

[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 propagate 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:

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| 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 |