

# **AVENIDA: A street named Rizal**

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**FIRST RIZAL MONUMENT IN MANILA (1910)  
San Lazaro Park, Sta. Cruz**

So the story goes, Jose Rizal's sisters once discovered a young Jose molding a ball of clay into a Napoleon bust. Upon noticing how the sculpture resembled their younger brother, the Mercado sisters mocked Rizal, "He thinks he is Napoleon!" To this, Rizal is said to have retorted, "When I die, see if they do not erect monuments in my honor!"