



SAN JUAN COMMEMORATES 129TH ARAW NG PINAGLABANAN WITH CIVIC PARADE SHOWCASING CITY FLEET

The City Government of San Juan, in partnership with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), commemorated the 129th Araw ng Pinaglabanan on Saturday, August 30, 2025 at the historic Pinaglabanan Shrine. Leading the commemoration was San Juan City Mayor Francis Zamora, who also served as Guest of Honor.

The Battle of Pinaglabanan, fought on August 30, 1896, marked the outbreak of the Philippine Revolution against Spanish colonial rule. Led by Andrés Bonifacio and the Katipunan, hundreds of Filipino revolutionaries attacked the Spanish forces at El Polvorín (the gunpowder depot) and El Deposito (the water reservoir) in San Juan del Monte. Though the revolutionaries did not succeed militarily, the battle ignited a nationwide uprising that ultimately led to Philippine independence.

“Araw ng Pinaglabanan is the soul of San Juan’s identity—this is where courage sparked a movement that changed our nation’s course,” Mayor Zamora said. “Each year we return to the Shrine to honor our forebears and reaffirm our duty to serve with the same bravery and integrity.”

Today, the Pinaglabanan Shrine stands as a symbol of courage and sacrifice, honoring the heroes who risked their lives for the nation’s freedom. Every year, San Juan and the NHCP lead the commemoration to keep alive the memory of this defining moment in Philippine history.

The solemn rites began with a flag-raising ceremony, followed by the lighting of the eternal flame, and a wreath-laying and volley fire which was led by the Philippine National Police–San Juan. A short program then highlighted the city’s remembrance of the historic battle.

Following the program, a civic parade took place along Pinaglabanan Street, featuring the city’s civilian transportation assets. Vehicles acquired since 2019, when Mayor Zamora assumed office, were showcased alongside the 83 brand-new vehicles acquired this year under the 2025 re-fleeting program. The new fleet includes security and disaster response vehicles, significantly boosting the city’s operational capacity, emergency preparedness, and the delivery of services by both the local government and the barangays.

“Today’s civic parade showcases the city’s expanding fleet—83 new vehicles added this year alone—strengthening public safety, disaster response, and everyday services,” Zamora added. “These investments are part of the Makabagong San Juan Legacy, ensuring that progress our people can feel—sa kalsada, sa barangay, at sa bawat tahanan—continues to move our city forward.”



The commemoration highlighted both the city's reverence for its revolutionary past and its commitment to building a stronger and more modern San Juan for future generations.