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SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMP and ANTI-TB SURCHARGE ISSUE

**SPECIAL DELIVERY SERVICE
IN THE BUREAU OF POSTS
PHILIPPINES**

A special mail service being rendered by the Postal Service of the Philippines for the prompt delivery of mail matter to the addressee is the SPECIAL DELIVERY service.

Under the Postal Law, special delivery mail is entitled to immediate delivery within two kilometers of an post office in the Philippines.

For the sum of twenty centavos (P.20) which is the charge for special delivery service, in addition to the regular postage required on a mail matter, a special delivery article is delivered personally to the addressee, to his authorized agent or other person who has been habitually receiving mail for the addressee with the Tater's acquiescence and the signature of the recipient with the date and hour of delivery procured.

This service was interrupted during the Japanese occupation of the islands but was resumed sometime in 1945 after the Liberation. Before the war, the only acceptable special delivery stamp bore the design depicting the Post Office Building behind a messenger on a bicycle. The same stamp with the word VICTORY printed on its face was used after the war and up to the present time. The special delivery charge may, however, be prepaid by means of ordinary postage stamp of equivalent value, in which case the word SPECIAL DELIVERY should be plainly written directly under, and not on, the stamps.

Today, a new Special Delivery stamp comes out, this time with a sybolic hand representing the special delivery messenger handling a letter to another hand representing the addressee, at the right hand corner and left hand corner, respectively, of the stamp, with the Post Office Building as a background, bearing the denomination of 20-centavos.

This stamp was designed by Philatelic Artists Nemesio Dimanlic, Jr. and Antonio Chuidian, Jr. of the Bureau of Posts, and printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd, of England.

