

WHV - Vigan City World Heritage in Young Hands

Historic City of Vigan, The Philippines

Cultural property inscribed on the
World Heritage List since 1999

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Established in the 16th century, Vigan is the best-preserved example of a planned Spanish colonial town in Asia. Its architecture reflects the coming together of cultural elements from elsewhere in the Philippines, from China and from Europe, resulting in a culture and townscape that have no parallel anywhere in East and South-East Asia.

Project objectives:

Implemented for the first time this year, the project aims at facilitating and enhancing young people's interest and appreciation of heritage conservation through direct action and intercultural learning, and at empowering them to take an active role in heritage conservation through various interactive and experiential learning activities geared towards skills development.

Project activities:

The volunteers will organize a conference gathering over 500 students to discuss and promote youth involvement in the conservation of World Heritage, and will run a parade in Vigan City to raise the awareness and stimulate the participation of the community in the preservation efforts. They will take part in traditional cultural activities, from abel weaving to Vigan Longganisa (sausage) making, and will be involved in the restoration of an old house in the city.

Partners:

City of Vigan, University of Santo Tomas - UNESCO Club, Public Affairs Office, Office for International Affairs, National Commission of Cultures and the Arts (NCAA), National Youth Commission.

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