



STA. CRUZ DISTRICT OLD MAP

Avenida Rizal was originally called *Calle Dulumbayan* or “*dulo ng bayan*” since the Spanish considered the undeveloped stretch with swampy estuaries “the end of civilized territory”. Once the country’s “main street” and a top social destination for the masses before the launch of the Light Rail Transit, Avenida Rizal was created by a Manila city ordinance in 1911. Initially formed from two streets-- Calle Dulumbayan and Calle Salcedo-- within the Sta. Cruz district, Avenida was extended until it reached the Tondo district up to the Bonifacio Monument Circle in Grace Park, Caloocan; it now runs a total distance of about 6.5 kilometers.