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COMMEMORATION OF THE MARTYRDOM OF DR. JOSE RIZAL IN GENEVA



CDA Kristine Leilani R. Salle (fifth from left, front row) led the officers and staff of the Philippine Mission to the UN in Geneva honoring Dr. Jose Rizal in front of the National Hero's marker at Pension Bel-Air at Rue du Rhone, Geneva.



The marker reads: "Jose Rizal (1861-1896), National Hero of the Philippines. Rizal who translated Schiller's 'Wilhelm Tell' into the Filipino language lodged in Pension Bel Air then housed in this building. 3 Rue du Rhone, Geneva, from 6-20 June 1887."



The Permanent Mission of the Philippines and Filipino community leaders and members in Geneva, led by CDA Kristine Leilani R. Salle commemorated the 128th anniversary of the martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal.

30 December 2024, Geneva, Switzerland – Leaders and members of the Filipino community in Geneva gathered at the Philippine Chancery in Geneva to commemorate the 128th anniversary of the martyrdom of Philippine national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, during a solemn ceremony and year-end gathering organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva.

Chargé d'affaires, a.i. Kristine Leilani R. Salle led Mission personnel and members of the Filipino community in singing the national anthem and offering flowers to Dr. Jose Rizal. " *Dr. Rizal's vision for Filipinos was achieved through our work in diplomacy and international relations as we represent our country with excellence in the protection and promotion of vital Philippine interests, in our participation in the community of nations, and through the good examples we lead as part of the bigger Filipino diaspora abroad,*" CDA Salle remarked.

CDA Salle further stated that, "*Ang buhay ni Dr. Rizal ay walang higit na kahalagahan kaysa sa buhay at pangarap ng bawat Pilipino, kabilang na dito ang mga Overseas Filipino, na humaharap sa mga*

hamon ng paghihiwalay, at pakikibaka sa ibang bansa upang mabigyan ang kanilang mga pamilya ng mas magandang buhay."

The Philippine Permanent Mission in Geneva commemorated Rizal Day under this year's theme "*Rizal sa Bagong Pilipinas: Buhay at Aral, Aming Nilalandas* " (Rizal in the New Philippines: Life and Teachings, as our Guide). **END**