

# HISTORY OF DELFIN ALBANO

One of the youngest towns created in the province of Isabela is the town Delfin Albano. It was created under Republic Act No. 2009 and had full operation in October 1957.

It was then named Magsaysay in honor of the late President Ramon Magsaysay, who met his untimely death in March 17, 1957. The municipality of Magsaysay was established first in San Juan before it was finally established in its present site in 1957 by the late Mayor Vicente P. Taccad. That same year the municipal boundaries were fixed at Calinaoan Sur in the North and San Macario in the South. In 1957 the town already included fifteen barangays, which were located mostly along the western part of the Cagayan River. Today, the number has increased to twenty-nine (29) barangays.

This new town was formerly a part of the town of Tumauni and its first inhabitants were believed to be descendants of Indonesians as seen from the physical characteristics of these people. Later in the early part of 1780 intermarriages between the Indonesians with the Malays took place and their offspring evolved the Kalinga speaking group and the Ibanag group.

From 1780 to the later part of 1880 a strong rivalry between the Kalingas and Ibanags took place. The Ibanags prevailed and this development forced the Kalingas to settle in the hills and the thick forest in the western side of this town. In the middle of 1880 the famous Ilocano pioneers from the Ilocos Region have set foot on the rich and fertile soil of this town. They began establishing their houses and several years later majority of them have already occupied the largest area of this town.

In 1982, Assemblyman Prospero Bello filled a bill changing the name of the municipality from Magsaysay to Delfin Albano. This is in honor of the late Delfin Albano, the lone Congressman for the lone District of Isabela in 1957 who authored Republic Act No. 2009 creating the municipality of Magsaysay. In November 14, 1982 Batasang Pambansa Blng. 291 was approved and in October 1, 1983 the municipality formally celebrated the installation of his new name the municipality of Delfin Albano.