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FILIPINO STUDENTS IN BERLIN PAY TRIBUTE TO PH NATIONAL HERO DR. JOSE RIZAL



Jägerstr. 71 commemorative marker with bust of National Hero Jose Rizal with floral offerings

19 June 2022 – The Philippine Embassy in Berlin, representatives of the Knights of Rizal, Ladies for Rizal, and Filipino student scholars in Berlin paid tribute to the life and works of our Dr. Jose Rizal on to celebrate the 161st anniversary of his birth.

The occasion was marked by a simple ceremony with live-plant offering and poetry reading in front of Dr. Rizal’s former apartment at Jägerstrasse 71. It was in Berlin that his *Noli Me Tangere* was first published.

Germany had a special place in the heart of Dr. Rizal. He once referred to it as his “scientific mother country,” where he immersed in various intellectual pursuits and maintained close friendships with German scientists.



(Photo L-R) Filipino scholars in Berlin Alyssa Santiago and Racquel Helena Abagat, and Daryl Lazo read "Sa Kabataan Filipino" by Jose Rizal; Chargé d'affaires Lilibeth V. Pono delivers closing remarks.

Filipino student scholars Racquel Helena Abagat and Alyssa Santiago, along with Daryl Anthony Lazo recited “*Sa Kabataang Filipino*”, the Filipino translation of “*A La Juventud Filipina*,” a poem written by Rizal when he was eighteen (18) years old, and when he first explicitly expressed his nationalistic fervor.

CDA Pono praised the young students for living up to the challenge of being the “Hope” of the nation through their academic endeavors. She also encouraged everyone to continue being living examples of true patriotism wherever they are. . END



The personnel of the Philippine Embassy in Berlin and its attached agencies, Berlin-based scholars, and members of the Knights of Rizal and Ladies for Rizal.