

Miss Universe 1974 and the Construction of the Folk Arts Theater

1974



In 1974, the Folk Arts Theater (FAT) was constructed for the Philippine hosting of the Miss Universe pageant. The FAT was built in 77 days and was inaugurated in a ceremony entitled "Kasaysayan ng Lahi". The Marcos government spent millions of dollars in infrastructure, which were primarily funded by foreign loans.

Kinasangkapan ng diktadurang Marcos ang labis na pangungutang para sa pagpapatayo ng mga gusali at imprastraktura upang palakasin ang hawak nito sa kapangyarihan. Isa sa tanyag na ehemplo nito ang pagpapatayo sa Folk Arts Theater (FAT) o Tanghalang Francisco Balagtas na tinapos sa loob lamang ng pitumpu't pitong araw para dito maidaos ang Miss Universe pageant noong 1974. Nang matapos ang gusali, binuksan ito sa pamamagitan ng isang pambungad na palabas na pinamagatang "Kasaysayan ng Lahi."

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