

1. Why do you think there are official and unofficial lists of Philippine national symbols?

- The reason why there are official and unofficial lists of national symbols is because not all symbols are through a formal declaration process by the government. Many of them have been informally adopted by people over time due to their cultural significance. The unofficial symbols reflect the cultural values and identity that the people strongly associate with but lacks formal recognition

2. Why do you think there is no formal proclamation for Jose Rizal to be recognized as our national hero?

- It is because Jose Rizal's status emerged from public sentiment, his contribution to Filipino nationalism, and the inspiration he provided for our independence. It could also be said that there is no single law or proclamation that officially declared him as the national hero.

3. Explain the criteria set by the National Heroes Committee:

a. Heroes are those who have a concept of nation and thereafter aspire and struggle for the nation's freedom.

- This means heroes have a clear sense of national identity and work toward liberating their country from oppression. Their actions are driven by dedication and a vision for their country's independence and well-being.

b. Heroes are those who define and contribute to a system or life of freedom and order for a nation.

- It means that heroes help build a society where freedom and stability prevail. They contribute to establishing a system that supports democratic values, justice, and peace.

c. Heroes are those who contribute to the quality of life and destiny of a nation.

- Heroes impact their country's future by improving the lives of its people. Their actions shape the nation's progress, culture, and identity positively.

4. From the following lived values of Dr. Jose Rizal, choose two that you think are the most significant values that describe his heroism and explain.

- **Patriotism** - Rizal showed deep love for his country, as evidenced by his writings and activism that exposed societal injustices and inspired others to seek reform. His commitment to Rizal was evident in his novels *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*, which highlighted the abuses of colonial authorities and stirred a sense of national consciousness among Filipinos.

5. What do you think did Prof. Xiao Chua meant when he mentioned that Filipinos had one misfortune and one identity of their own?

- Prof. Xiao Chua likely meant that Filipinos share common struggles or adversities, such as colonial oppression and poverty, which have influenced their identity. Despite diverse backgrounds, these shared challenges have shaped a unique, resilient Filipino identity.