

### **Philippine Sculpture**

1. Where is the Wood Carving Capital of the Philippines?

Paete, Laguna is known as the wood carving capital of the Philippines

2. Briefly discuss how did they become the wood carving capital of the Philippines.

Although Paete is small in comparison to its neighboring towns, the town became well-known for its woodcraft, artisans, highly skilled craftsmen, and rich culture. With the religious influences of the Spaniards, it's no surprise that most of the products in Paete have religious themes. Paeteos' exquisite talents spread overseas, and their works were reportedly displayed and used in countries such as the Vatican and the United States. It is also a given that the town's hero is a woodcarver named Mariano Madrian, rather than a soldier or a statesman. Mariano Madrian, the master artisan, whose finest obra maestra, the life-like Mater Dolorosa, was honored with the prestigious award in Amsterdam in 1882 by the King of Spain.