Unveiling & Dedication Ceremonies



10:30 A.M., Saturday September 16, 1989

Dr. Jose Rizal Park Beacon Hill Seattle, Washington



DR. JOSE P. RIZAL (1861-1896) National Hero of the Philippines

JOSE RIZAL, Filipino patriot, martyr, and genius, occupies an eminent place in the Valhalla of Philippine Immortals. Acclaimed as one of Asia's great freedom fighters, his memory is revered by his countrymen and he is oftentimes referred to as "The Great Malayan."

Born in Calamba, Laguna Province, of middle class parents on June 19, 1861, Dr. Rizal stands as a lofty example of the unnegotiable character of a man's yearning for freedom.

A man of prodigious learning, he mastered the classical disciplines of medicine, philosophy, natural and social sciences, languages, poetry, painting and sculpture and devoted his boundless intellectual genius to the struggle of his people against the oppressive Spanish colonial rule. He inculcated in his countrymen the virtue and value of education as a stepping stone to the attainment of political freedom. He worked with matchless fervor to emancipate his people from their disastrous sloth born of ignorance, indolence, and disunity and led the way to national solidarity.

In his two immortal novels, Noli Me Tangere and Filibusterismo, he articulated the crying need for massive, widespread reforms and thereby set the torch to the Filipino movement against Spain.

He died a martyr before an execution squad at the historic Bagumbayan Field (Luneta), Manila on December 30, 1896. His life, works, and death have left a legacy that has been a continuing source of inspiration for his people.

Taken from Rizal in Japan, by Lunusa & Zaide

MALACAÑANG MANILA

MESSAGE

I welcome this opportunity to greet our countrymen in Seattle, on the occasion of your tribute to our national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal.

The ceremony is another indication that Filipinos living in America or other parts of the globe, attach much importance to their Filipino identity and heritage. Dr. Rizal was an intellectual giant, a man of many skills, talents and professions. His accomplishments as a Filipino ennoble the human race as a whole. He was a true Filipino patriot.

I am hopeful you will continue your efforts to bring to the consciousness of our countrymen in your area the relevance and pride of being a Filipino.



Manila, Philippines August 7, 1989

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KONSULADO PANLAHAT NG PILIPINAS



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINES

SEATTLE

MESSAGE

With this ceremony, the pride of Filipinos in their national hero has brought Dr. Jose P. Rizal Park in Seattle to full completion. At last, the natural beauty of the park, reminiscent of the beauty of our nation, has been augmented by a tangible representation of Dr. Rizal.

This park is truly a fitting tribute to Dr. Rizal, for it shows the Filipino adherance to excellence. His spirit lives on, epitomized by the hard work and dedication of Mr. E. V. Vic Bacho and the other officers and members of the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Bridge & Park Preservation Society and all those who have made today's occasion a reality.

Let us hope that this tradition of excellence continues, and that the next generation of Filipinos in this area inherits the Filipino heritage which has made our nation great.



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Consul General



Charles Royer, Mayor



September 7, 1989

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the people of Seattle, I congratulate you on your successful efforts in the development of Jose Rizal Park. The dedication of the statue of Dr. Rizal highlights this accomplishment.

The livability and vitality of Seattle are directly reflected by the diversity of our communities and the rich cultural heritage of our citizens. Filipinos comprise the largest Asian/Pacific ethnic group in not only our area, but the entire nation.

Members of the Filipino community have contributed greatly to the social, cultural, political, and economic vigor of this city. Without your accomplishments Seattle would not be the same great city that it is.

Rizal Park and this statue will honor not only the memory of Dr. Rizal, but the many contributions Filipinos have made to Seattle, the United States, and the cause of freedom worldwide.

Sincerely,



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Our community's history in this beautiful city of Seattle is said to be one of the most extraordinary not only because we have an abundance of dedicated and civic-minded folks but because we are blessed with the determination to see to it that we attain the goals that we, as a community, set out to pursue. On behalf of the officers and members of the Filipino Community of Seattle, I extend my heartiest congratulations to the Dr. Jose Rizal Park & Bridge Preservation Society for the gift that they have worked so hard to build for the entire community of Seattle. This statue of our Philippine national hero is special because it is the only one of its kind in the entire North American continent. We are proud of this outstanding accomplishment. Mabuhay!

Sincerely,

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Camilo O. de Guzman President



Sept.13,1989.



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MESSAGE

June 17, 1989

It is with deep pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to the city officials and citizens of Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. as they unveil the Rizal bust on a pedestal, a gift from the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Bridge & Park Preservation Society.

The Order of the Knights of Rizal notes with gratitude that Seattle is the only city in the United States with a park named after our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal.

May the Rizal bust stand as a lasting manifestation of our national hero's dream for national unity and vision of universal brotherhood of men.

MABUHAY PO KAYONG LAHAT.

ell lle FILEMON H. MCNDOZA, KGCR Sir Supreme Commander

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HEADQUARTERS: KNIGHTS OF RIZAL BUILDING Bonifacio Drive, near Anda Circle (Beside Manila Chronicle & Philbanking Buildings) Port Area, Manila Tel. Nos.: 40-46-54/40-13-96



This is the bronze bust of the National Hero of the Philippines sculpted by the late Filipino master sculptor, Prof. Anastacio Caedo. The bust was specially ordered by the Rizal Park & Bridge Preservation Society for the park in Seattle which is reputed to be the only one of its kind in the entire United States.

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PROGRAM

Flag Raising Ceremony & Singing of National Anthems

•••Tony Espejo and Zenaida Guerzon Mr. & Mrs. Diony V. Corsilles

•••The Kayumanggi Chorale Conducted by Dante Cabasco

Dedication and Presentation of the Rizal Statue to the City

> •••E.V. Vic Bacho Chairman Rizal Park & Bridge Preservation Society

Unveiling Ceremony

•••To be performed by Madame Rosanne Royer and Madame Conchita Bautista

Vocal Selection's A medley of "Bayan Ko" ar d "Bayan Kong Hirang"

> Susan dela Victoria accompanied by Romy Corsilles of the Kayumanggi Cultural Association

Acceptance by the City and Keynote Address

> •••Councilmember Dolores Sibonga Chair, City Parks & Recreation Committee and Representing the Hon. Charles Royer, City Mayor

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Master of Ceremonies Conrado "Sluggo" Rigor Public Relations Officer JRP&BPS

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