

## May 31, 1954 SECOND ASIAN GAMES

### THE SECOND ASIAN GAMES STAMPS

*In commemoration of the Second Asian Games held in Manila for a full week beginning May 1, 1954, the Bureau of Posts issued a set of postage stamps on this day, May 31, 1954.*

*The Asian Games, sponsored by the Asian Games Federation, are held once every four years in any of the Asian countries. India has the honor of being the first country to play host to the other member nations in the Far East. Philippines has been the second, with the famous Rizal Memorial Stadium as the setting for the games. Over a thousand athletes representing twenty participating countries from Asia vied for various honors. With Japan capturing the general championship for getting the highest number of points and Philippines garnering the second, the Asian Games closed on May 9, 1954 with a fitting ceremony.*

*These stamps issued to honor the occasion depict three different athletic events and are the first Philippine commemoratives to be printed on color tinted paper without any white marginal space. They were designed by Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr., the philatelic designer and printed by Thomas de la Rue & Co., Ltd., London*

