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Rizal's Martyrdom Remembered in Carson, CA



Consul General Edgar B. Badajos delivers his remarks on the 125th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal on 30 Dec 2021. Behind the Consul General is a photo of the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Monument, which stands proudly in the City of Carson's International Sculpture Garden.

03 January 2022, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, led by Consul General Edgar B. Badajos, joined the commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal at the Carson Civic Center in the morning of Saturday, 30 December 2021.

In his remarks to the gathering, Consul General Badajos highlighted the theme of this year's commemoration, *"Rizal: For Science, Truth, and Life"* (*Rizal: Para sa Agham, Katotohanan, at Buhay*), and encouraged everyone to emulate Rizal and strive for excellence for the betterment of the community and the country.

"During his lifetime, Rizal devoted his life to science and in unmasking the truth to effect meaningful change in our motherland at that time. As the descendants of this great man, we can do no less. Let us also dedicate our lives, utilizing our God-given talents and professional backgrounds, to make a difference in Philippine society and the time to start is now," the Consul General added.

The event, which was jointly organized by the City of Carson and the Jose P. Rizal Monument Movement (JPRMM), were attended by Carson Mayor Lula-

Davis Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dear, Fil-Am Councilmember Arlene B. Rojas and other Carson City officials, as well as various Fil-Am community organizations in Los Angeles County namely, the 2021 Carson Civic Engagement Task Force, Kalayaan Inc., Philippine Independence Day Foundation (PIDF), Association of Calambeños of Southern California (ACASCA), among others.

City of Carson Mayor Lula-Davis Holmes and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dear gave brief talks on the influence of the martyred hero during the commemoration.





Clockwise: St. Philomena Church God Faith Choir leads the singing of the national anthems of the Philippines and the United States; guests of honor from (L-R) LA USD Superintendent Michael Romero, Local District South, MPT Dear, ConGen Badajos and Mayor Davis; Photo of the Consulate General's delegation with their wreath; and Photo of the JPRMM officers with their wreath.

The City of Carson, CA unanimously approved a resolution on 17 December 2013, proclaiming 30 December as Rizal Day of each year in the City. The passage of the resolution for Rizal Day complements the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Monument, which stands prominently in the City of Carson's International Sculpture Garden adjacent to the Carson Community Center.

The Rizal Monument, which was unveiled on 29 September 2012, has a total height of 15 feet: an eight-foot bronze statue was set on top of a seven-foot-tall granite pedestal. The statue was crafted by renowned Filipino visual artist, Toym De Leon Imao. Its installation was made possible through the combined vision, efforts and resources of the Jose P. Rizal Monument Movement, an alliance of various Filipino American Associations, in partnership with the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, with the approval of the Carson City Council.

Through the years, the Rizal Monument in Carson has been a source of pride for Filipino-Americans and a landmark that symbolizes our history and heritage. END.