



Tranvia began traversing Manila in late 1883 under *Compañía de los Tranvias de Filipinas*. When Jose Rizal finally came home to Manila in 1892 from Hong Kong, he was likely to have taken the horse-drawn tram between Tondo and Binondo on many occasions for his important engagements. While booked in Hotel Oriente in Binondo, he attended a meeting at Calle Ylaya in Tondo to discuss the formation of *La Liga Filipina*. He also had meetings with Gov. Gen Despujol in Malacañang only to be accused of “anti-friar” crime that led to his brief imprisonment in Intramuros and eventual exile to Dapitan. In 1905, the American-owned Manila Electric Rail and Light Company acquired and expanded the old *tranvia* lines, but ceased operating after WWII.