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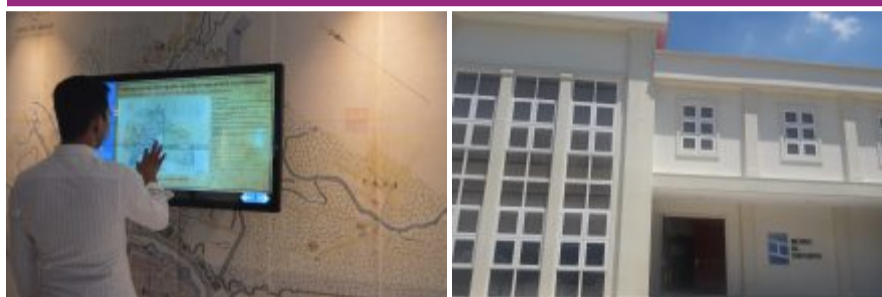
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It may seem like a vast expanse of

green from above, but underneath the Pinaglaban Memorial Shrine in San Juan City is the cavernous El Deposito. **Made of volcanic tuff, the underground reservoir held water pumped from Santolan** before it flowed to various fountains and hydrants in Manila. It was part of the larger Carriedo waterworks designed by Spanish engineer Genaro Palacios and **built from 1878 to 1882**. The infrastructure project was named after Francisco Carriedo y Peredo, a Spanish official who bequeathed a grant to the City of Manila in 1733. El Deposito was **also used as an armory during American and Japanese rule**, a hospital for tuberculosis patients, and a firing range. It was chosen as **the site of a national shrine for Filipinos who fought during the Battle of San Juan del Monte on 30 August 1896**. The shrine, which features a sculpture by Eduardo Castrillo, was inaugurated on 4 February 1974. The [Museo El Deposito](#), which is under the management of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, **narrates the rich history of the underground reservoir and the Carriedo waterworks as a whole**. It aims to **inspire everyone to value water as a natural resource and appreciate the people who make access to it easier** for everyday Filipinos. The museum has **three galleries** featuring various artifacts recovered from the site, scale models, and interactive modules:

- **Gallery 1:** Life before the Waterworks
- **Gallery 2:** The Carriedo Waterworks
- **Gallery 3:** The National Shrine

Permanent collections:

- Original 1882 Carriedo Commemorative Coin and 1911 Carriedo Postage Stamp
- Original 1888 Carriedo Water system Fire hydrant
- Replica of 1833 and 1850 barrel filters
- Replica of stone filter
- Original old Spanish coins
- Replica of Carriedo Water Fountain
- Original excavated artifacts from the underground water reservoir which include ammunition and war paraphernalia
- Miniature model of Pinaglaban Memorial Shrine
- Touch screen terminals
- Virtual reality viewers narrating the 1st battle between the Spaniards and the Filipinos
- Photos and plans of the Carriedo Water System

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