

MALACAÑANG

RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 157

CREATING A COMMITTEE TO CHOOSE A PARCEL  
OF VACANT LAND OF THE GOVERNMENT IN  
THE CITY OF MANILA AS SUITABLE SITE FOR  
A NATIONAL THEATER AND TO PREPARE AN  
APPROPRIATE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OR  
PLAN THEREFOR

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a committee to choose a suitable site from among the va-

cant lands of the government in the City of Manila for the erection of a National Theater for music, drama, and other forms of theatrical exhibitions for art and culture. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Mr. Federico Elizalde .....	Chairman
Hon. Florencio Moreno, Secretary of Public Works and Communications .....	Member
Mr. Anselmo T. Alquinto, Director of Planning.....	Member
Hon. Raul S. Manglapus, Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs .....	Member
Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing, Director of National Museum .....	Member
Mr. Juan Nakpil .....	Member
Mr. Eugenio J. Puyat .....	Member
Rev. Father James B. Reuter, Rector, Ateneo de Manila .....	Member

The Committee shall determine the type of building that will be constructed as a National Theater. For this purpose, it is hereby authorized to call upon competent and civic-minded persons within or outside the Government for assistance in the preparation of the architectural design and plan of the proposed building. If necessary, it may conduct an open competition for the selection of the most appropriate design or plan that will be adopted for the construction of said building.

The Committee shall submit its report and recommendations to the President of the Philippines as soon as possible.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the tenth.

RAMON MAGSAYSAY  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:

FORTUNATO DE LEON  
*Acting Executive Secretary*