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PHILIPPINE TREASURES

The GMA News and Public Affairs Department announces the showing of a special feature on the country's historical artifacts – **Philippine Treasures** hosted by Ms. Mel Tiangco. This is set to air on September 11, 2011, Sunday, at 10:30 p.m. This production aspires to rekindle the Filipinos' interest on the Philippines' rich culture and colorful history.

This special feature will include the following topics:

- a. **Bayan ng Ginto** – A look at Ayala Museum's Gold of Ancestors exhibit showcasing the gold accessories that were found in Surigao in 1981. The collection is proof of the country's rich culture and the gold artifacts are evidences of the ancestors' seamless craftsmanship. Unfortunately, some of the country's important gold treasures, like the Golden Tara (ancient statue of the Hindu-Malayan Goddess that was found by a *Manobo* woman in Agusan in 1971), are now in the possession of other international museums;
- b. **Hikaw ni Lapu-Lapu?** – An excavation was done by the National Museum in *Boljoon* Cebu in June where they found an earring that according to experts was only worn by Chieftains. Since *Boljoon* was in Cebu, there was a possibility that *Lapu-Lapu* had worn this earring;
- c. **Burial Jars** – Learn about the anthropomorphic (human form) burial Jars, more popularly known as the *Maitum* Jars, which were discovered at Sarangani province in 1991. These jars date back 5BC, and are also considered as one of the most sought after artifacts among private collectors. These national treasures are reportedly exported and traded illegally in the black market;
- d. **Baybayin** – Two stone tablets in Monreal, Masbate which were previously used as doormats, were discovered to have encryptions in Baybayin, an ancient form of Filipino writing. Only a handful of Filipino tribes, including the *Hanonoo Mangyan* in Mindoro, understand the *Baybayin*. Witness as this ethno linguistic group and other experts try to decode what the encryptions tell about the culture at that time; and
- e. **Status of National Museum** – A look at the state of the National Museum, the institution that houses all the country's National Treasures, and to discover what it truly says about the Filipinos' concern for their culture and heritage. Issues involving the storage facilities, preservation equipment, and funding concerns will be discussed.

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