

June 19, 1962
NEW DR. JOSE RIZAL - DEFINITIVE & OFFICIAL

Dr. JOSE RIZAL
(June 19, 1861)

The Bureau of Posts has chosen to release a regular issue of the 6-sentimos Jose Rizal postage stamp today, June 19, to coincide with the birthday of the greatest hero and martyr of the Philippines.

The intaglio steel engraved stamp, excluding marginal space, measures 19 x 30 mm, is vertically composed, electric-eye perforated and printed by the Toppan Printing Co., Ltd., of Tokyo, Japan, in sheets of 100. The color is sepia brown. Ninety million of this stamp is issued as ordinary, while ten million of this stamp is overprinted in black with the letters "G. O.", which stands for "Gawaing Opisyal" or "O. B."

Depicted in the stamp is the likeness of Rizal, specially designed by Philatelic Artists Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr. "Philippinas" is inscribed on top and below the bust are inscribed the words "Koreo" and 6s (6-sentimos). The inscriptions are in the Tagalog or Pilipino language.

The story of Rizal is so well-known it need not be repeated here. On this occasion, every Filipino citizen has the right to be proud of the significance of June 19, 1861. It was on this date that a man richly endowed with intellect and versatility was born; a man who sacrificed his life for God, country and people, to become, in the words of Ferdinand Blumentritt, an authority on the life of Rizal, "Not only the most famous man of his own people, but the greatest man the Malayan race has produced. His memory will never perish in his fatherland, and future generations of Spaniards will yet learn to utter his name with respect and reverence."

Historians record the life, works and writings of Rizal but the Bureau of Posts will keep portraying his image on stamps that his memory may forever live.

