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In Memories of My Town
by: Dr. Jose Rizal

When I remember the days
that saw my early childhood
spent on the green shores
of a murmuring lagoon;
when I remember the coolness,
delicious and refreshing,
that on my face I felt
as I heard Favonius croon;

when I beheld the white lily
swell to the wind's impulsion,
and that tempestuous element
meekly asleep on the sand;
when I inhale the dear
intoxicating essence
the flowers exude when dawn
is smiling on the land;

sadly, sadly I recall
your visage, precious childhood,
which an affectionate mother
made beautiful and bright;
I recall a simple town,
my comfort, joy and cradle,
beside a balmy lake,
the seat of my delight.

Ah, yes, my awkward foot
explored your sombre woodlands,
and on the banks of your rivers
in frolic I took part.
I prayed in your rustic temple,
a child, with a child's devotion;
and your unsullied breeze
exhilarated my heart.

The Creator I saw in the grandeur
of your age-old forests;
upon your bosom, sorrows
were ever unknown to me;
while at your azure skies
I gazed, neither love nor loneliness
failed me, for in return
lay my fidelity.

Tender childhood, beautiful town,
rich fountain of rejoicing
and of harmonious music
that drove away all pain;
return to this heart of mine,
return my gracious bosom
return as the birds return
when flowers spring again!

But O goodbye! May the spirit
of Good, a loving gift that
keep watch eternally over
your peace, your joy, your sleep!
For you, my fervent prayer,
for you, my constant desire
to know; and I pray to wear
your happiness to keep!

Ika-157 na Kaarawan ni Dr. Jose Rizal

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City of Calamba

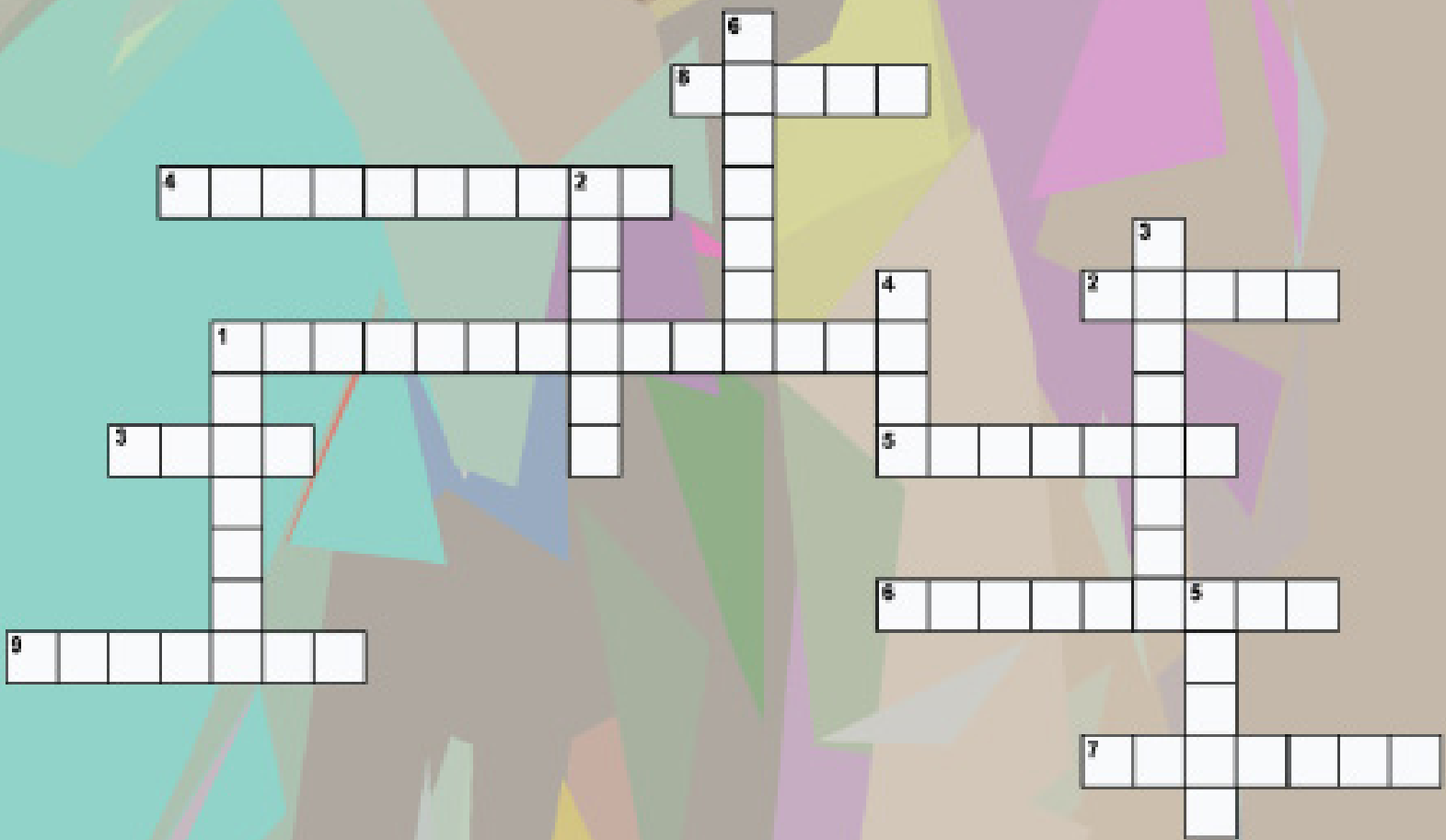


Buhayani Festival

Jose Rizal

Ika - 5 taong
Anibersaryo

PALAISIPAN



PAHALANG

1. Saan kauna-unahang itinayo ang monumento ni Jose Rizal?
2. Buwan ng kapanganakan ni Rizal?
3. Ilang taon siya unang nakapagsulat ng tula?
4. Ano ang kanyang paboritong laruan?
5. Saang bansa unang inilathala ang nobelang Noli Me Tangere?
6. Pangalan ng naging anak ni Rizal kay Josephine Bracken?
7. Mayor ng Calamba na nagtatag ng BUHAYANI Festival?
8. Likha ni Felipe Samaniego na isang iskultor na makikita sa Plaza ng Calamba?
9. Sa kwentong "Ang Gamugamo" ni Rizal anong bagay ang nagbigay ng aral at liwanag?

PABABA

1. Lugar kung saan ipinanganak ni Dr. Jose P. Rizal?
2. Tawag sa Bagumbayan ngayon kung saan binaril si Dr. Jose Rizal?
3. Anong tawag sa pagdiriwang sa bayan ng Calamba na ngayon ay 5 taon na?
4. Ano ang palayaw ni Jose Rizal?
5. Bansa kung saan nagtapos ng medisina si Dr. Jose Rizal?
6. Kapatid na lalaki ni Dr. Jose Rizal.



FATHER OF BUHAYANI FESTIVAL MAYOR JUSTIN MARC "TIMMY" SB. CHIPECO

MESSAGE

When I assumed the mantle of being the Chief Executive of this historic and prosperous city, I was thinking of a way to give honor and reverence to a man whom we as a nation consider to be the epitome of nationalism and patriotism – our kababayan and fellow Calambeno, Dr. Jose Protacio Rizal. When we ask school children on how they know our most famous kababayan, some would say that he was the hero who was put to death by firing squad in Luneta while others will say that he is the face on our one peso coin. But few will correctly answer further questions on who he was, what were his contributions to our beloved nation and what were his advocacies and ideas. As a Calambeno, I felt that our city should take the lead in making Rizal more current, more relevant and more millennial, as it were. With these goals in mind, the City of Calamba gave birth to the Buhayani Festival – Buhay ng Bayani, Buháy na Bayani, a festival celebrating the life and works of our National Hero, Dr. Jose Rizal and at the same time, recognizing the hero in every one of us.

Fast forward to today, we are on the brink of celebrating our 5th Buhayani Festival and have under our belts three national awards recognizing our efforts in making the Buhayani Festival one of the best in the country. For such a young festival compared to festivals we can consider as veterans, these three awards are no small feats and bring more prestige to our already multi-awarded city. In our dedication to continually improve all our undertakings, we strive to inject fresher ideas, bigger prizes, and more innovations in the activities that we include in the Buhayani Festival each year, always with the vision in mind to promote Dr. Jose Rizal's life, teachings and ideals and to fan into flame the spark of nationalism and love of country that is eternally burning in the hearts of every Filipino.

As we look forward to more Buhayani Festivals in the coming years, we are guided by what Rizal himself has written on the purpose of our existence. He writes, "It is a useless life that is not consecrated to a great ideal. It is like a sword wasted on the field without becoming a part of any edifice." Promoting love of country and patriotism through the Buhayani Festival is indeed a greater calling, a higher ideal that is worth pursuing and perfecting.

Mabuhay ang Lungsod ng Calamba! Mabuhay ang Buhayani Festival!


MAYOR JUSTIN MARC "TIMMY" CHIPECO
City Mayor



VICE-MAYOR ROSELLER "ROSS" H. RIZAL

MESSAGE

Isang maka-Diyos at maka-Rizal na pagbali para sa pagdiriwang ng Ika-limang Buhayani Festival at paggunita sa Ika-157 Anibersaryo ng Kapanganakan ng ating Pamoansang Bawani na si Dr. Jose P. Rizal.

Hangad ng inyong lingkod na saluloy na maging exemplo sa bawat isa ang ating pambansang bayani para sa paggawa ng simpleng kabayanihan at makabayang gawi sa makabagong panahon.

Gawin din nating inspirasyon ang kanyang huway at kanyang mga simula upang higit na mapayaman ang ating kultura at kasaysayan. Sa ganitong panahon, lumay tayong magiging haligi ng ating inang bayan.

Sapagkat, ikaw at ako ang mga buhay na bayani.

Tapat Magsillbi,
Dugang Bayan.

KGG. ROSELLER H. RIZAL
Hangal ayon ng Hulong Lungsod



CONGRESSMAN JOAQUIN "JUN" CHIPECO JR.


MESSAGE

Dr. Jose Rizal said, "To foretell the destiny of a nation, it is necessary to open a book that tells of her past." The City of Calamba's Buhayani Festival aims to do just that: influence the destiny of our nation through the promotion of patriotism and love of country as embodied in the life, teachings, works and deeds of its most famous son, Dr. Jose Rizal. This is also one of the reasons why during my term as Mayor of the city in 2011, I have initiated the construction of the tallest monument of Rizal in a 6-hectare property in front of the City Hall now known as the Dr. Jose Rizal Plaza.

Since its launching in 2014, the Buhayani Festival has gained acclaim and recognition from the Association of Tourism Officers of the Philippines' Heart Awards for Tourism as one of the best festivals in the country today. This is proof positive that the City of Calamba is on the right track in rekindling the Filipino people's inherent sense of nationalism through various activities that highlight Rizal's teachings.


As we mark the festival's fifth year, we are reminded of the goal that we have started with in 2014—that of reaching out to more and more of our kababayan both here and abroad and renewing in them the pride in our country and how the City of Calamba through Dr. Jose Rizal has played a pivotal role in achieving the freedom that all Filipinos enjoy today. As we slowly reintroduce Rizal to today's youth, we are again becoming instrumental in helping to build a nation where each and every one contributes his own for the benefit of our beloved country.

Congratulations to the City of Calamba, the city of the National Hero on the 5th Buhayani Festival!


CONGRESSMAN JOAQUIN "JUN" CHIPECO JR.
(2nd DISTRICT - Laguna)




MESSAGES from CITY COUNCILORS




Nakikilisa ang inyong kaibigan, Mr. Serbisyo Publiko sa paggunita ng ika-157th Birth Anniversary ng ating Pambansang Bayani DR. Jose P. Rizal at sa ika-5 taon ng BUHAYANI FESTIVAL

HON. EDGARDO H. CATINDIG



Ang inyo pong lingkod at ang aking buong Pamilya at mga staff ay buong pusong nakikiisa at sumusuporta sa ating Ika Limang Taong pagdiriwang ng BUHAYANI FESTIVAL.


HON. SATURNINO J. LAJARA



Ang akin pong pagbati sa pagdiriwang ng ika-5 taon ng BUHAYANI FESTIVAL sa ating Lungsod ng Calamba bilang paggunita sa ika-157 taong kaarawan ng ating dakilang bayani Gat. Jose Rizal. Marapat pong gunitain ang iba pang mga dakilang bayani na nagbuwis ng buhay para sa ating Inang bayang Pilipinas, lalot higit ang ating mga kababayan na hindi kilala at ang mga buhay na bayani na nagsisilbing inspirasyon n gating mga kababayan lalot higit ng mga kabataan sa panahon ng bagong milenyo.

Kayat sa ika-5 taong pagdiriwang ng BUHAYANI FESTIVAL ay sumasaludo po ako sa mga taong nagbabalangkas nito upang ito ay maging buo at kaganapan na siyang maging simbolo ng pagkakaisa ng tunay na Calambeño! Mabuhay ang lungsod ng Calamba!!!

HON. MOISES E. MORALES



As we enter our 5th year of celebrating our Buhayani Festival, with the theme of "BUHAY NG BAYANI, BUHAY NA BAYANI". I call upon our fellow Calambeños to emulate the heroism that our beloved Gat Jose Rizal has shown in times of great trials.

Every one of us can be called a hero in doing good deeds even in small things that inspire others to do good things too. Being a hero is not born out of necessity but by choice. I would like to ask my fellow Calambeños to enjoin in this celebration and fully support us in making this event a success.

HON. MARIA VIRGINIA A. ALCASID



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Isang pagbati sa ating mga buhay na bayani. Ang tunay na diwa ng Buhayani ay ang pagsasabuhay ng mga prinsipyo at pangarap ng ating mga dakilang ninuno at ni Gat Jose Rizal.

Ang bawat isang gumagawa ng mabuti at tapat sa kapwa at sa bayan ang mga makabagong bayani.

Kaya ikaw, ako at ang bawat Kalambenyong nagtataguyod ng mga ganitong adhikain ay binabati ko!
Ang BUHAYANI.

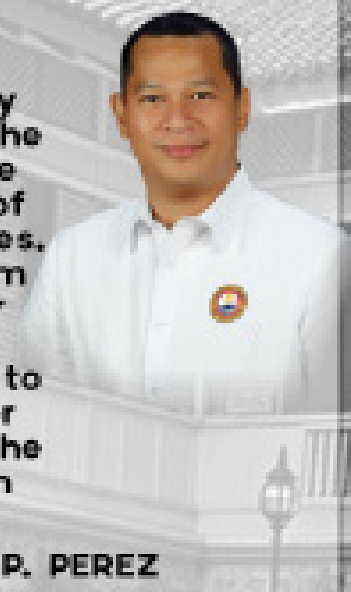
HON. CHARISSE ANNE C. HERNANDEZ



**MaBUHAYANI
CALAMBEÑOS!!!**

A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles. It can be anyone from Dr. Jose Rizal to our classroom teacher, anyone who is willing to help others in his/her best capacity even if he is facing his/her own battle.

HON. PEEWEE P. PEREZ

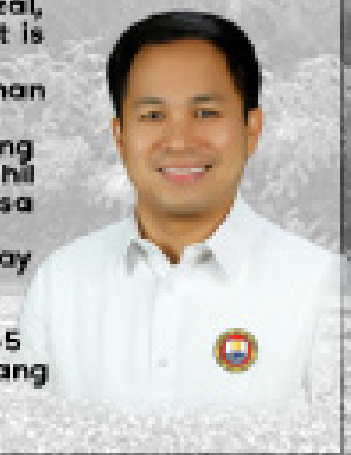


Sang-ayon sa ating Pambansang Bayani at kapwa Calambeño na si Gat Jose Rizal, "Genius has no country. It blossoms everywhere. Genius is like the light, the air. It is the heritage of all." Aniya, walang pinipiling lugar ang pag-usbong ng katalinuhan—tulad ito ng liwanag at hangin. Maituturing din aniya ang katalinuhan na pamana ng lahat para sa ating lipunang ginagalawan.

Bilang bayang sinilangan ni Rizal, maituturing natin tayong mga Calambeño bilang mga lahi ng bayani dahil ang dugong nananalaytay sa ating mga ugat ay marahil dugo na ring nabuhay kay Rizal bilang isang Calambeño. Ipinagmamalaki natin sa buong mundo na dito sa Calamba nagmula ang isang henyo tulad niya na ihinahanay ng iba kina Da Vinci at Galileo. Nararapat lamang na ibigay natin kay Dr. Jose Rizal ang pinakamataas na parangal na tangi lamang sa kanya sa pamamagitan ng Buhayani Festival.

Ang aking taos-pusong pagbati sa Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Calamba sa ika-5 taon ng Buhayani Festival. Patuloy po nawang masalamin sa ating mga buhay ang pagiging makabagong bayani.

HON. ANGELITO S. LAZARO JR.



Taos pusong pagpupugay sa matagumpay na pagdiriwang ng ikalimang taon ng BUHAYANI FESTIVAL.

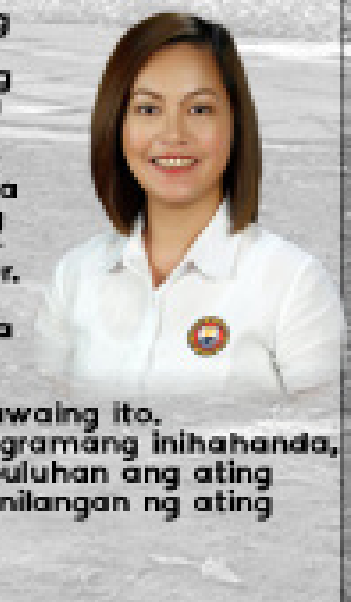
Taan-taan, ang inyong lingkod ay kaisa ng buong sambayanan ng Lungsod ng Calamba sa pagdiriwang ng napakakulay at napakasayang okasyong ito. At sa bawat taon ng pagdiriwang, saksi ako sa mainit na pakikilisa at pakikipagtulungan ng bawat isang Calambeño para sa higit na likatatagumpay ng programang ito. Isang pagpapamalas ng katangian ng pagiging buhay ng diwa ng BAYANIHAN sa ating mga simpleng pamamaraan. Isang patunay na sa ating lungsod, nanatiling buhay na buhay ang katangian ng pagiging isang buhayani - katulad ng ating namumukod tanging pambansang bayani at kababayan na si Dr. Jose Rizal, na siyang pinakatampok sa ating taunang pagdiriwang na ito.

Kaya naman, ang aking pasasalamat sa bawat isa sa inyong mga ambag na pakikilisa. At ang aking maalab na pagsasaludo sa lahat ng mga taong nasa likod ng matagumpay na pagdiriwang, lalo na sa buong pamunuan ng

Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Calamba na siyang punong abala sa gawing ito.


Nawa'y patuloy na maging maalab ang ating pagsuporta at pakikilisa sa programang inihahanda, nang sa gayon, mas lalo pang gumanda, sumaya, at maging mas makabuluhan ang ating pagdiriwang sa mga susunod pang BUHAYANI FESTIVAL dito sa bayang sinilangan ng ating dakilang kababayan.

HON. DYAN DV. ESPIRIDION






MESSAGES from CITY COUNCILORS



Taun-taon ay ipinagdiriwang natin ang "Buhayani Festival" na kung saan kinikilala ang bayan ng Calamba bilang sinilangan ng ating Pambansang Bayani na si Dr. Jose P. Rizal at ng iba pang mga bayani ang mga naging buhay-bayani na nakipaglapan para sa ating minamahal na bayan. Ikinararantal ko na ako'y isang Calambeño!

HON. JUAN C. LAZARO



Ang inyo pong lingkod ay taos pusong bumabati para sa ika-157- taong kaarawan ng ating pambansang bayani, Dr. Jose Rizal at sa ika-5 taong pagdiriwang ng ating Buhayani Festival. Hangad ko ang patuloy na pag-unlad ng ating bayan sa larangan ng turismo at sa pamamagitan ng mga pagdiriwang na ito ay maipaabot natin sa buong bansa ang kagandahan at kaunlaran ng ating siyudad. Muli po, ang aking pagbati.

HON. SANTIAGO O. ATIENZA

Pagbati ng tagumpay sa pagdiriwang ng Buhayani Festival 2018. Sa pagdiriwang ng Paggunita sa ika-57 taong kaarawan ni Gat. Jose Rizal, ating pagnilayan ang kanyang buhay, mga gawa at tanulat.

Maraming Salamat sa iyong mapayapang paraan ng pakikipaglapan para sa bayan. Maligayang Kaarawan!

Mabuhay ang Calamba, Mabuhay ang Calambeño!

HON. EDISON M. NATIVIDAD

"The youth is the Hope of our Motherland" - Dr. Jose P. Rizal Buhayani Festival is our festivity my fellow Youth Citizens of Calamba City as our great national hero - our townmate is pinning our hope in us,

To die for our country in pursuit of freedom is a call to some but to be a responsible citizen is a call for all. Yes, we are eternally thankful of our heroes who laid down their lives for what we are now - a country which is free and democracy is alive but the battle against corruption, poverty and drug addictions and other enslaving vices is a heroism that we young people are now being called in this particular battlefield.

Let us armed ourselves with integrity shield with the armour of discipline that we will abide with the law of the land. We will live the ideals of our forefathers who laid down a ground of change that selfishness and personal pride must all be sacrifice so that common good will be our banner of progress living in a peaceful society. Let every young people of Calamba be counted in this advocacy of change and not be enslaved by drug addictions, prostitutions and immoralities that ruins the social fiber of our land. Heroism flows in our young blood because we commit ourselves to be a responsible Calambeño - a responsible FILIPINO.

BUHAYANI - BUHAY ANG BAYANI SA ATING MGA KABATAAN.

HON. KENNETH P. DELAS LLAGAS



Práximo Rizal



Dr. Jose Rizal



Teodoro Alonzo

Buhayani

Buhay ng Bayani, Buháy na Bayani



Gen. Vicente Lim



Lt. Col.
Gerónimo Aclan

The Buhayani Festival, the official festival of the City of Calamba, was the brainchild of Hon. Mayor Justin Marc SB. Clápeco during his first year as Mayor in 2013. Mayor Timmy wanted the city to have a festival that will best characterize its culture, progress and tourism potential. He wanted to capitalize on the city's historical heritage as the birthplace of Philippine National Hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal. Thus, the Buhayani Festival was born.

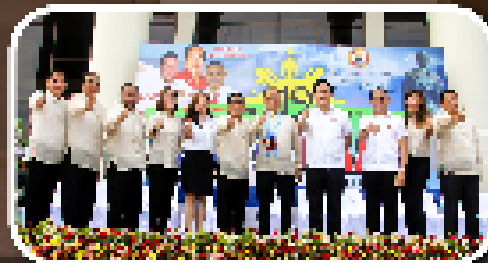
The term "BUHAYANI" was coined by joining two Filipino words, "buhay" meaning life or the state of being alive and lively and "bayani" or hero. The festival's tagline "Buhay ng Bayani, Buháy na Bayani" literally translates to "Life of the Hero" pertaining to the life of our famous kababayan, Dr. Jose Rizal and "Living Hero" which refers to the common man who has the capacity and potential to become everyday heroes in their own small ways.

"We want everyone who revere our kababayan, Dr. Jose Rizal to come to Calamba and join us in honouring him on his birthday and in celebrating the modern Rizal in us. We want to make our National Hero modern and relevant in today's challenging times and we want to celebrate the spirit of heroism that lives in each Filipino, not just in us Calambenios," Mayor Clápeco was quoted saying.

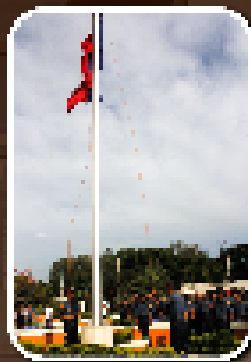
Different activities were lined up for this year's Buhayani Festival— Kuwentong Bayani for selected Grade 3 students, Talinang Rizal Quiz Bee, Buhayani Football Cup, Buhayani Job Fair, Sayawinabak Street Dancing Competition, Baile de Gala, Hawig Rizal (Rizal Look-a-like), Buhayani Eye-Care Mission and a whole lot more. Highlighting this year's celebration is the Morning Program. A special wreath-laying ceremony shall also commence at the Museo ni Rizal sa Calamba after a simultaneous floral offering at five different Rizal monuments around the city.

"Jose Rizal is not just the pride of Calamba, he is the pride of the entire country as he was the Greatest Malay to have lived. His works, teachings and ideals have inspired and will continue to inspire us as we strive to live up to his ideals of nationalism and love of country. In the Buhayani Festival, we celebrate an ideal and an advocacy that through this festival, we can rekindle the fire of patriotism and heroism in the hearts of every Filipino. Come to Calamba – retrace history's footsteps, rediscover the richness and uniqueness of our heritage, fire up our Filipino pride and be inspired to share and spread what you have experienced and be part of the force that will bring about a renewed love of country in every Filipino," Mayor Clápeco challenged.

Araw ng Kalayaan JUNE 12



The Buhayani Puppies, the program started by the Congressman, with the assistance of the Laguna Football Federation, is held every June 12. The celebration at Buhayani Football Club is for the young generation to be competitive in sports and uphold the active and healthy lifestyle.



Arawang Kalayaan or Independence Day signals the official start of the Buhayani Festival. A commemorative program is held at exactly 7AM in the morning with a siren going off to signal the entry of colors. Every year, program attendees and invited guests from non-government organizations, members of the Philippine Veterans Association and the academe witness a production number depicting the evolution of the Philippine flag and listen to speeches extolling the sacrifices made by our ancestors so that we may enjoy the liberty we have today. In appreciation of our freedom and in commitment to its preservation, doves and balloons are released to the heavens by our elected officials.



Football Cup was started in the nation with the Calamba product of IWC Football Cup in Mayor and now Joaquin M. Chipson, Jr. with of the Philippine Azkara and Football Association headed by Jose "Joey" Lina. Held after the Independence Day at the Jose Rizal Plaza, the Festival aims to develop the generation to become a sports and in life while the importance of physical day's predominantly sedentary.

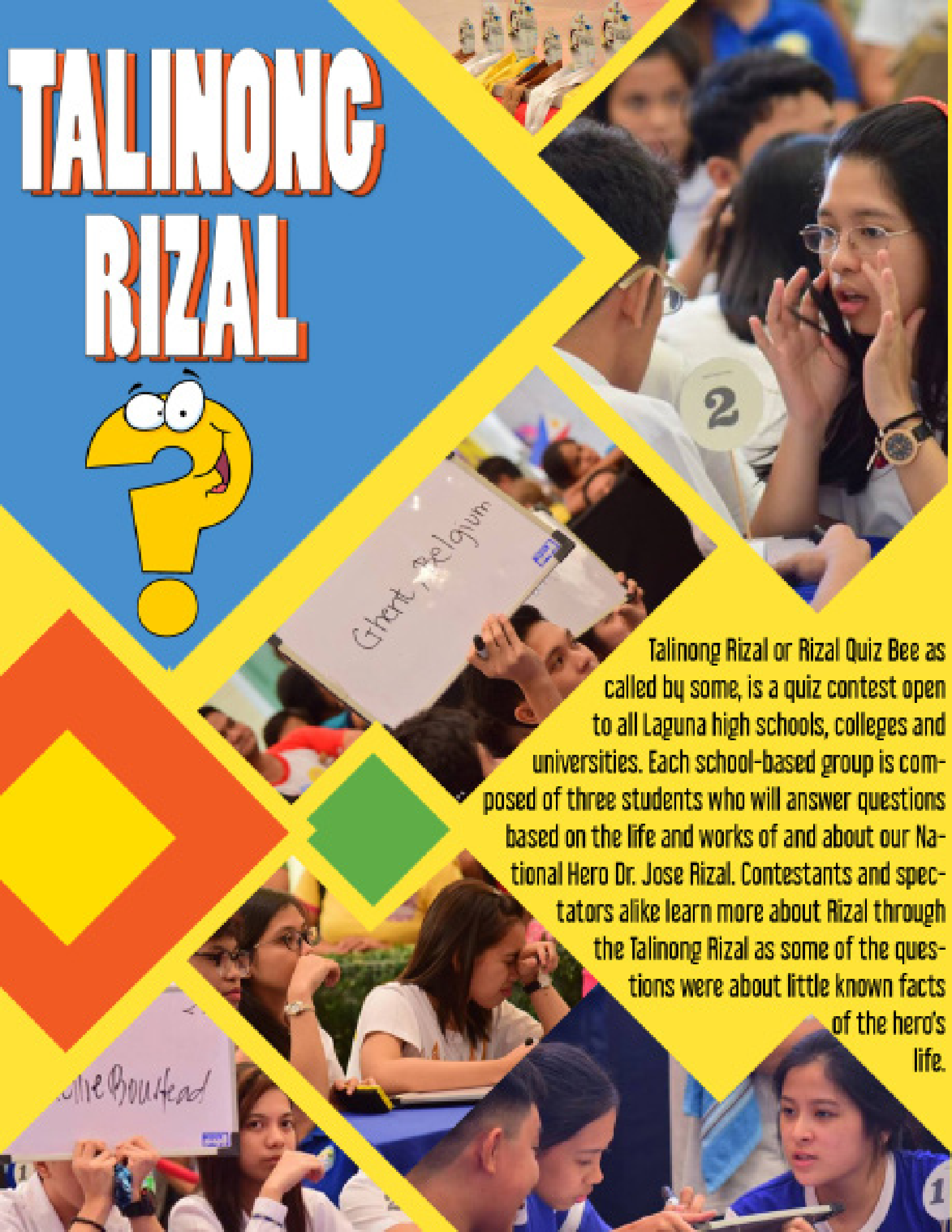
BUHAYANI FOOTBALL CUP JUNE 12



TALINONG RIZAL



Talinong Rizal or Rizal Quiz Bee as called by some, is a quiz contest open to all Laguna high schools, colleges and universities. Each school-based group is composed of three students who will answer questions based on the life and works of and about our National Hero Dr. Jose Rizal. Contestants and spectators alike learn more about Rizal through the Talinong Rizal as some of the questions were about little known facts of the hero's life.



SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

The Buhayani Short Film Festival was conceptualized as an avenue to popularize our National Hero, Dr. Jose Rizal thru multimedia and film. Each shortfilm depicts the life, works, heroism and martyrdom of Rizal and his relevance and effect to the country and the world. 2015 saw the 1st Buhayani Independent Film Festival where veteran actors Leandro Baldemor and Ana Capri took the lead roles in two (2) film entries. All of the film entries are now being used as resource materials and are being shown in schools, universities and colleges as our way of "modernizing" our National Hero and awakening the latent consciousness and patriotism of our youth. The late Director Maryo J. Delos Reyes held the helm of this event.



LARONG PINOUY



One day fun games activity for city employees, LGU's and other civic organizations was held at The Plaza in front of Calamba City Hall. Dubbed as "Larong Pinouy", the program aims to bring back the fun and excitement of traditional Filipino games. Games like patintero, luksong tinik, tamaang bola and etc. brings good memories and friendship among those who have played it.



SARANGGOLAHAN NI PEPE



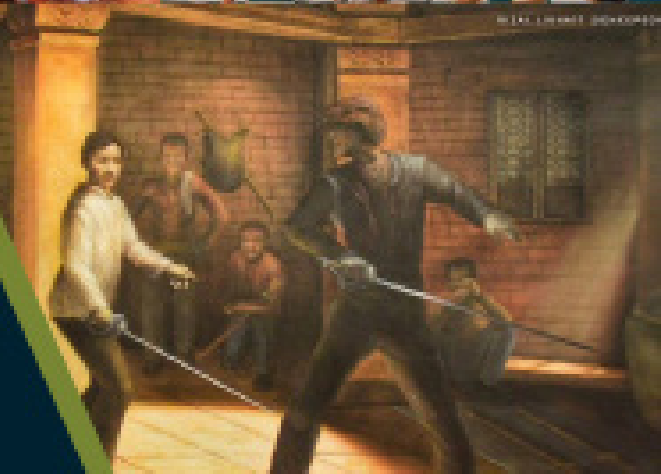
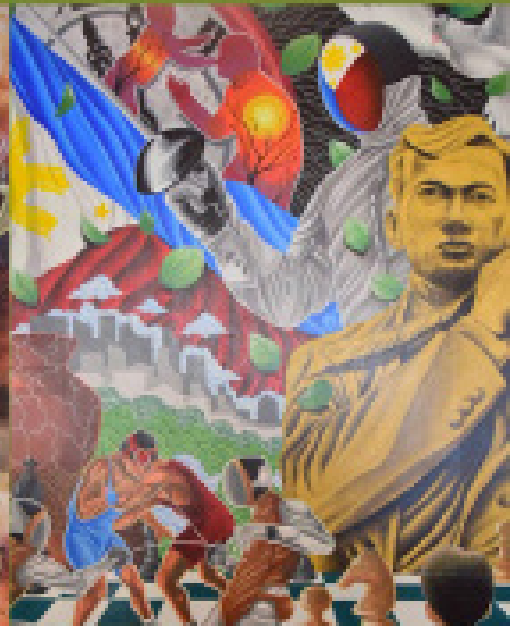
Saranggolahan ni Pepe was first introduced as part of the Buhayani Festival last 2014 and repeated in 2016. This activity was held at the Jose Rizal Plaza and at the Baywalk in Brgy.Lingga with three (3) categories--Flat Kite, Box Kite, and Figure Kite. One of the most colorful events in the Buhayani Festival, the Saranggolahan ni Pepe drew kite flyers from as far as Isabela Province and filled the city's skyline with color and vibrancy.

MARTSA DE RIZAL

The Martsa de Rizal Contest featured ten (10) marching bands from several municipalities in Laguna and Cavite. Held in 2014, each band marched from the City Plaza towards the Jose Rizal Plaza with judging points along the parade route where they performed special drills. At the Jose Rizal Plaza, they performed two (2) competition pieces, with each interpretation unique and captivating to watch as bands vied for the title and prize.

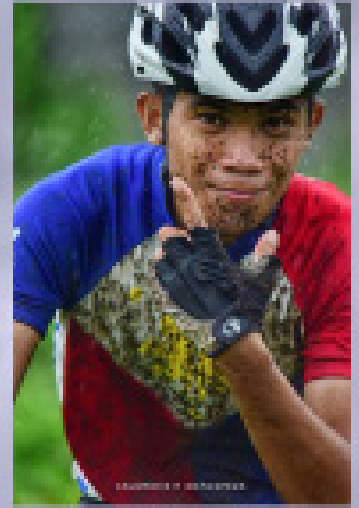
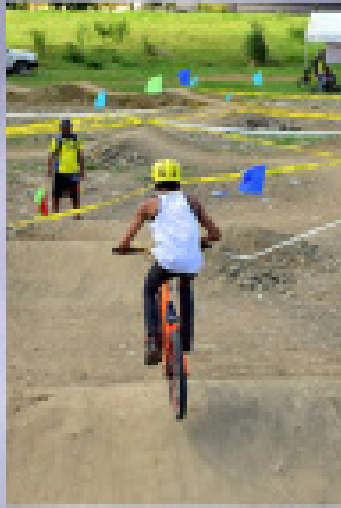


The Buhayani Art Painting Contest opened the doors to artists, amateur and professional from all over Laguna to paint our National Hero, Dr. Jose Rizal in his many personas—whether as a musician, poet, sociologist, doctor, patriot, son or brother. The finished artworks were featured in roving exhibits in malls, schools and other places with lots of crowds for people



To educate the youth whom Rizal called the hope of our nation, the Buhayani Festival organizers started the Kwentong Bayani ng mga Halal na Opisyal with the goal of teaching to our school children the lives of all the five Calambenios we consider as heroes—Dr. Jose Rizal, Teodora Alonzo, Paciano Rizal, Gen. Vicente Lim and Capt. Geronimo Aclan. School children flock to the Museo ni Jose Rizal sa Calamba to watch short films made by fellow Calambenios and listen to our elected officials as they narrate the lives of our heroes. Hailed as one of the most inspiring activities of the festival, the Buwentong Rizal allows elected officials to touch base with our youth and interact with them.

KWENTONG BAYANI



Part of the Buhayani Festival is the Calambike, now Buhayani Bike Fest- a fun ride and bike racing activity that opened its doors to all the cycling communities, bike clubs and bicycle collectors, dealers, sellers and enthusiasts. Pepedals, a group of bikers in Calamba was tapped as NGO partner.



CALAMBIKE





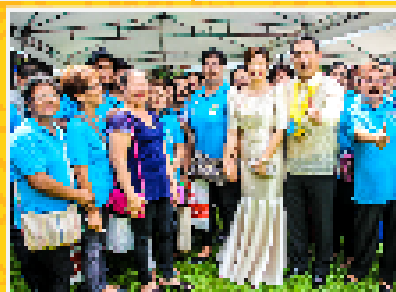
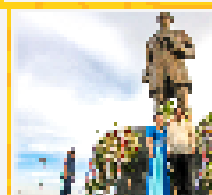
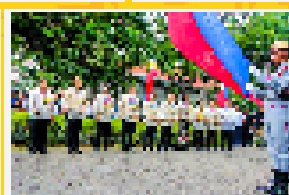
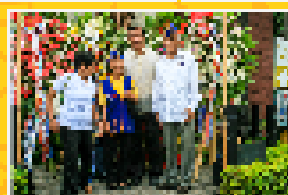
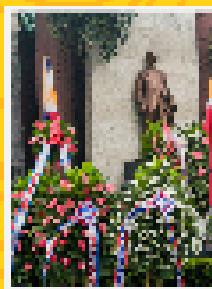
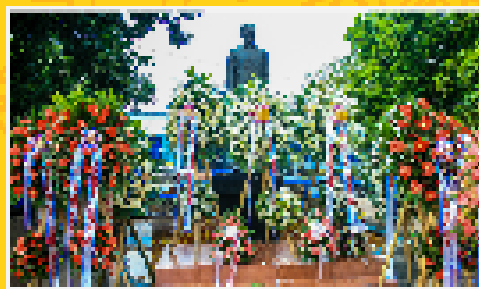
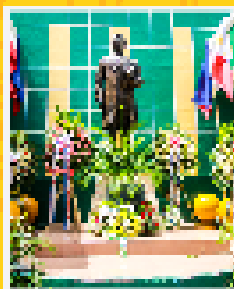
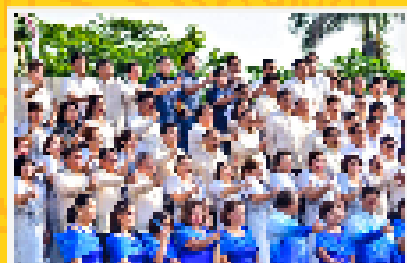
A little known fact about Dr. Jose Rizal was his self-defense training under his elder brother, Paciano, when as a young boy, Rizal was bullied by classmates in Biñan. In celebration of his being a sports enthusiast, Bakbakan sa Calamba, a sponsored boxing event, was held in 2016 and 2017. Amateur boxers were pitted against each other in the opening bouts while a pair of professional bantam weight boxers made up the main event. Boxing fans in the city flocked to the City Plaza to cheer for their bets.



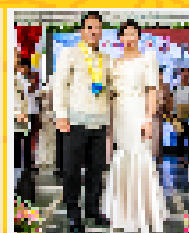
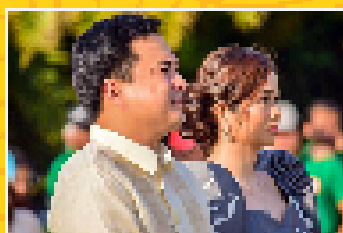
Hawig Rizal

The Hawig Rizal Contest was established in order to promote Dr. Jose Rizal as a native Calambeño who became the Philippine's foremost hero. Each participant were encouraged to dress-up like our National Hero, an outward manifestation of how Calambeños emulate him. The contest drew so much hype that it was even featured in an episode of "Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho". Hawig Rizal has three (3) categories--Batang Rizal aged 7 to 12 years old; Kabataang Rizal aged 13 to 25 years old; and Mamang Rizal aged 26 years old and above.

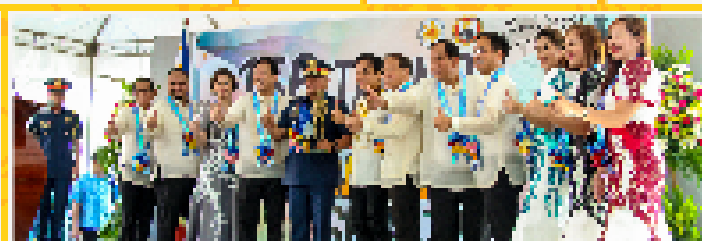
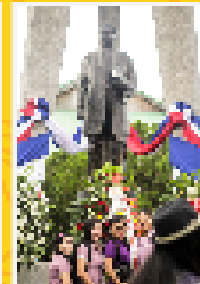
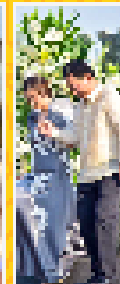
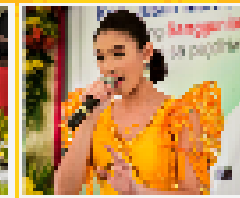
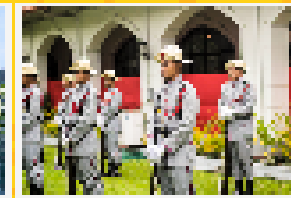
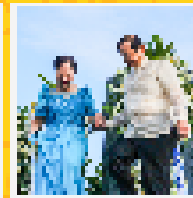
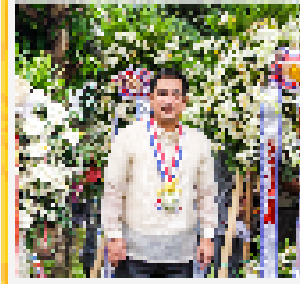
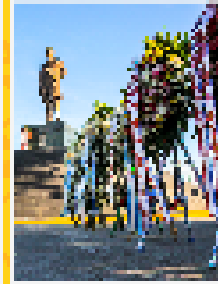
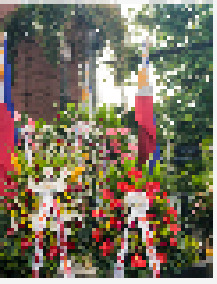




As far back as we can remember, June 19, our National Hero's birthday, is equated with a traditional wreath laying ceremony done at various statues of Dr. Jose Rizal within the city. In 2011, an extravagant wreath laying ceremony was done for the first time at the foot of the tallest Rizal monument in the country, at the area now known as the Jose Rizal Plaza. Different organizations, schools, private companies, and government entities all take part in this solemn ceremony honoring Calamba's most famous son.



*Wreath Laying
Morning
June*



To celebrate Riza's birthday, a morning program is held yearly at the grounds of the Museo ni Jose Rizal sa Calamba. A special wreath laying ceremony opens the program followed by speeches from the city's elected officials. Special Guests of Honor expound on the many attributes of Riza and extol his many virtues in their speeches.

Laying Program

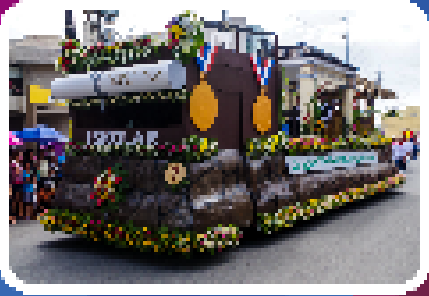
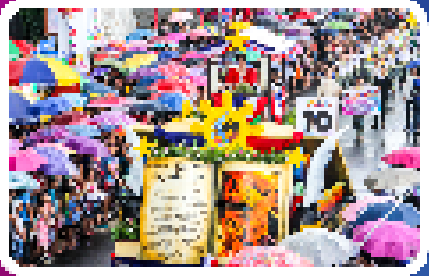
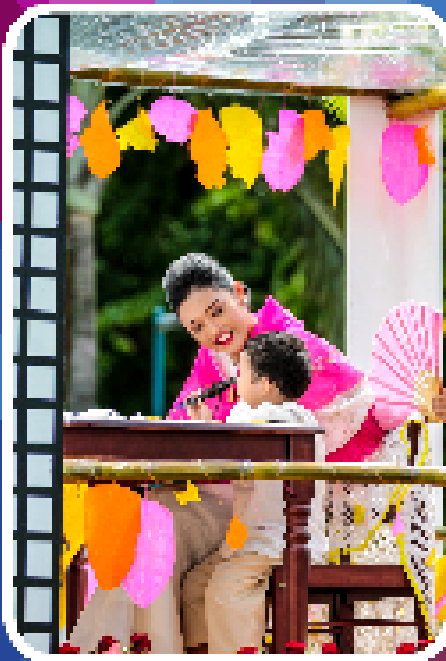
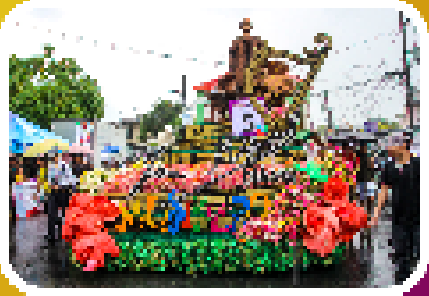
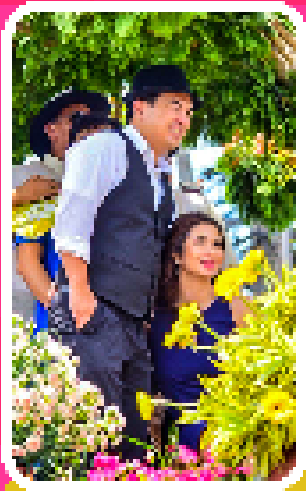
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Buhayani Festival

SYMBOLIC FLOAT COMPETITION JUNE 19

A parade will not be complete without land floats. Each year, Calambeños old and young alike eagerly wait along the Buhayani Parade route to see for themselves which symbolic float is the most colorful, awe-inspiring and striking. As the years go on, innovations such as mechanized displays, fountains and moving parts are being added, making spectators look forward to what the float designers and participants would wow them with in the coming years. The floats have thematic designs centering on the life, work and ideals of our National Hero which are cleverly and colorfully conveyed to the spectators.

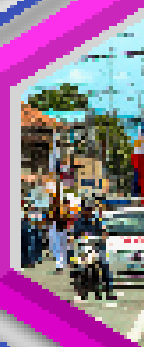
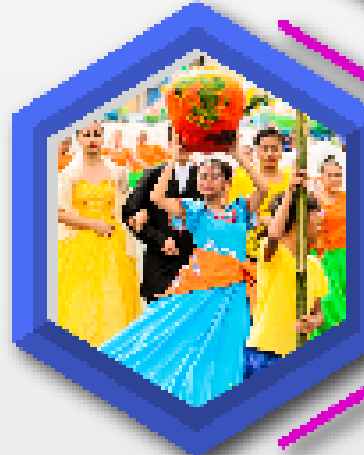




Buhayani

Festival GRAND PARADE JUNE 19

As is tradition, the highlight of the City of Calamba's celebration of Dr. Jose Rizal's birthday is a Grand Parade that features colorful floats depicting significant episodes in the hero's life, vibrantly costumed street dancers, magnificent marching bands and Rizal-costumed parade participants from the government, non-government organizations, private companies and the academe. Thousands upon thousands line up along the streets of the parade route, enduring the heat of the sun to watch the parade and to cheer for their favorite float or street dance group. This much-anticipated parade is an event that draws local and foreign tourists to Calamba and causes kababayans abroad to flock home.









SAYAW INDAK STREET DANCING COMPETITION JUNE 19

Making the Buhayani Grand Parade more lively and vibrant are groups competing in the Sayaw Indak Street Dancing Competition. Groups of energetic and carefully-styled dancers entertain the parade spectators as they dance to the tune of the Buhayan Festival theme song. Each group should depict the life and values of Calamian's heroes in their choreography, costumes and props. Despite the heat and the humidity, the city's gifted dancers are a-homes as they encourage spectators to dance with them.

Gawad Buhayani

To embody the essence of the Buhayani Festival: Buhay ng Bayani, Buhay na Bayani, the City of Calamba institutionalized the Gawad Buhayani. The award celebrates the modern-day heroes who have, in their chosen fields of expertise or in the performance of their everyday profession, have exhibited exemplary service and notable achievements worth emulating. Calambenios who have brought honor to our city in different fields and likewise, everyday heroes who have performed extraordinary feats and have led lives which can be a source of inspiration to others were recognized in a special ceremony and given a statuette of Dr. Jose Rizal and a cash token.

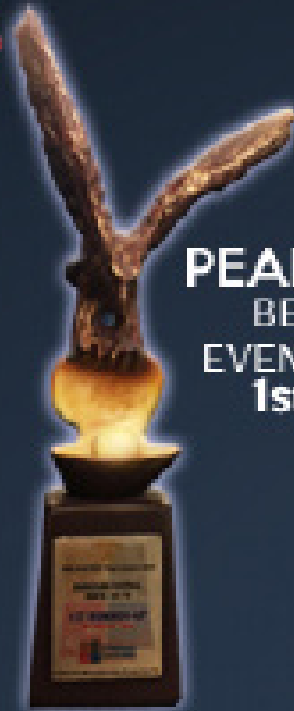


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PEARL AWARDS -
BEST TOURISM
EVENT - FESTIVAL
1st runner up
2015



PEARL AWARDS -
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EVENT -
FESTIVAL
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