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## Secretary Gazmin leads commemoration of National Flag Day, 116<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Alapan



The 20 x 40-foot Philippine flag is unfurled at the National Heritage Park in Imus City, Cavite, during the ceremony which commemorated the start of the National Flag Days and the 116<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Alapan. Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin led the unveiling ceremony for the marker on May 28, 2014.



Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin pays tribute at the marker of the Battle of Alapan during its 116<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration on May 28, 2014, at the National Heritage Park in Imus City, Cavite. The Philippine flag was first unfurled after the Philippine Revolutionary Army led by General Emilio Aguinaldo defeated the Spanish forces in the historic battle in 1898 that paved the way for the birth of the First Republic of the Philippines.



Represented by Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin, President Benigno S. Aquino III in his speech hailed the Battle of Alapan in 1898, when the Filipino revolutionaries first unfurled the Philippine flag, as a “beacon of hope and freedom” and a “triumph of a united people against tyranny and oppression.” The 116<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Alapan and the National Flag Day Celebration was held on May 28, 2014, at the National Heritage Park in Imus City, Cavite.

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