

Conscripcion: Imagining and Inscribing the Ilocano World
Upper Galleries
October 17, 2011 – January 17, 2012

CONSCRIPCION at the MET

"Conscripcion" is an extensive exhibition of documents and maps from the collection of the National Archives of the Philippines which show the official workings of the Spanish colonial government in the Ilocos Region in the 19th century. The exhibit will showcase how the colonial world produced documents even as documents produce the colonial world. Featured in the show are the 19th Century paintings of the Basi Revolt series by Esteban Villanueva which were brought down from Vigan along with other precious pieces. Being exhibited for the first time is the portrait of Miguel Garcia attributed to Juan Arzeo on loan from the Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia.

These records serve as byproducts of the remains of the activities from the late 19th century. All of the documents and maps featured in the exhibit, are reminders of a past era—done and gone, yet the validity of their transpiration is uncompromised. Some of the records were used in the creation and governance of Ilocos from a faraway land. In this sense, this particular part of the colony was conceived through these documents and seen as “agencies of the imagination”.

The exhibit is a partnership between the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur, The Ilocos Sur Historical and Cultural Foundation and the National Archives of the Philippines with The Metropolitan Museum of Manila and the conservation assistance of the National Museum. Workshops on Records Management, archives preservation, tour guiding, product development and heritage education are being scheduled as part of the program.

“Conscripcion” runs from October 17, 2011 to January 17, 2012 at the Upper Galleries of the Metropolitan Museum of Manila.

The Metropolitan Museum of Manila is located at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. Museum hours are from 9am – 6pm, Monday to Saturday; closed on Sundays, first Mondays of the month and on holidays. For inquiries, call 523-0613 or email info@metmuseum.ph. Visit us www.metmuseum.ph and www.facebook.com/met.museum.manila

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