

January 23, 1969
GEN. EMILIO AGUINALDO - CENTENARY

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STAMPS (1869 - 1969)**

The Gen. Aguinaldo Centenary Stamps released this year on January 23, coincides with the inauguration of the First Philippine Republic of which he was President.

This set of commemorative stamps was designed by philatelic artists Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr. and Antonio Chuidian, Jr. and printed by Thomas de la Rue & Co., Ltd., of London, using the heliogravure process in four colors in sheets of 50.

Quantities of 2,000,000 each of the 10-sentimo, 40-sentimo and 70-sentimo denominations have been printed, which measure 26 x 45.2 mm, excluding perforation and they are horizontally composed.

The late Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo ranks among the greatest in the Hall of Fame. He was born in Kawit, Cavite on March 22, 1869, the seventh child of eight children of Carlos Aguinaldo and Trinidad Famy.

From a humble Katipunero he rose to become the Supreme Filipino Revolutionary General. His patriotism led him to join the rebels when the Philippine Revolution broke out in August 1896. His brilliant military exploits made him a popular and leading figure in the Revolution which eventually made him to become, logically, the President of the First Philippine Republic, on June 12, 1898.

Aguinaldo died on February 6, 1964 at the age of 95. He will forever remain as the symbol of courage, patriotism and dedication for the cause of Philippine freedom in the battlefields of that revolution.

