

## PEDICAB

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Broom!! Broom! With just a single twist on the right handle they run like a shooting star ascending towards the blank space.

Since the dawn of age, they have nourished our perfect culture, words that may sound like a poet's verse, but they normally speak. Land abundant in richness - gold, silver, bronze, food, and culture they progress unlike any other.

The dark age has ruled along, colonized by an unknown civilization, time to time, from Spaniards to Americans to Japanese, fought in the World Wars but lived, caught in many plagues yet stands, drowned, burnt, dried, froze yet the flag, like its people, sway through the wind.

June 12, 1898, the Philippine flag first soared the independent skies. As it broke through the heavens led by Emilio Aguinaldo, the Filipinos sang the song of freedom in Kawit Cavite.

On March 6, 1965, Presidential Proclamation No. 374 was issued that declared the National Flag Day jumping few years later. On May 23, 1994, President Fidel V. Ramos declared that the National Flag Day shall extend from May 28 until June 12 to commemorate the first time the flag was hoisted.

"Dreams are like wood on a campfire." The more dreams you have, the more your soul burns and the more you shine!

Finally! Reaching their destination, their destiny the Filipinos fought, they broke free! They were strong as a country and powerful as a human being. Even under grief and damming circumstances they expressed their feelings not through complete violence but through Art - their burning passion and love they emitted.

The fabricated medal of victory, the artifact of war, the remnant of pain and suffering, to honor the patriotism and pride of fallen Filipino soldiers - ultimately heroes. The citizens pay tribute and respect to the national flag. They hold the symbol close to their hearts and echo the legacy of the Philippines

Painted the sorrow, wrote the sufferings, and played the hope, they flung out the flag and made the people of the Philippines to have faith.

Trinity and equality, the symbol of the white triangle, blue for peace, red for valor. The eight rays of the sun for the first 8 colonies under the martial law and the three stars for the 3 main divisions, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. It was first stitched at 535 Morrison Hill Road in Hongkong, sewed by 3 women, Marcela Agoncillo, Lorenza Agoncillo and Delfina Herbosa de Natividad.

Sure, the powerful dark forces that are under control that time did not realize it, but the entire world did. They may have died but what they did cannot be forgotten. It will forever engrave in the hearts of men, in our hearts.

"We are here" said the driver as he stopped telling me the story. The road was long, he was drenched in sweat, nevertheless...

"Welcome to Manila, to the heart of The Philippines!" he added

The flag is like a Pedicab with its driver. The three stars are the wheels, and the burning bright sun is the driver's heart. The red and blue are the road that can lead to happiness or sadness...

I paid him and sent him off with a smile, with my hand on my chest, I gave my sights at the Flag - Land of the Morning....

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