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CHICAGO COMMEMORATES THE 156TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL

The Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago, together with the Central USA Area Command of the Knights of Rizal (KOR), Ladies for Rizal, and leaders and members of the Filipino American community, commemorated the 156th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal on Monday, 19 June 2017.

The highlight of this annual celebration was the symbolic wreath offering at the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Monument at Margate Park between Marine Drive and Lake Shore Drive in Chicago at 9:00 am, led by Consul General Generoso DG Calonge, currently the Commander of the Maynilad Chapter of KOR. The program also included a flag ceremony, singing of the national anthem, and an inspirational message from Dr. Ramon Lopez, the great grand-nephew of our national hero.

A reception was held at the Margate Fieldhouse right after the wreath offering where leaders of KOR Chapters of Chicago named Magiting, Malaya and Maynilad, respectively, provided brief remarks for the occasion.

Consul General Generoso DG Calonge, in his remarks, thanked everyone for their presence and participation in the activity. He expressed his hope that Filipinos would continue to be guided by the life and teachings of Dr. Jose P. Rizal. He stated that, "*For as long as there are Filipinos who honor and commemorate Rizal and his works, his legacy will live on and will always be remembered.*"

A traditional *salo-salo* concluded the day's event. **END**





A symbolic wreath offering and flag ceremony led by Consul General Generoso DG Calonge, Commander of Maynilad Chapter of the Knights of Rizal (KOR), Central USA Command of KOR, Ladies for Rizal and leaders and members of the Filipino-American community at the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Monument at Margate Park in Chicago.