



Amb. Romualdez Pays Tribute to Jose Rizal



(Left) Consul General Cruz, Ambassador Romualdez, City of Carson Mayor Robles and Councilmember Dear in front of Jose Rizal Monument. (Right) Ambassador Romualdez with the City of Carson Officials and members of Jose P. Rizal Monument Movement-Kalayan paying tribute to Rizal.

Carson City, CA – Ambassador Jose Manuel G. Romualdez paid tribute to the Philippine national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal during his official visit in Southern California on 13-16 September 2019. The Ambassador led a wreath-laying ceremony on 14 September 2019 at the monument of Dr. Rizal, located at the International Sculpture Garden in the City of Carson, a timely gesture as the month of September marks the 7th anniversary of the statue's installation.

The statue was the very first and only life-sized statue of the Philippine national hero in the West Coast of the United States. Its installation in the City of Carson was made possible through the combined vision, efforts and resources of an alliance of various Filipino-American Associations in the region, headed by the Jose P. Rizal Monument Movement-Kalayaan (JPRMM-K), and a grand gesture of friendship and solidarity by Carson City officials. The unveiling of the statue was held on 29 September 2012.

The Ambassador conveyed his appreciation to the City of Carson Officials present, led by City Mayor Albert Robles and Councilmember Jim Dear, and JPRMM-K Chairman Chito Mandap for their combined efforts in giving the Philippine national hero a place in the United States of America.

Also participating in the Ceremony were Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz, Minister and Consul Gunther Emil M. Sales of the Philippine Embassy in Washington D.C., Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III, Consul Rea G. Oreta, Information Officer Mary Grace “Joss” D. Leaño and Protocol Officer Fernan M. Balicoco of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles.

The Rizal Monument in Carson was a sculpture of renowned Filipino artist Abdulmari “TOYM” De Leon Imao, Jr., and was the first statue to be installed in the International Sculpture Garden, a land dedicated by the City of Carson to “Heroes of Liberation, Freedom and Justice Around the World.
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Deputy Consul General Enciso and Protocol Officer Fernan Balicoco carry the wreath to be placed in front of Dr. Jose P. Rizal’s monument in a ceremony led by Amb. Romualdez and Mayor Robles.