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STAMP COMMEMORATING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

Founded in 1908 by Act No. 1870 of the Philippine Legislature, the University of the Philippines has been distinguished in its role in providing professional and technical training on a high level. It was organized by the then Education Secretary W. Morgan Shuster. Most noteworthy of all its achievements is the part it has taken in turning out national leaders, especially those in the public service.

The operation of the university was badly hampered by the outbreak of World War II. However, notwithstanding the order of the late President Manuel L. Quezon to close the university, it was deemed necessary to allow the continuance of some of its units due to the importance of their service features.

The liberation of Manila laid great destruction to the premises. The Japanese defenders entrenched themselves in the massive university building, in an effort to stem the ties of the liberation forces. The damage done was so great that after the war was over, the state university had sustained a loss of approximately P10,000,000 in pre-war values.

Aided by the United States War Damage Commission with an award of P12,000,000, the university has been able to rehabilitate itself. The transfer to Quezon City which was planned way back before the war became imminent. On the new site in Diliman, Quezon City, 200 buildings were constructed with the aid of the U.S. Army. Now the University of the Philippines rose not only to be one of the most progressive educational institution in the Far East but also to become a model community for the Filipino youth.

To mark the Golden Jubilee of the University of the Philippines, the Bureau of Posts is issuing a 5-centavos commemorative stamp to be placed on sale starting June 18, 1958.

