

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 52, August 10, 1954]

CREATING THE JOSE RIZAL NATIONAL CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the 19th day of June of 1961 will be the First Centennary of the birth of Jose Rizal, apostle of Filipino nationalism, martyr and hero;

WHEREAS, Jose Rizal gladly dedicated his whole life in order to secure for his countrymen the blessings of individual freedom and good government;

WHEREAS, through his incessant labors he enriched our cultural personality and thereby enhanced it in the eyes of the world and by defending our rights and dignity as a race to the extent of sacrificing his life, he welded the Filipino people into one compact nation imbued with common national ideals; and

WHEREAS, by example and precept he showed us what a true Filipino should do and, therefore, it is the duty of the Philippines to propagare his ideas and ideals of private as well as public life for the emulation of his countrymen and of all peoples;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAMON MAGSAYSAY, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, in appreciation of the popular sentiment that this event of extraordinary national significance be properly observed, do hereby create a Jose Rizal National Centennial Commission of fifteen members, composed of the following:

The Secretary of Education	Chairman
The Secretary of Finance	Co-Vice Chairman
The Supreme Commander of the Order of the Knights of Rizal	Co-Vice Chairman
The Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate	Member
The Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives	Member
The President of the University of the Philippines	Member
The Chairman of UNESCO National Commission	Member
The Director of Public Libraries and Chairman of the Philippine Historical Committee	Member
The Director of Public Schools	Member
The Director of Private Schools	Member
Five other persons to be selected by	Members