

[ **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 137, December 08, 1950** ]

**DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL RIZAL DAY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the 30th day of December, 1950, is the 54th anniversary of the martyrdom of the greatest Filipino hero, Jose Rizal;

WHEREAS, more than at any other epoch in the history of the Philippines, there is today an imperative need of emphasizing and inculcating in the minds of our citizenry, particularly the youth of the land, a more determined observance and enrichment of Filipino character, of which Rizal, by precept and by example, was the greatest exponent ;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, do hereby call upon all officials and citizens of the Republic to observe the anniversary of our national hero's death this year with the most appropriate ceremonies and programs expressive of Filipino character as a fitting homage and gratitude to the memory of Rizal.

I hereby designate the National Rizal Day Committee composed of the following:

Hon. Pablo Lorenzo	Chairman
Hon. Jose Figueras	Member
Hon. Asuncion A. Perez	Member
Dr. Bienvenido M. Gonzalez	Member
Hon. Manuel de la Fuente	Member
Director Isaias Fernando	Member
Director Eustaquio C. Balagtas	Member
Hon. Manuel Lim	Member
Dr. Vidal A. Tan	Member
Mrs. Francisca T. Benitez	Member
Mr. V. Lontok	Executive Secretary

to organize and effect all arrangements necessary for the fitting celebration of the day all over the Philippines and secure the cooperation of all government and private instrumentalities to insure its success.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of December in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the fifth.

**(Sgd.) ELPIDIO QUIRINO**  
*President of the Philippines*