



Manila Railroad Company had its beginnings as *Ferrocarril de Manila a Dagupan* established in the 1880s. Most possibly among its first commuters upon its launch was Jose Rizal, who travelled to Central Luzon to recruit potential *La Liga Filipina* members. Rizal also commuted via the train to visit Leonor Rivera, who lived in Dagupan.

Aside from its efficient transport system, the Manila Railway played a crucial role in Philippine history. It was the primary escape route for Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo and his cabinet towards north of Luzon from the advancing American forces. The same railway also transported WWII prisoners during the infamous “Bataan Death March” from San Fernando, Pampanga to Capas, Tarlac in 1942.