

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

-Paete is known as the wood carving capital of the Philippines and its industry is gradually returning to its feet amid the pandemic, while the local government continues to aid them

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

-The town was proclaimed "the Carving Capital of the Philippines" on March 15, 2005 by Philippine President Arroyo. It is also believed that the modern yo-yo, which originated in the Philippines, was invented in Paete.

Many descendants of these artisans have found a niche in the culinary world. Ice sculptures and fruit and vegetable carvings done by Paeteños abound on buffet tables of cruise ships and world-class hotels and restaurants. Today the town thrives mainly on the sale and export of woodcarvings and taka (papier maché), tourism, poultry industry, farming and fishing.