



Manila Central University (MCU) was established in 1904 as *Escuela de Farmacia del Liceo de Manila*, founded by Dr. Alejandro Albert, whose brother, Dr. Jose Albert, was Rizal's friend. The MCU's second director was Dr. Leon Ma. Guerrero, a Filipino botanist and revolutionary. His son, Leon Ma. Guerrero III, translated Rizal's *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo* into English, and wrote a biography of Rizal, titled "The First Filipino", a winning piece during the national biography contest in time for Jose Rizal Birth Centenary in 1961. MCU is the first school of pharmacy run by Filipinos. Rizal himself dreamed of establishing a college in Hong Kong before he got arrested.