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## **Schedule of Activities for the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal**

The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago, in collaboration with the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Chicago Public Library, the Newberry Library, Millennium Park, Chicago Artist Month, Skokie Public Library, Instituto Cervantes of Chicago, GMA Pinoy TV, Viva Communications, University of Chicago, Northern Illinois University, Truman College and different Filipino American organizations would like to invite the Filipino community to participate and support the yearlong celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal in different activities to be held in Chicago, the Midwest and the suburban Illinois.

Attached is the Calendar of Activities for the sesquicentennial celebration of Dr. Rizal.

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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. JOSE RIZAL

**Saturday, April 16, 2011** (Deadline for submission)

### **Rizal Book Project**

Remembering Rizal... a collection of pieces about Jose Rizal in celebration of his 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary to be published by Philippine American Writers and Artists (PAWA) based in California, to be released in Chicago in late June or early July 2011.

Any individual or group can submit an article, essay, poems and stories about Jose Rizal in Microsoft Word document format to Edwin Lozada with email address: [edlozada@carayanpress.com](mailto:edlozada@carayanpress.com). Artwork will also be accepted, but it will be printed in black and white. Participants whose entries will be selected and included in the publication will be informed. The authors/artists retain the rights to their contribution and will receive three copies of the book.

**Thursday, April 28, 2011, 1:00 p.m.**

University of Chicago  
Joseph Regenstein Library  
1100 East 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, IL 60637

### **Spreading Rizal's Message: Book Donation**

Donation of copies of the original manuscripts of Dr. Jose Rizal's famous novels, Noli Me Tangere and El Filibusterismo.

**Friday, May 6, 2011, 10:30 a.m.**

Northern Illinois University  
Altgeld Hall  
DeKalb, IL 60115

### **Spreading Rizal's Message: Book Donation**

Donation of copies of the original manuscripts of Dr. Jose Rizal's famous novels, Noli Me Tangere and El Filibusterismo.

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Harold Washington Library Center  
Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, *lower level*  
400 S. State Street  
Chicago, IL 60605

**Lecture Series**

*The Rizal Dream: The Past, Present and the Future by Dr. Ramon G. Lopez*

Dr. Ramon G. Lopez, a descendant (great grandnephew) of General Paciano Mercado Rizal, brother of Dr. Jose Rizal speaks about the dreams of Dr. Rizal for the Philippines.

**Saturday, May 14, 2011, 10:00 a.m.**

Wright College (Computer Lab)  
4300 N. Narragansett Ave., Chicago IL 60634

**Essay Writing Contest** sponsored by the Philippine Independence Week Committee 2011 and Order of the Knights of Rizal (Malaya Chapter)

**Saturday, May 21, 2011, 2:00 p.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Albany Park  
5150 N. Kimball Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625

**Children's Stories and Crafts**

Favorite Tales from the Philippines: A Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal. Storytellers present well-loved myths and tales from the Philippines that will enchant and intrigue children and families.

**Monday, May 23, 2011, 10:30 a.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Harold Washington Library Center  
Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, *lower level*  
400 S. State Street  
Chicago, IL 60605

**Children's Stories and Crafts**

Kick-off ceremony for the Storytelling Sessions and Crafts Making at various Chicago Public Library locations. Reading of Filipino Folklore in celebration of Dr. Jose Rizal's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary.

### **Spreading Rizal's Message: Book Donation**

Donation of copies of the original manuscripts of Dr. Jose Rizal's famous novels, *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*.

**Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Harold Washington Library Center  
Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, *lower level*  
400 S. State Street  
Chicago, IL 60605

### **Film Showing**

***Rizal sa Dapitan*** by Tikoy Aguiluz

In the bucolic surroundings of "*Dapitan*," Jose Rizal led a quiet life serving the people on the city. Assuming the role of a doctor, teacher and engineer, he steered the inactive country into action. From award-winning director Tikoy Aguiluz, together with Albert Martinez and Amanda Page, comes an honest and intelligent film interpretation of the National Hero's exile in Dapitan.

**Saturday, June 4, 2011, 11:00 a.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Woodson Regional  
9525 S. Halsted Street, Chicago, IL 60628

### **Children's Stories and Crafts**

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**Friday, June 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m.**

Daley Plaza  
118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60602

### **Celebrating Philippine Independence Day with Rizal @ 150**

Flag raising to commemorate the 113<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence. Rizal is reckoned to be one of the main driving force towards Philippine independence from Spanish rule in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Saturday, June 18, 2011, 11:00 a.m.**

The Newberry Library  
60 W. Walton St., Chicago, IL 60610

**Filipiniana Collection Exhibit & Lecture** by Dr. Ramon G. Lopez on the topic:  
*"The Dr. Jose P. Rizal Retraction Issue, Revisited: A Personal Viewpoint."*

**Spreading Rizal's Message: Book Donation**

Donation of copies of the original manuscripts of Dr. Jose Rizal's famous novels, Noli Me Tangere and El Filibusterismo.

**Sunday, June 19, 2011, 9:00 a.m.**

Dr. Jose P. Rizal Monument,  
4739 N. Marine Dr., Chicago, IL 60640

**Wreath laying ceremony** in honor of Dr. Jose Rizal's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary

**Kite Flying** - A giant *saranggola* made by Fred de Asis will be flown during the commemorative celebration of Dr. Rizal's birth anniversary.

**Sunday, June 19, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**

Rizal Heritage Center  
1332 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago IL 60613

**Spreading Rizal's Message: Book Donation**

Donation of copies of the original manuscripts of Dr. Jose Rizal's famous novels, Noli Me Tangere and El Filibusterismo.

**Commemorative Program and Fraternal Dinner of the Knights of Rizal** (*This event is by invitation only*)

**RIZAL Photo Exhibit**

**Saturday, June 25, 2011, 11:00 a.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Edgebrook  
5331 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago, IL 60646

**Children's Stories and Crafts**

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**Saturday, June 25, 2011, 11:00 a.m.**

Holy Name Cathedral  
735 N. State Street, Chicago IL 60611

**Holy Mass Celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal**  
organized by the Cathedral Filipino Network

**Tuesday, June 28, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Harold Washington Library Center  
Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, *lower level*  
400 S. State Street  
Chicago, IL 60605

**Kundiman, An Evening of Filipino Classic Songs**

The concert will feature Kundiman songs, which are Filipino art songs: tunes of nostalgia, romance, life in the countryside and love of country written by Filipino composers. It will also honor Dr. Jose Rizal's writing via monologues, whose legacy and patriotism we continue up to this day.

**July 7-16, 2011** (details to be announced)

Instituto Cervantes of Chicago  
31 W. Ohio  
Chicago, IL 60610

**Philippine Week / Tribute to Rizal**

A week-long celebration in collaboration with Instituto Cervantes of Chicago to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal, which includes series of discussions on Rizal's life and works by distinguished speakers, a musical play, a *Kundiman* concert, and a film showing.

**Saturday, July 9, 2011, 11:00 a.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Brighton Park  
4314 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, IL 60632

**Children's Stories and Crafts**

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**Saturday, July 9, 2011, 2:00 p.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Uptown  
929 W. Buena Avenue, Chicago, IL 60613

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**Saturday & Sunday, July 23 & 24, 2011 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Millennium Park Chase Promenade North  
201 E. Randolph St. (Between Michigan Ave. and Columbus Ave.)  
Chicago, IL 60602

**The Family Fun Festival**

Art Workshops and Exhibits, Storytelling and Crafts Making, Cultural Performances, Philippine Martial Arts and Games

**Saturday, July 23, 2011, 11:00 a.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Sulzer Regional  
4455 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625

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**Saturday, August 6, 2011, 2:00 p.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
McKinley Park  
1915 W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, IL 60609

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**August 13-24, 2011, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Richard J. Daley Civic Center Exhibits  
50 W. Washington  
Chicago, IL 60602

**Visual Art Exhibits**

By Filipino artists Fred de Asis, Paul Balan, Willi Buhay, Eve Red Buhay (ERBU), Bueno Silva, Fabie De Silva and others...

**Saturday, August 13, 2011, 2:00 p.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Lozano  
1805 S. Loomis Street, Chicago, IL 60608

**Children's Stories and Crafts**

Favorite Tales from the Philippines: A Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal. Storytellers present well-loved myths and tales from the Philippines that will enchant and intrigue children and families.

**Monday, August 22, 2011, 12:00 noon**

Daley Plaza - Under the Picasso (Noon-Time Performance)  
50 W. Washington  
Chicago, IL 60602

**Cultural Presentation**

A music and dance program featuring Filipino folkdances and music that are used in rituals, courtships and festivals, which depict the people's rich culture, customs and traditions.



**August 2011** (day, time, venue & details to be announced)

**World Premiere of *Josephine Bracken, Rizal's Dulce Extranjera***

World premiere of Josephine Bracken, *Rizal's Dulce Extranjera*, a contemporary musical theater production in celebration of Dr. Jose Rizal's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary directed by award winning director, Anton Juan.

**Saturday, September 24, 2011, 11:00 a.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Chinatown  
2353 S. Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616

**Children's Stories and Crafts**

Favorite Tales from the Philippines: A Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal. Storytellers present well-loved myths and tales from the Philippines that will enchant and intrigue children and families.

**September 29 - October 27, 2011, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Chicago Pedway (Below Daley Center)  
50 W. Washington  
Chicago, IL 60602

**Visual Art Exhibits**

By Filipino artists Fred de Asis, Paul Balan, Willi Buhay, Eve Red Buhay (ERBU), Cesar Conde, Sergio Rocha, Bueno Silva, Fabie De Silva, Susan Alforque Silvano, Jun-Jun Sta. Ana and others...

**Saturday, October 1, 2011, 2:00 p.m.**

Skokie Public Library  
Petty Auditorium  
5215 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60077

**Spreading Rizal's Message: Book Donation**

Donation of copies of the original manuscripts of Dr. Jose Rizal's famous novels, *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*.

**Saturday, October 8, 2011, 11:00 a.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Budlong Woods  
5630 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, IL 60659

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**Saturday, October 8, 2011, 1:00 p.m.**

Chicago Cultural Center  
Claudia Cassidy Theater  
77 E. Randolph St., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Chicago, IL 60602

**Film Showing**

*Jose Rizal* by Marilou Diaz-Abaya

"JOSE RIZAL" is considered the biggest blockbusters film ever made in the history of Philippine cinema. Directed by Marilou Diaz Abaya under GMA Films, this movie won over 70 international awards, including 16 awards from the 1998 Metro Manila Film Festival, 11 awards from the 1999 FAMAS Awards, 6 awards from the 1999 Gawad Urian Awards, 8 from the 1999 Star Awards for Movies and various awards from different film festivals worldwide like the Berlin International and Toronto Film Festivals.

**Thursday, October 20, 2011, 6:30 p.m.**

Truman College  
1145 W. Wilson Avenue, Chicago IL 60640

**Spreading Rizal's Message: Book Donation**

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**Saturday, October 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m.**

Chicago Public Library  
Harold Washington Library Center  
Thomas Hughes Children's Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
400 S. State Street, Chicago, IL 60605

**Children's Stories and Crafts**

Favorite Tales from the Philippines: A Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal. Storytellers present well-loved myths and tales from the Philippines that will enchant and intrigue children and families.

**October 2011** (day and time to be announced)  
Rizal Heritage Center  
1332 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago IL 60613

**Balagtasán kay Rizal  
Children's Art Contest  
Rizal Art Exhibit of Chicago Based Artists**

**Saturday & Sunday, November 12 & 13, 2011** (time, venue & details to be announced)

**US Premiere of *Noli Me Tangere* Opera**

US premiere of *Noli Me Tangere*, a Filipino opera by Felipe P. De Leon based on the novel written by Dr. Jose Rizal, in celebration of Dr. Rizal's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary.

**Friday, December 30, 2011, 9:00 a.m.**

Dr. Jose P. Rizal Monument,  
4739 N. Marine Dr., Chicago, IL 60640

**Wreath laying ceremony** in honor of Dr. Jose Rizal's 115<sup>th</sup> death anniversary

**Friday, December 30, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**

Rizal Heritage Center  
1332 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago IL 60613

**Commemorative Program and Fraternal Dinner of the Knights of Rizal** (*This event is by invitation only*)

**Miss Maria Clara Presentation**

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## RIZAL ACTIVITIES IN THE MIDWEST AND SUBURBAN ILLINOIS

**June 11, 2011, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**

Halmich Park  
13 Mile Road  
Warren, **Michigan** 48090

### **Community Picnic and Festival Celebration**

Celebrating the Life and Works of Dr. Jose Rizal. This celebration is integrated into the community's annual observance of Philippine Independence commonly known as "Kalayaan" with a special focus on Rizal's life and works through a dramatic skit (Sarswela) by Filipino American Community Council of Michigan (FILAMCCO).

**June 18, Saturday, 2011, 11:00 a.m.**

Pilipinas Restaurant  
13 Mile, Ryan Street  
Warren, **Michigan** 48092

### **Symposium / Community Discussion**

Discussion on the topic of "The Relevance of Dr. Jose Rizal in Today's Society" sponsored by the National Federation of Filipino American Association-Michigan (NaFFAA-Michigan).

**June 19, Sunday, 2011, 4:00 p.m.**

Ginger Asian Bistro  
3100 West White Oaks Drive  
**Springfield, Illinois** 62704

### **Dinner Celebration**

The Order of the Knights of Rizal (OKR) Lincolnland Chapter will hold a dinner celebration on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Dr. Jose Rizal. There will be guest speaker, presentations by members of the Chapter and awarding of medallions to the Chapter's Kababaihang Rizalista in America members.

The Springfield-based Filipino American Historical Society (FilAmHisSo) and the Central Illinois Philippine American Society (CIPAS) will present other programs following that of the OKR.

**June 19, 2011, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**

Veterans Park (Veterans Shelter)  
400-500 Block of Springfield Road (East Side)  
Springfield Road, **East Peoria, Illinois** 61611

**Annual Summer Picnic**

This annual summer picnic/potluck sponsored by Filipino American Society of Central Illinois (FASCI) will focus on the celebration of Dr. Rizal's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary with a display of Dr. Rizal's books, copies of his letters to his family, the singing of "*Ang Bayan Ko*" and the reciting of the poem "*ARAW NG KALAYAAAN*" by a member of the Knights of Rizal.

**October 21-23, 2011, Friday-Sunday**

Lumiere Place  
999 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
St. Louis, **Missouri** 63102

**FANHS-MWC Conference** on Filipino American Experience in Missouri (Dedicated to the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal)

A panel discussion concerning the life and legacy of Dr. Rizal will be held as part of the conference on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, with descendants of Rizal as panelists, sponsored by Filipino American National Historical Society – Midwest Chapter (FANHS-MWC). Conference fee to be announced.