

curating in-depth

*Curatorial practices in Slovenia, Croatia and the Philippines*

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## overview

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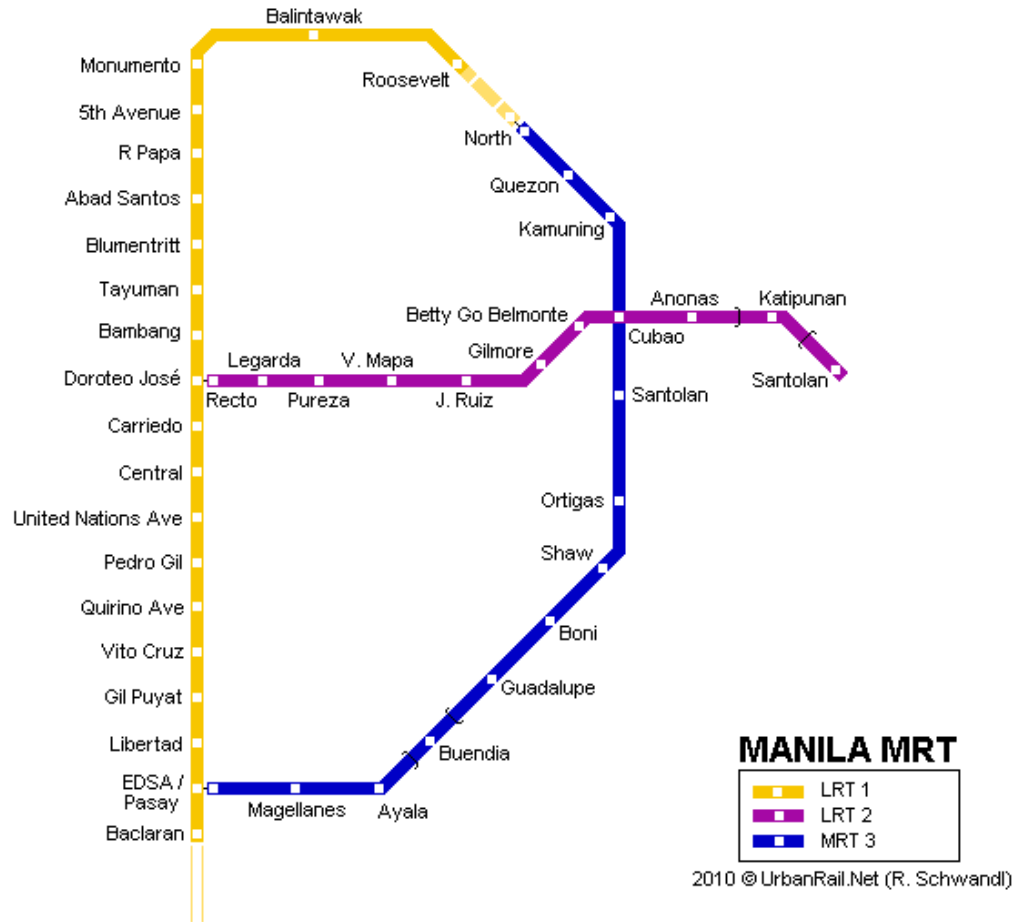


Metro Manila is the capital of the Philippines. As its center of governance, education, religion and finance, this region is considered as the country's most populous. Distributed into 17 cities, each has its own unique personality, heritage and culture.

This booklet shall be a brief introduction for your stay. Gathered below is a list of places that provide varied views of the art being produced and kept in the city. Few reminders about transport, weather and other important information have been compiled for your use.

We hope you enjoy your visit!

## overview: *Transportation*



### **TRAINS**

The LRT-1 runs from Monumento in the north to Baclaran in the south, interchanging with the MRT at the corner of EDSA and Taft Ave near Pasay Rotunda. The LRT-2 runs from Recto in the west to Santolan in the east, interchanging with the MRT in Cubao.

The MRT (Metro Rail Transit) travels a south–north route along EDSA. It is handy for getting to and from the Ayala Centre in Makati and to Quezon City.

Electronic farecards are usually good for one trip only. Fares (P12 to P15) are dependent on distance. Some stations sell 'stored-value cards' worth up to P150, which are good for three months. Its operation starts at around 5AM to around 10PM, depending on the station. It is open on both weekends and weekdays.

### **BUS**

This is a cheaper alternative to taxis. Buses go through the major roads in the metro; some even proceeding to nearby provinces. Fares vary based on distance travelled and the type of bus chosen (air-conditioned or non-airconditioned).

### **FX/ JEEPNEYS/ TRICYCLES**

These are the cheapest way to go around the city. Their designated routes are usually side streets. Best to ask around or research prior to your trip to avoid getting lost.

FX (UV Express) are air-conditioned. Fares usually range from P20- P40. Jeepneys are open aired, with fares that range from P8.50 to P15 per trip.

Tricycles are improvised motorcycle vehicles with a side-cart good for two to four passengers. Its price are dependent on the distance and if you are riding alone or if sharing the vehicle with others.

### **TAXI**

The starting rate for ordinary taxis is P40. For airport taxis (colored yellow), the starting rate is P70. An increase of P3.50 happens every 300meters.

Cellphone apps like Grabtaxi and Easytaxi are the safest way to get taxis. It allows you to be picked up from your location and be brought directly to your destination. The app provides you a copy the name of your driver and the taxi he is driving. Your fare is still based on the meter, with an additional P70 fee for the pick up.

Uber and Grabcar, on the other hand, makes use of actual cars rather than taxis. They provide a set price for your trip. Tips are optional. Uber requires you to pay via credit card. However, there are not a lot of these around the city, so it might take longer to book one.

Some trusted taxi companies are 24/7, Dollar, MGE, Basic, Sturdy, R&E and Avis. It would be best to hail these than just any random taxi cab as these are sanctioned and monitored by registered companies

### **CAR SERVICES**

Although more expensive, this is most convenient if going to several places in a day. Rates usually range from 1500 to 6000 per day (8- 10hrs) depending on car type and number of hours. One may opt to drive it or ask for a chauffeur.

<http://www.avis.com.ph/>

<http://www.viajerorentacar.ph/>

<http://www.manilarentacar.org/>

<http://www.hertzphilippines.com/>

## **WEATHER**

Manila's weather has been sunny and rainy. July to August is often characterized by showers and few thunderstorms, usually paired with high humidity. To be safe, always bring an umbrella and remember to dress accordingly. Best to wear light clothing for all the weather changes.

## **HEALTH**

- Pollution: Always bring a handkerchief and hand sanitizers/ alcohol, to avoid getting infected especially during flu season.
- Mosquitoes: Mosquitoes are widespread in the city. Bring around an anti-mosquito spray to avoid problems.
- Toilets: If worried about the hygiene of public toilets, best to use shopping malls or hotels to relieve oneself.

## **SAFETY**

- Traffic: Plan your trip ahead. Rush hour is usually 7AM to 9AM, when people go to work, and 6PM to 8PM, when people are on their way home.
- Crimes: Robbery and scamming are rampant. Always be wary of your surroundings and take care of your belongings, no matter where you are. Don't be too friendly and ignore beggars. Research places beforehand to avoid scamming, particularly for money changers. Avoid enclosed spaces with a lot of people, as well as deserted and rough districts as these are the usual places for pickpocketing. One should remain cautious during the daytime and nighttime.
- Taxi cabs: Always lock your doors and close windows when in vehicles. Take note of the taxi's plate number. Do not travel alone, as much as possible.

## **TIPPING**

- Most sit-down restaurants already integrate the service charge in their bill. If it is not included, it is only customary to leave 10% of the total bill as tip.
- For casual and fast-food restaurants, you may leave whatever amount in tip jars next to cashiers/ counters. Although generally, it is unnecessary.
- For service staff, taxi drivers, security guards, tips are usually P20- P50. For security guards or parking attendants, P5- P10 is usually the practice.

## Solomon Guest House

*1025 C. Ayala Corner Arellano Street, Malate, Manila*

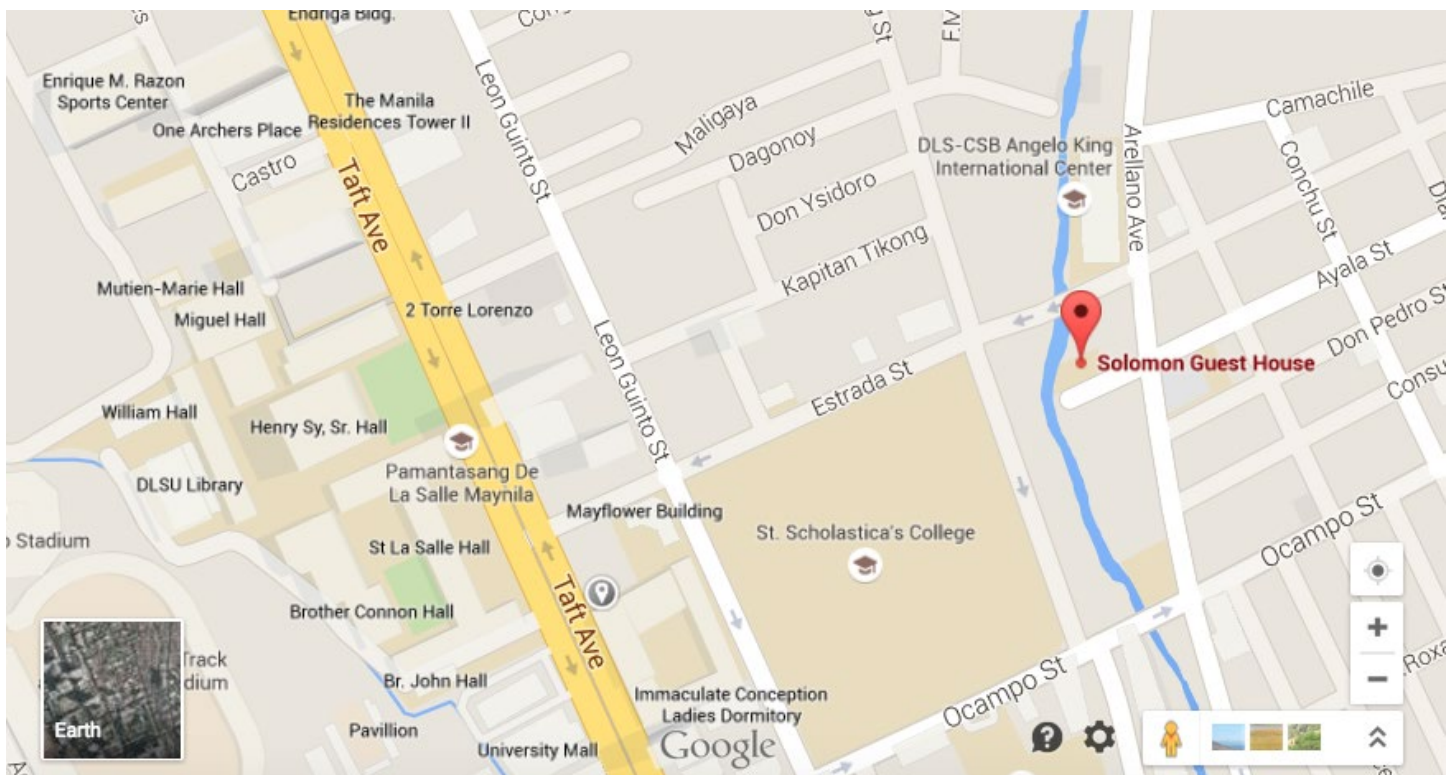
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## location: *Vicinity*

The Solomon Guest House is a practicum venue for the Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts students of De La Salle- College of St. Benilde. It is situated facing the back of the St. Scholastica's College and next to the DLS- CSB Angelo King International Center.

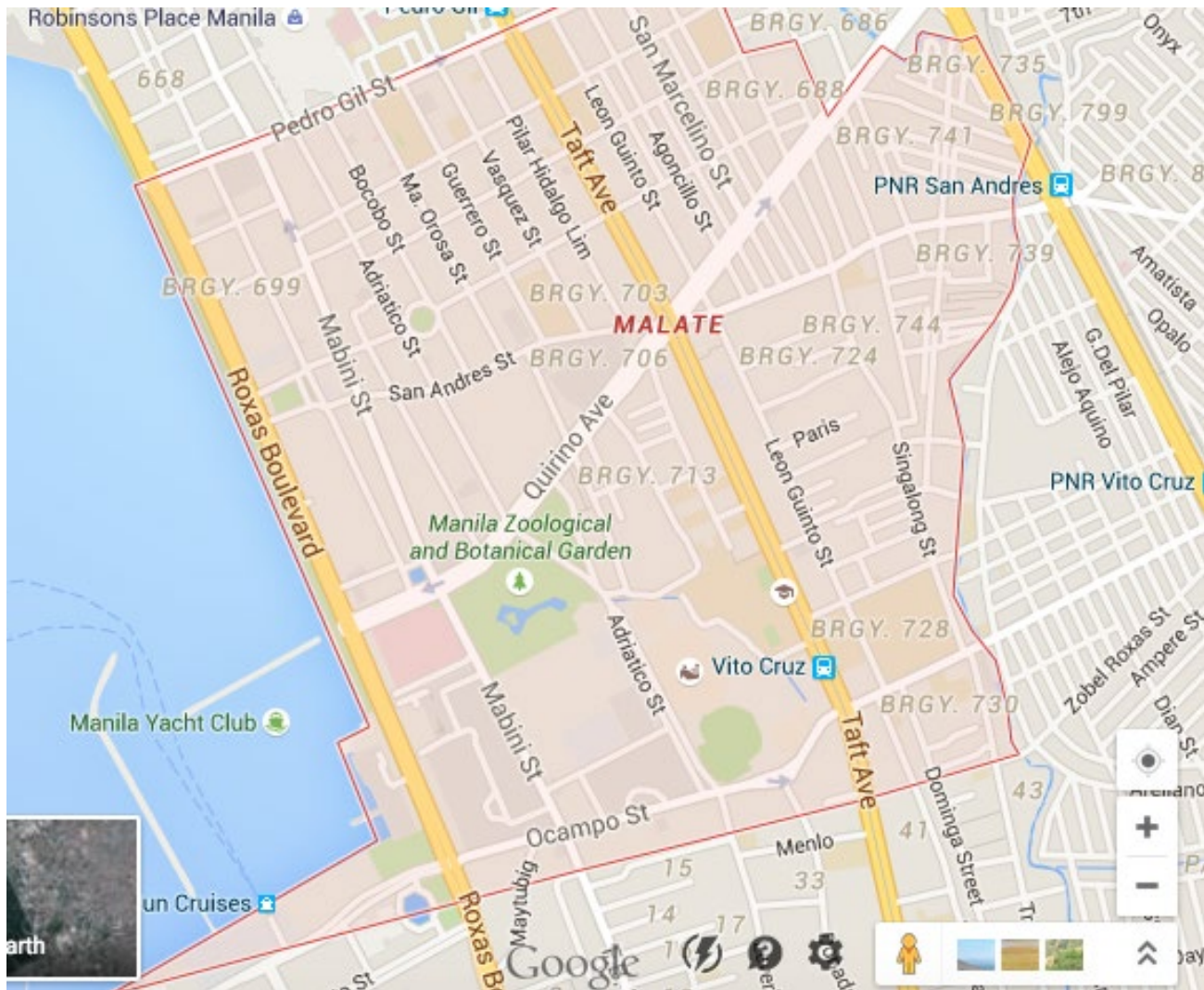
It is 600m away or around 8minutes on foot from De La Salle Saint Benilde along Taft Ave, one of the major roads in the city. From Solomon Guest House at the corner of Arellano Avenue, turn left along Estrada St. or turn right along Pablo Ocampo St to get Taft Ave. This is along the sides of or going towards the direction of St. Scholastica's College.

It is also 350m away or around 4 minutes on foot from Benilde School of Design and Art Campus, which also houses the Museum of Contemporary Art and Design (MCAD), along Pablo Ocampo St.



location: *Malate*

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The nearest train station from your place of stay (Solomon Guest House) is Vito Cruz Station, along Taft Avenue. Part of Light Rail Transit (LRT-1), it is 650m away or around 8-10minutes on foot.

Taft Avenue starts from Paranaque with to Pasay to its northeast, and Manila (Pablo Ocampo St., Quirino Avenue, San Andres, Pedro Gil, Padre Faura St., United Nations Avenue, Kalaw Avenue) and Makati (Buendia, Pasay Road) to its north.

Perpendicular to Taft Avenue is Pablo Ocampo St. It extends into the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) Complex and Bay City area, west of Roxas Boulevard.

Taft Avenue, as well as Roxas Boulevard and Quirino Avenue, are the main roads that traverse the district of Malate, found at the southern portion of the City of Manila. Malate has Pasay to its south, Manila Bay to its west, Ermita to its north and Paco & San Andres to its east.



location: *College of Saint Benilde*



location: *From the airport*

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The fastest way from the airport (Terminal 1) to Solomon Guest House is via taxi or private car.

**via Domestic Rd and Roxas Blvd/R-1**  
**8.7 km or 28 min without traffic**

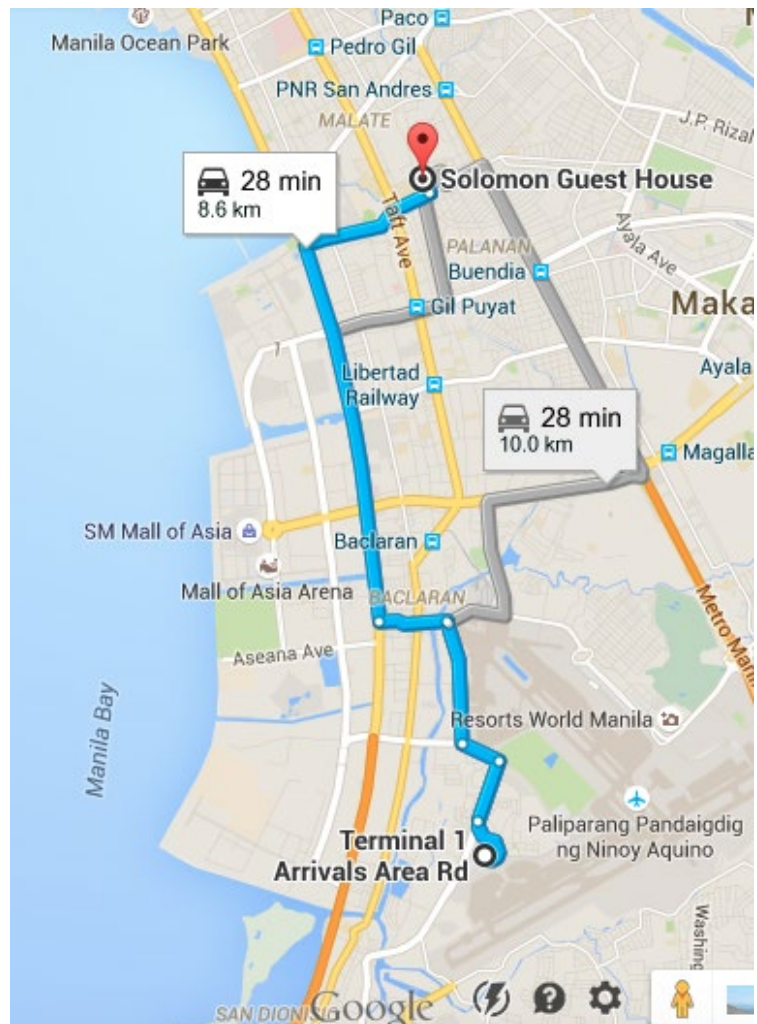
- Head southeast on Terminal 1 Arrivals Area Rd
- Take Domestic Rd, Roxas Blvd/R-1 and Buendia Ave/Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave to F. Muñoz St/Tramo (20 min/ 6.8 km left)
- Turn left onto F. Muñoz St/Tramo
- Turn right onto Ocampo St
- Continue on Arellano Ave. Drive to Ayala St.
- 190 m before Solomon Guest House

**via Osmeña Hwy/R-3**  
**10.0 km or 28 min without traffic**

- Head southeast on Terminal 1 Arrivals Area Rd
- Take Domestic Rd, Aurora Blvd, EDSA/AH26/C-4
- Osmeña Hwy/R-3 to Conchu St in San Andres Bukid, Manila (24 min/ 9.1 km left)
- Drive to Ayala St.
- 300 m before Solomon Guest House

**via Roxas Blvd/R-1**  
**8.6 km or 28 min without traffic**

- Head southeast on Terminal 1 Arrivals Area Rd
- Take Domestic Rd, Roxas Blvd/R-1
- Ocampo St to Arellano Ave in Manila (24 min/ 7.8 km left)
- Continue on Arellano Ave. Drive to Ayala St
- 190 m before to Solomon Guest House



## location: *Restaurants and other establishments*

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### **FOOD**

*Along Taft Avenue, next to De La Salle- College of Saint Benilde*

- Kenny Rogers Roasters, Seattle's Best, Mang Inasal, Jollibee, Slice n' Dice, California Berry, Mc Donald's, Starbucks

*University Pad Residences*

- 912 Pablo Ocampo St., Malate (beside De La Salle CSB Design and Arts Building across St. Scholastica and just a few blocks away from De La Salle University in Taft Avenue)

### **OFFICE SUPPLIES**

*National Bookstore*

- Ground Level, 2574 Madison Building, Taft Ave., Malate, Manila

- Ground floor, Harrison Plaza Complex, M. Adriatico Street, Malate, Manila

### **MALLS**

*University Mall*

- Taft Avenue, Manila City, Manila (Next to Mcdonalds and Camella Condo Homes, across De La Salle- CSB)

*Robinson's Place and Midtown*

- Pedro Gil cor. Adriatico St. Ermita, Manila

*SM Mall of Asia*

- Central Business Park, Baby Blvd. Bay City, Pasay City

*SM Manila*

- Concepcion cor. Arrocerros & San Marcelino Sts., Manila

### **SUPERMARKETS**

*Cash & Carry Supermarket*

- Buendia cor. South Superhighway, Makati City

*Robinsons Supermarket*

- Robinsons Place Manila, 1st Level, Pedro Gil cor. Adriatico St. Ermita, Manila

*Shopwise*

- Vito Cruz Ext. cor Pasong Tamo, Makati City

*SM Supermarket*

- Ground floor, SM City Manila, Concepcion cor. Arrocerros & San Marcelino Sts. Manila

*Harrison Plaza*

- Malate, Manila

### **CONVENIENCE STORES**

*7-Eleven*

- Taft Ave., Malate, Manila

- Estrada cor Leon Guinto St., Malate, Manila

- Pablo Ocampo cor Leon Guinto St., Malate, Manila

*Mini Stop*

- Taft Ave., Malate, Manila

- Pablo Ocampo St. Malate, Manila

## location: *Emergency contacts*

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### **HOSPITALS**

#### *Makati Medical Center*

- 2 Amorsolo Street, Makati City

#### *Manila Doctors Hospital*

- 667 U.N. Ave., Ermita, Manila

#### *Medical Center Manila*

- 1122 Gen. Luna St., Ermita, Manila (3km or 14minutes drive fr Solomon Guest House)

#### *Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center*

- Quirino cor. Harrison Blvd., Malate (2.5 km or 10minutes drive fr Solomon Guest House)

#### *Philippine General Hospital*

- Taft Avenue, Manila (2.9 km or 13minutes drive from Solomon Guest House)

#### *San Juan De Dios Hospital*

- 2772 Roxas Blvd., Pasay City

### **PHARMACY**

#### *Mercury Drug*

- 1332 Taft Ave., Ermita, Manila

- 1939 Taft Ave., Manila

#### *Save More Drug*

- 866 Vito Cruz Ext, Bgy 729, Malate, Manila

### **POLICE STATIONS**

Malate Station (Mabini Street, Manila)

Sta. Ana Police Station (Plaza Hugo)

Roxas Blvd Police Pasay City

### **BANKS**

#### *BDO Taft - Vito Cruz*

- Taft Ave, Malate, Manila

#### *United Coconut Planters Bank*

- UGF Torre Lorenzo Building, Taft Avenue corner Vito Cruz, Malate, Manila

#### *UnionBank*

- GO1&LG1, The Kassel Condominium, No. 2625 Taft Avenue near cor. Vito Cruz, Malate

- 2528 ERL Building, Taft Ave., Pasay City (ATM: On-site)

#### *PNB Taft Avenue Branch*

- Marc1 Building 1973 Taft Avenue, Malate, Manila

#### *PSBank - Manila, Metro Manila (Vito Cruz)*

- G/F Unit A Burgundy Westbay Tower, Pablo Ocampo Street (formerly Vito Cruz), Manila

#### *Maybank - Manila, Metro Manila (Legaspi Towers Center)*

- G/F Legaspi Tower 300 Roxas Boulevard corner P. Ocampo Sr. Street (formerly Vito

#### *Bank of Philippine Islands (BPI)*

- 867 P. Ocampo cor. Leon Guinto Street, Malate 1004

- G/F Unit 105 EGI Taft Tower, Arcade 2339 Taft Avenue, Malate Manila 1004

- Ground Floor, Megal Taft Building, 2140 Taft Avenue Extension corner Taylo Street, Pasay City, Metro Manila

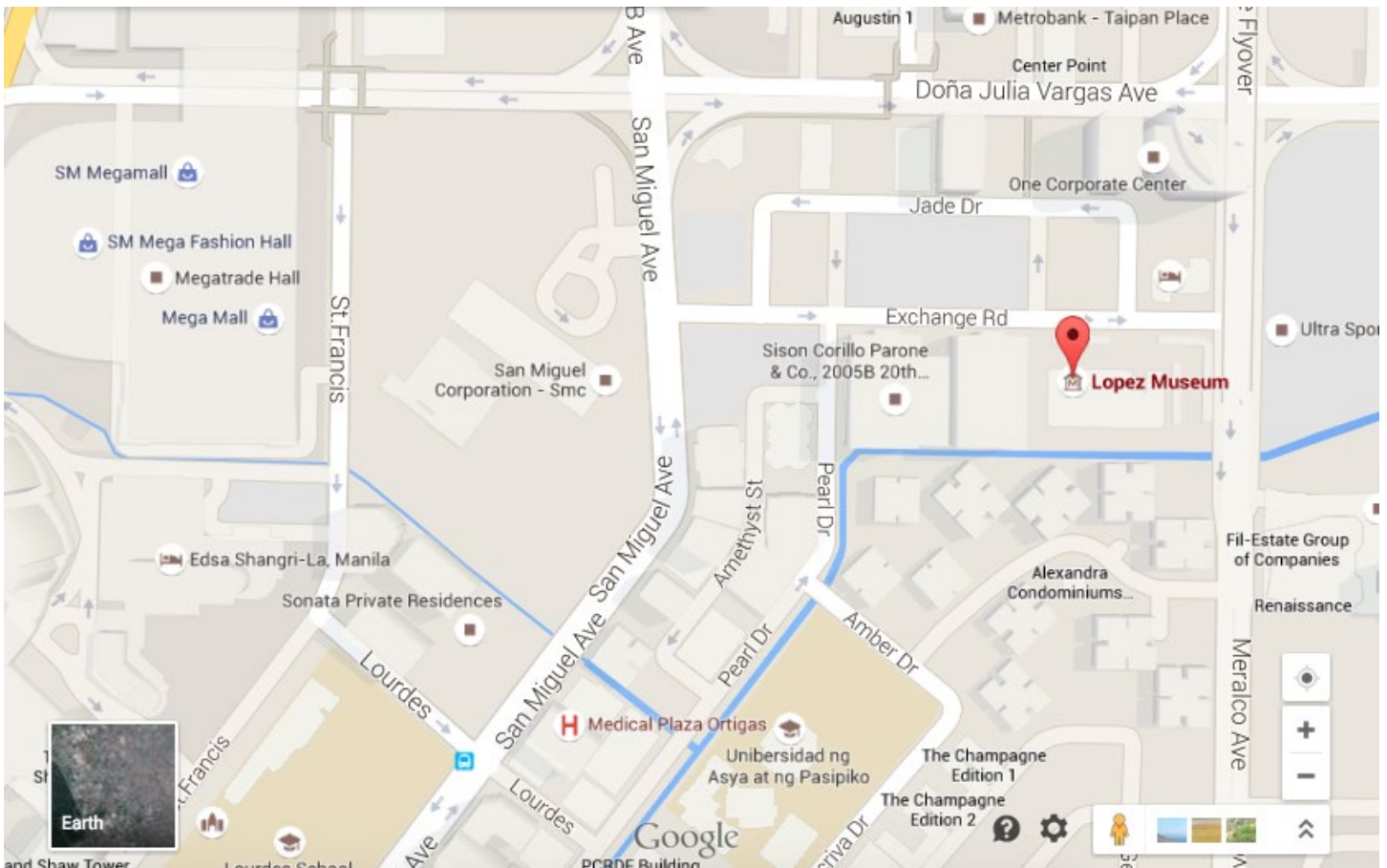
## Lopez Museum and Library

*G/F Benpres Bldg. Exchange Road Corner Meralco Avenue, Ortigas Center*

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## location: *Vicinity*

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### **LOCATION**

The Benpres Building is located next to the Philippine Stock Exchange, and in front of the Exchange Regency Residences. Family Mart convenience store is situated at the condominium's ground floor, as well as a Tully's Coffee shop. The first floor of the Philippine Stock Exchange houses Starbucks Coffee.

A local restaurant, Mozu, at the Ground Flr of the Linden Suites along Amethyst St, is 450m or 5 minute walk away from the museum.

location: *Ortigas*

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### **METROWALK**

Metrowalk is a mid-sized leisure and entertainment hub situated at the corner of Meralco Avenue and Ortigas Center. It offers an assortment of shops, restaurants, and bars to serve as a prime alternative to bigger-sized malls and commercial areas.

### **EL PUEBLO REAL DE MANILA**

El Pueblo Real de Manila, better known as El Pueblo to its denizens, is a small commercial area located at the corner of Julia Vargas Avenue and ADB Avenue. It is best known for its assortment of dining options, from fast food joints to more upscale restaurants.

### **THE PODIUM**

Located along ADB Avenue, The Podium is a high-end shopping center in the Ortigas area. With shops featuring upscale local and foreign brands and fine dining restaurants, The Podium undeniably caters to clients in the higher income brackets.

### **SHANGRI-LA MALL**

Shangri-La Mall is an upscale commercial complex that is mostly known for its global brand shops and boutiques. Located along Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong, Shangri-La Mall is divided into several zones to meet the various needs of its clientele.

### **SM MEGAMALL**

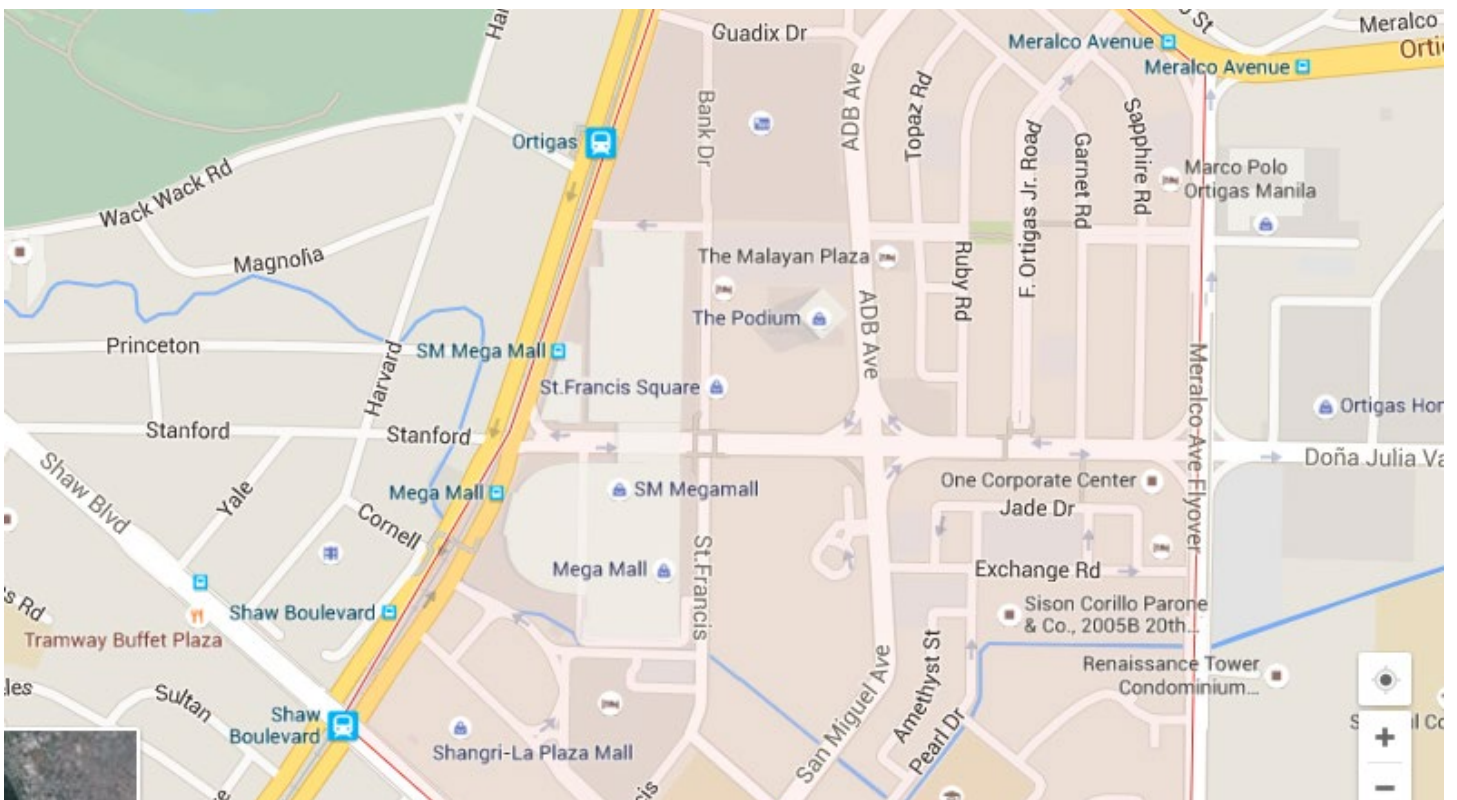
SM Megamall is one of the largest shopping centers in the Philippines, with six levels of novelty items at affordable prices.

### **CAPITOL COMMONS**

Capitol Commons provides a variety of restaurant choices, a high-end mall (Estancia) and a public park.

### **PEARL PLAZA**

The Pearl Plaza is a commercial building located along Pearl Drive Ortigas Center, right across the University of Asia and the Pacific.



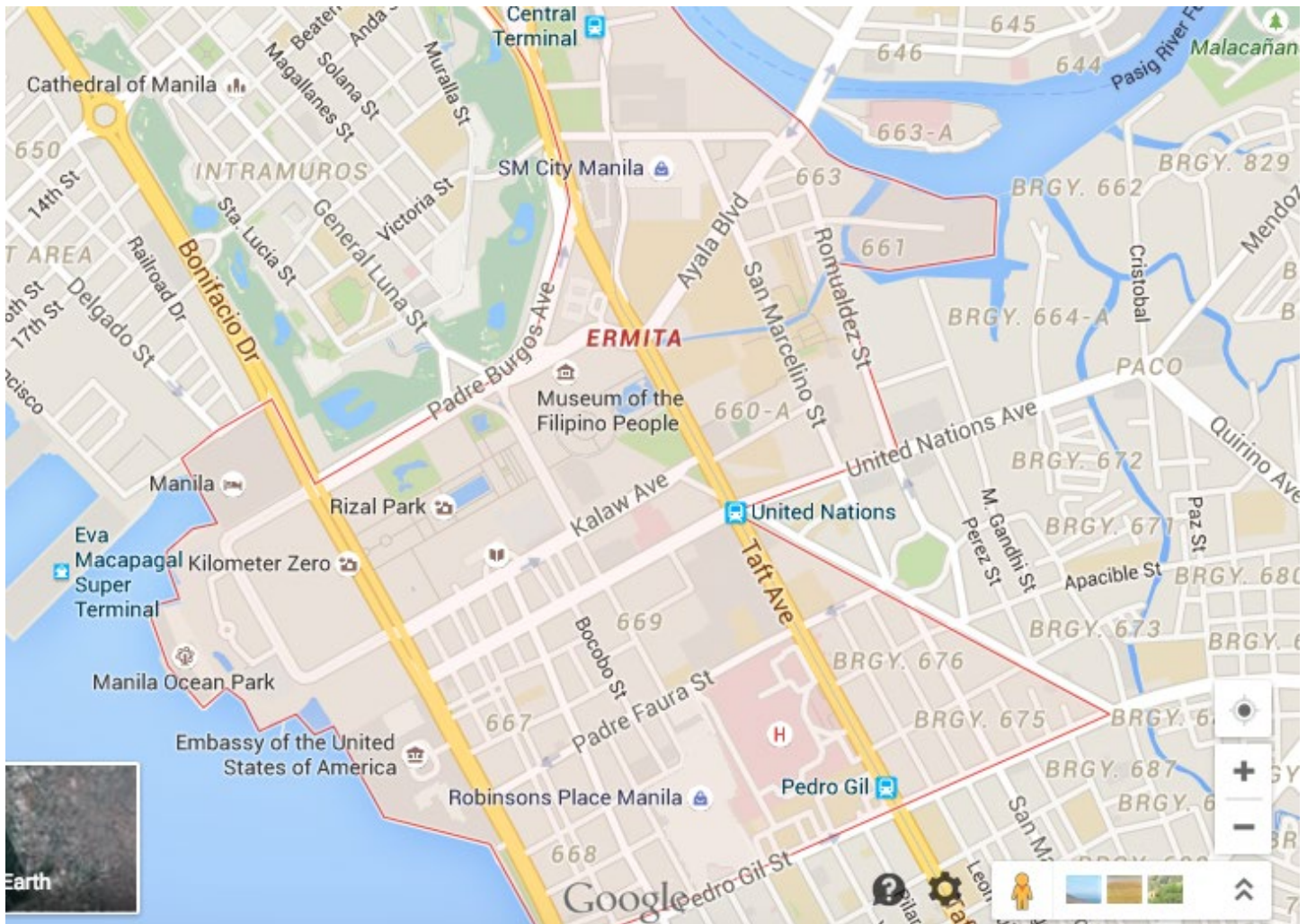
## Other Cities

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location: *Ermita, Malate*

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Ermita is a district in Manila, Philippines. It is a significant center of finance, education, culture and commerce. Ermita serves as the civic center of the City of Manila, bearing the seat of city government and a large portion of the area's employment, business, and entertainment activities.

Private and government offices, museums, and university thrives in Ermita. It is also the home to famous tourist attractions and landmarks, among them is the Rizal Park, the premier national park of the Philippines.

## location: *Mandaluyong City*

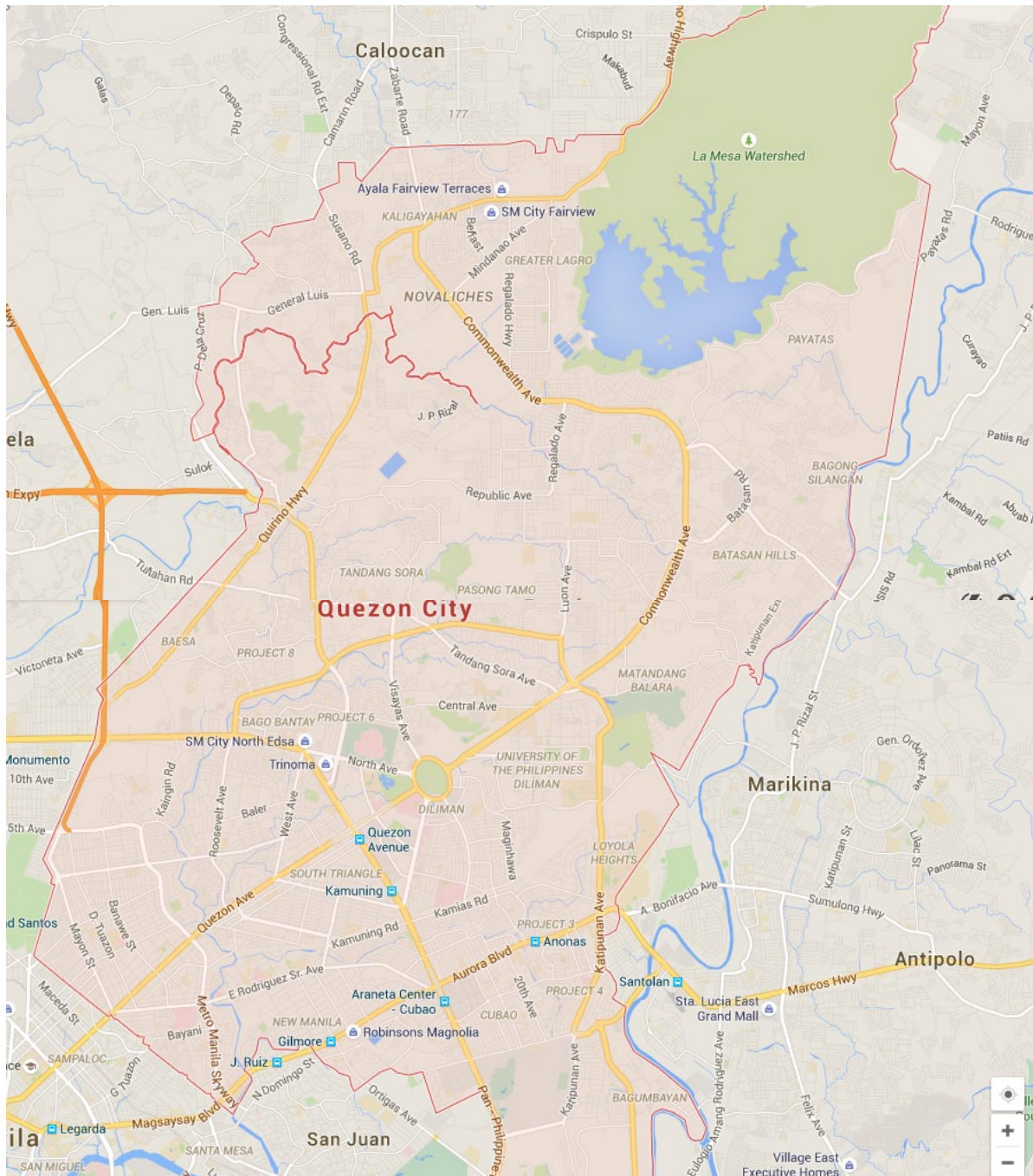
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Mandaluyong is one of the 16 cities that comprise Metro Manila, the National Capital Region of the country.

Among the many attractions in the city is the western half of the Ortigas Center, one of the major centers of business and commerce in the metropolis (the eastern half is in Pasig City). Found within the Mandaluyong portion of the Ortigas Center is the main headquarters of the Asian Development Bank, Banco De Oro, and the headquarters of San Miguel Corporation, Southeast Asia's largest food and beverage company.



## location: Quezon City



Quezon City is the most populous city in the Philippines. It is one of the cities that make up Metro Manila, the National Capital Region of the Philippines. Quezon City is not located in and should not be confused with Quezon Province, which was also named after the president. It is the largest city in Metro Manila in terms of land area.

Having been the national capital for almost three decades, Quezon City is the site of many government offices, including the Batasang Pambansa Complex, which is the seat of the House of Representatives (the lower chamber of the Philippine Congress). Quezon City also holds the University of the Philippines Diliman, the national university, and Ateneo de Manila University.

location: *Makati City*

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Makati is the financial center of the Philippines; it has the highest concentration of multinational and local corporations in the country. Major banks, corporations, department stores as well as foreign embassies are based in Makati. The biggest trading floor of the Philippine Stock Exchange is situated along the city's Ayala Avenue. Makati is also known for being a major cultural and entertainment hub in Metro Manila.

