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GARCIA (E.), DUAVIT, SUAREZ, GULLAS AND VILLAR, PER
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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HERITAGE
CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Philippine
2 Science Heritage Center Act.”

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It shall be declared the policy of
4 the State to support and encourage the development of the country’s
5 science and technology program, to promote the Philippines’ scientific
6 contributions to the world, and to highlight the richness of our heritage in
7 science and technology.

8 SEC. 3. *Philippine Science Heritage Center, Creation and*
9 *Principal Office.* – To implement the policy enunciated in this Act, there is
10 hereby created a project to be known as the Philippine Science Heritage

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1 Center, hereinafter referred to as the "Center," under the National
2 Academy of Science and Technology (NAST).

3 The Center shall have its principal office and display area in
4 Bicutan, Metro Manila, but may have offices in other areas as may be
5 deemed necessary for the proper conduct of its business. The Center's
6 primary clientele shall be students and teachers, visitors, and citizens
7 interested in science and technology.

8 SEC. 4. *Objectives.* -- The Center will highlight the Philippines'
9 contributions to the world of science, to elicit a sense of pride in every
10 Filipino who learns of these accomplishments.

11 Aside from the general powers, rights, privileges, and attributes
12 allowed by law, the Center shall have the following powers and functions:

13 (a) Document the works, ideas, inventions and products of Filipino
14 scientists, and other accomplishments in the field of science which have
15 had a significant impact on the improvement of human lives;

16 (b) Establish a display area for samples of inventions, scientific
17 products, memorabilia, references and library materials;

18 (c) Produce printed materials to be used by the academe in teaching
19 values education with scientific insights, which may also serve as an
20 alternative source of information for the general public;

21 (d) Serve as the core of the network of science museums in the
22 Philippines;

1 (e) Serve as a source of information for those who are studying
2 Philippine contributions to science; and

3 (f) To do such things and take such actions as may be necessary,
4 incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives of this Act.

5 SEC. 5. *Management of the Center.* – The NAST shall manage,
6 operate and maintain the Center, and in pursuance of this objective, shall
7 also create positions for personnel, including officials, to ensure its
8 effective and efficient management, operation and maintenance.

9 SEC. 6. *Assistance of Other Government Agencies.* – The Center is
10 hereby authorized to call upon other government agencies and
11 instrumentalities for assistance and cooperation in the formulation of
12 policies, plans and programs relevant to its objectives.

13 SEC. 7. *Philippine Science Heritage Fund.* – There is hereby
14 established a Philippine Science Heritage Fund which shall be
15 administered by the NAST as a special account in the National Treasury,
16 the fund shall be used solely for the operation, management and
17 maintenance of the Philippine Science Heritage Center.

18 The fund shall be sourced from fees, charges, donations, bequests
19 and contributions, subsidy or financial aid from private individuals or
20 organizations to the Philippine Science Heritage Center.

21 Any donation, bequest and grant in the form of contribution shall be
22 exempt from the donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable
23 deductions from the gross income in the computation of the income tax of

1 the donor, in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal
2 Revenue Code, as amended.

3 SEC. 8. *Rules and Regulations.* – The NAST, in coordination with
4 the Department of Science and Technology, shall formulate the rules and
5 regulations necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act.
6 It shall establish and define the guidelines for the overall implementation of
7 the various aspects and phases of the Center's projects.

8 SEC. 9. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the initial
9 implementation of this Act shall be charged against donations, grants-in-aid
10 and other receipts of the NAST for the Philippine Science Heritage Center.
11 Thereafter, the requirement shall be included in the annual General
12 Appropriations Act. Said amount may be augmented by receipts and other
13 donations as authorized under Section 7 of this Act.

14 SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, rules and
15 regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed
16 or amended accordingly.

17 SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part or
18 provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, any part or
19 provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

20 SEC. 12. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,