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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **4833**



Introduced by REP. MICHAEL L. ROMERO and ENRICO A. PINEDA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Rizal Memorial Coliseum is one of two indoor sporting arenas located inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Manila, Philippines, the other being the Ninoy Aquino Stadium. The capacity of the coliseum is 8,000.

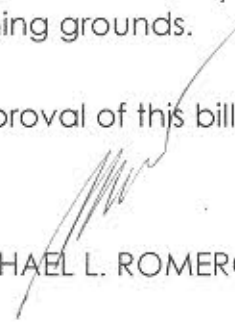
The Art Deco building within the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex was designed by Juan Arellano and was built in 1934.

The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) unveiled plans for the conversion of the Rizal Memorial Coliseum into a Philippine Sports Museum and the Asian Games Museum which houses the memorabilia of Philippine and Asian sports icons and hall of famers. The current location of the PSM is located at the 2nd floor of the PSC building inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex. There was a plan to demolish the site before the PSC's announcement.

In November 22 2016, Manila Mayor Joseph Estrada announced that the city government is making a move to convert the facility into a commercial center which will include a mall and cinemas. The plan was criticized by the Heritage Conservation Society questioning if Manila needs another shopping mall.

This House Bill seeks to promote the holistic development for Culture and the Arts, also to rehabilitate a very dignified sports venue to cooperate with the government body on cultural conservation and to facilitate sophisticated training grounds.

Approval of this bill is therefore sought.



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AN ACT

**CONVERTING THE RIZAL MEMORIAL COLISEUM TO A TRAINING CENTER
FOR THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC) ATHLETES, PROVIDING
REHABILITATION FUNDS, ASSURING CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – the state shall hereby provide a center for training, facilitate a holistic program for our Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) athletes. To promote the development of Culture and Arts.

The state shall hereby provide a funding of One billion pesos **(P1,000,000,000.00)** for the rehabilitation of the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

To create a dignified sporting grounds to enable our skilled athletes to compete in the highest level.

There is hereby authorize to appropriate the necessary funds to carry-out the provisions of this act.

SECTION 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATION – from the current year of the enactment of this act, the Department of Budget and Management

(DBM) shall provide an annual funding of two hundred fifty million pesos **(P250,000,000.00)** to facilitate the mandates of this act.

Thereafter the amounts necessary for the successive and continuous implementation of this act including the operations and maintenance shall be automatically appropriated in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – the PSC shall formulate the necessary guidelines and protocol to foster the immediate enactment of this act.

SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any provision or section of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the other provisions or sections of this Act shall remain valid, and the application of such remaining provisions or sections to the other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE - All provisions and any other provisions inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby amended accordingly.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.