

DECLARING THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS IN CAGAYAN VALLEY AND KALINGA-APAYAO ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESERVATION

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1109, March 28, 1977

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WHEREAS, in the writing of the Philippines prehistory excavated cultural artifacts are the only tangible evidence;

WHEREAS, preliminary findings indicate that Cagayan Valley and Kalinga-Apayao could have been the habitation of the oldest human being in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, cultural items are being illegally taken out of said Valley and Province and sold to collectors resulting in the destruction of the historical and cultural evidences they represent; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the areas in Cagayan Valley and Kalinga-Apayao where important cultural items would be recovered be preserved and maintained as site museum in line with Presidential Decree No. 374.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree:

SECTION 1. The archaeological areas in Cagayan Valley and Kalinga-Apayao delineated by the excavation of the National Museum are hereby declared Archaeological Reservations.

SECTION 2. All excavation in the Reservation shall be under the control and supervision of the National Museum.

SECTION 3. Anyone caught exploring, excavating or found to be in possession of excavated cultural items without proper permits from the National Museum shall be considered to have violated this Decree and shall be subject to the penal provisions of the Presidential Decree No. 374.

SECTION 4. This Decree shall take effect upon approval.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Executive Assistant

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