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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of July, two thousand sixteen.

RESOLUTION NO. 34

RESOLUTION COMMENDING ARCHITECT BARTHOLOME B. VISTA AND AMBASSADOR J. EDUARDO MALAYA FOR THE PHP11 MILLION RENOVATION OF THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA AT NO COST TO THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Philippine Embassy in Malaysia, located at No. 1 Changkat Kia Peng, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, has served as the home of the Philippine Mission to Malaysia since 1987. It is historically significant as it was the first residential property in Kuala Lumpur of Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, the first Prime Minister of Malaysia;

WHEREAS, having been constructed in 1962, the property has been in dire need of repair and improvements;

WHEREAS, Ambassador J. Eduardo Malaya, upon his assumption of office in September 2011, had immediately sought the renovation of the Embassy;

WHEREAS, Bartholome B. Vista of the architectural firm Architect Bart B. Vista and Associate (ABBV+A) which has residential and landscape architectural and construction projects in Kuala Lumpur, offered to repair and upgrade the two (2)-storey Embassy building free of charge;

WHEREAS, Architect Vista, with the assistance of his firm's long-time suppliers and contractors, undertook the rehabilitation of the property from January to May 2012 for a total cost of Php8.286 Million (RM 593,376);

WHEREAS, Architect Vista, also renovated the main gate guardhouse of the Embassy in December 2013 and installed a black granite entrance signage in May 2014, at the combined cost of Php2.713 Million (RM 200,000);

WHEREAS, the improvements to the Embassy amounting to Php11 Million (RM 793,376) was completed at no cost to the Philippine Government;

WHEREAS, the Embassy now features an "open workspace concept" which revitalized its atmosphere, improved the Embassy staff's performance and *esprit de corps*, and made the premises more hospitable to its visitors, clients, and the Filipino community in Malaysia;

WHEREAS, the significant contributions and long-standing support of Architect Vista to the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur exhibit his exemplary generosity and deep commitment to the Philippines and the Filipino community in Malaysia;

WHEREAS, this rare and exemplary act of kindness and patriotism of Architect Vista and his colleagues should be recognized and emulated by others;

WHEREAS, the Embassy renovation as well as other projects undertaken by His Excellency such as the establishment of the Federation of Filipino Associations in Malaysia (FFAM) in Sabah in 2012 in partnership with the Department of Education, the Commission on Filipinos Overseas and local community organizations, and the recent publication by the Embassy of the book "*Philippine-Malaysia Agreements (1962-2014): Cornerstones*

of a Partnership," attest to the proactive leadership of Ambassador Malaya: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, To commend Architect Bartholome B. Vista and Ambassador J. Eduardo Malaya for the Php11 Million renovation of the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia at no cost to the Philippine Government.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished Architect Bartholome B. Vista and Ambassador J. Eduardo Malaya.

Adopted,



PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on January 25, 2017.



CESAR STRAIT PAREJA
Secretary General