



## Chapter I

### Introduction

#### 1.1. Brief Historical Background

The Municipality of Pilar is one of the oldest towns of Bataan, previously belonged to the province of Pampanga.

Pilar has a history all of its own tainted with legends, traditions glory and death. As her history goes, so goes the lives of her people which had changed with the passage of times as they are still changing today. These changes came creeping with the centuries like a thief in the night, no one knew he was gone, that old folks cannot recall the exact date when Pilar came into existence.

In the Beginning just like anything else, there was no Pilar at all. What is more amazing is the fact that the present site of Pilar was merely a barrio within the jurisdiction of Balanga. There were very few inhabitants. One day a Spanish Galleon was tossed to its shoes by two violent storms which brewed while the galleon was still in the midst of the sea. The Spaniards in the galleon landed and were greeted by the inhabitants. The visitors asked the name of the place and they replied that it has no name. The Spaniards suggested that the place be name in the honor of the image they had with them which was that of the “Lady of Pillar” the people consented. Since that time, the town had been called “Pilar” and its inhabitants multiplies rapidly and progressed politically, industrially and economically.

The first recorded public officials, then appointed were Captain Francisco Paguio and Teniente Sotero dela Rosa. Since then Pilar has produced great man. Foremost among them was Don Pablo R. Roman, considered the Father of Bataan.

With the March of time, the one unknown town has risen to unparalleled popularity here





and abroad, this town noted for its swaying coconut palms, prides in its Mt. Samat and the Flaming Sword. This historic place can be reached by cars for two hours ride from Metro Manila. It is visited annually by war veterans here and abroad on Bataan Day, April 09, this is a site to remember.