

December 5, 1965 SECOND ASIAN CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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The Second Asian Cycling Championship which is presently being held in the Philippines under the auspices of the Asian Cycling Federation from November 28 to December 5, 1965, at the Rizal Memorial Track-Football Stadium, will be commemorated with a set of postage stamps issued by the Bureau of Posts, today, December 5, 1965.

This set of three (3) denominations, namely, 6c, 10c and 25c features a group of cyclists in action with a portion of the globe showing the maps of some of the participating countries. The word "PILIPINAS" in bold letters is printed across the upper portion of the stamps and below are the inscriptions both in the English and Filipino versions. At the lower right hand corner is the denominational value and the word "KOREO". Quantities of 7,000,000, 6,000,000 and 2,000,000 have been printed of the three different denominations respectively.

The stamps were designed by Philatelic Artists Antonio Chuidian Jr., under the supervision of Chief Philatelic Artists Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr. and printed in four colors by heliogravure process by the Government Printing Bureau, Tokyo, Japan in sheets of 50. It measures 22.5x37.9 mm and is horizontally composed.

The First Asian Cycling Championship held at Kuala-Lumpur from June 2 to 8, 1963 was a success. The Philippines won three (3) gold medals out of ten gold medals and one bronze.

It was at the last Congress of the Asian Cycling Federation in Kuala-Lumpur that the Philippines was asked to organize the Second Asian Cycling Championship.

The participating countries are: Malaysia, Thailand, Ceylon, Hongkong, South Korea, South Vietnam, China (Taiwan), Japan and the Philippines.

This international event will not only promote sports, but will also strengthen the ties of friendship among the people of Asia.

Cycling has grown into one of the most popular sports in the Philippines, since it was introduced towards the end of the last century, due mainly to the inherent spectacular nature of the sport and the social need for it and to the support that it gets from the private firms, the national community and the officialdom.

The races are open to all countries in Asia who are bona fide members of the Union Cyclists Internationale and the Asian Cycling Federation. Countries who are not yet members of the Asian Cycling Federation can join the games without waiting for the formal ratification of their membership by the Asian Cycling Federation Congress by sending a formal application to the Secretary General Treasurer of the Asian Cycling Federation in Manila.

The events are only for amateur rider duly accredited with amateur license issued to them by their respective national federations.

Each participating country has no more than ten riders and officials, the proportion of officials to riders being entirely left to the discretion of each country.

The Philippine Cycling Association organized the championship on behalf of the Asian Cycling Federation.

Other related events - the Asian Amateur Tour of Luzon, the First Philippine Sports Festival and Fair, the Miss Asia Beauty Contest, the Miss Philippines Popularity Contest and the championship of the various national sports associations are also being held in the Philippines.

The hospitality of the Philippines has been extended to the foreign teams for greater Asian solidarity through cycling and sports.

