middle-aged personnel. Regardless of the age of employees, their performance must be closely monitored for consistency.
2.) The historical sites and structures should be inspected at least every week to monitor the growth of unwanted debris.

3.) Rusting of the structures should also be addressed accordingly. If the need to change a part on the sites arises, it should be immediately coordinated with the NHCP.

4.) The sites should be closely monitored by having a regular inspection of the present conditions of the structures. If the need to change or replace a part of a particular structure arises, it should be immediately addressed to the NHCP.

5.) Strict implementation of standards and guidelines shall be undertaken in all historical sites and structures.

6.) Implementation procedures should be consistently sustained by the personnel and the management at all costs

7.) Changes, whether minor or major, should be documented and addressed accordingly to NHCP.

8.) Cleaning, replastering, and repainting should also be given consideration to preserve the aesthetics of the sites.

9.) Daily duties regarding housekeeping jobs should also be given emphasis to maintain the daintiness of the site’s physical characteristics.

10.) The researchers would also recommend that the maintenance personnel together with the management of the sites should remain consistent with high job performance to uphold the attractiveness of the sites.
11.) The management could give incentives for the maintenance personnel in order to motivate them to deliver a superb job performance.

12.) Some sites need to undertake reconstruction and renovation. After such, the management shall implement the NHCP’s standards and guidelines in maintaining tourism historic sites and structures. All standards and guidelines should be closely monitored immediately upon the start of its operation to avoid being neglected once again.

13.) Lastly, it is recommended to use the proposed development plan of the researchers. Through the plan, it can be ensured that the sites will continuously bring pride to residents of Cavite.