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Abstract

There is one inescapable fact about our lives and that is one day we will all die. Most of the people hope that this passing will be painless, in familiar surroundings, and preferably while at sleep. But for thousands of people across the globe, especially those who have been murdered and became victims of natural disasters, the ideal way of dying that one is hoping for may not always be the case.

The Philippines has made headlines all across the globe with news relating to death from heinous crimes and natural disasters. The Maguindanao Massacre in 2009 caused the Philippines to be included to the list of the Most Dangerous Countries for Journalists and News People. Five years from the said incident, there is still no one convicted for the crime. No closure has been made and it only contributes to the piles of cold cases in the country. On the other note, the Philippines is also home to various typhoons that visit the country. Typhoon Haiyan in 2013, dubbed as the strongest typhoon in the world to ever hit land, did not only leave a lot of damage to the country but also thousands of unidentified bodies in their decomposition state.

The research study for CSI PH: The Proposed Philippine Center for Forensic Science is a descriptive-historic and qualitative research that aims to analyze and provide conclusions to present an architectural solution to the problems related to crime conviction and exoneration, cold case closures, and disaster victim identification.

The architectural proposal will become the core complex for the practice of Forensic Science in the country. It will be situated in Quezon City – the most populous city with the highest crime rate in Southeast Asia. The complex will include a Forensic Laboratory that will answer the issues of overcrowding, safety, and security of the obsolete structure. It will also contain a Training Center that will provide trainings for future forensic scientists, pathologists, engineers, and criminologists. Lastly, an Administration Building will house the main agency for the field of Forensic Science in the country. The project proposal will be an icon for the Philippines embracing the modernization of its justice system.

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