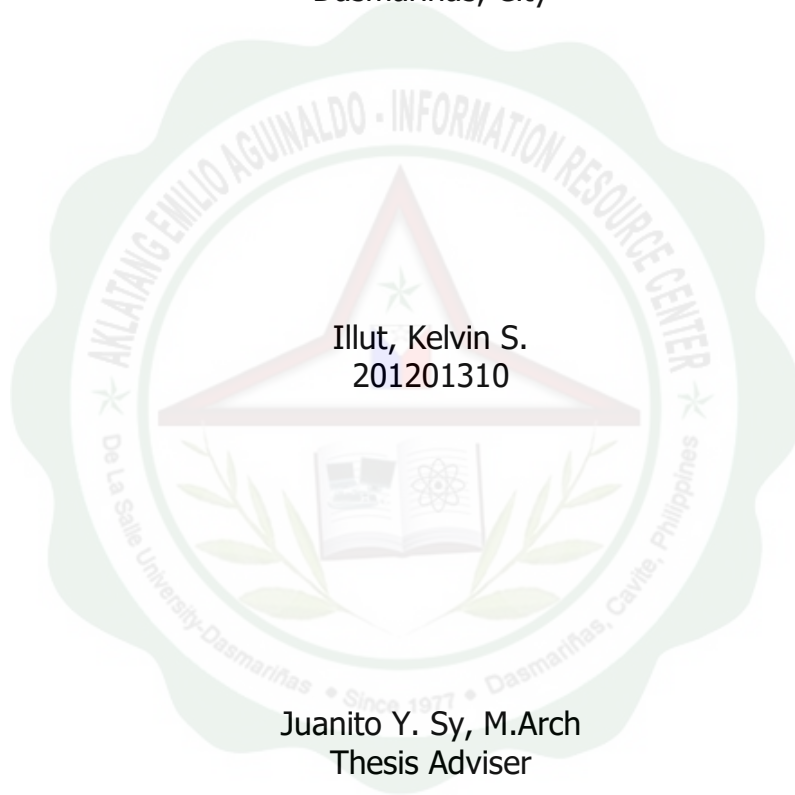


**Tabacalera: Condition Analysis and Restoration Approaches of the
Spanish Period Brick Warehouse in Currimao, Ilocos Norte**

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ABSTRACT

A "National Cultural Treasure" is a unique cultural property possessing outstanding historical, cultural, artistic and/or scientific value which is highly significant and important to the country and shall therefore preserve, restore, conserve, protect, adaptively re-use, reconstruct or any combination thereof (National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009). With the absence of architectural and structural plans, and proper documentation, the purpose of this research was to come up with an alternative basis and restoration recommendation of the Tabacalera Ruin in Currimao, Ilocos Norte - a Spanish Period Brick Warehouse that used to house tobacco exports during the historical Galleon Trade in the Philippines. To accomplish that goal, the first phase of the research involved historicity review which includes information on who built it, when, how; past and present use and ownerships; environmental values in the vicinity; and historical mapping. The existing condition of the Tabacalera ruin was assessed through photo documentation, physical measurements, selected scientific analysis and testing on the materials, and damage assessment. The old appearance of the Tabacalera ruin was conceptualized through related structure review, on-site investigation, and archival review. With the conceptual model as basis for restoration, the researcher recommended restoration approaches: strategies and intervention; determined what to save, remove, repair, replace and reconstruct. This research provides valuable information to reduce the loss of information that is consistently related to historic and heritage buildings, and could contribute to knowledge in the field of built historical analysis and its incorporation into restoration architectural projects in the Philippines.