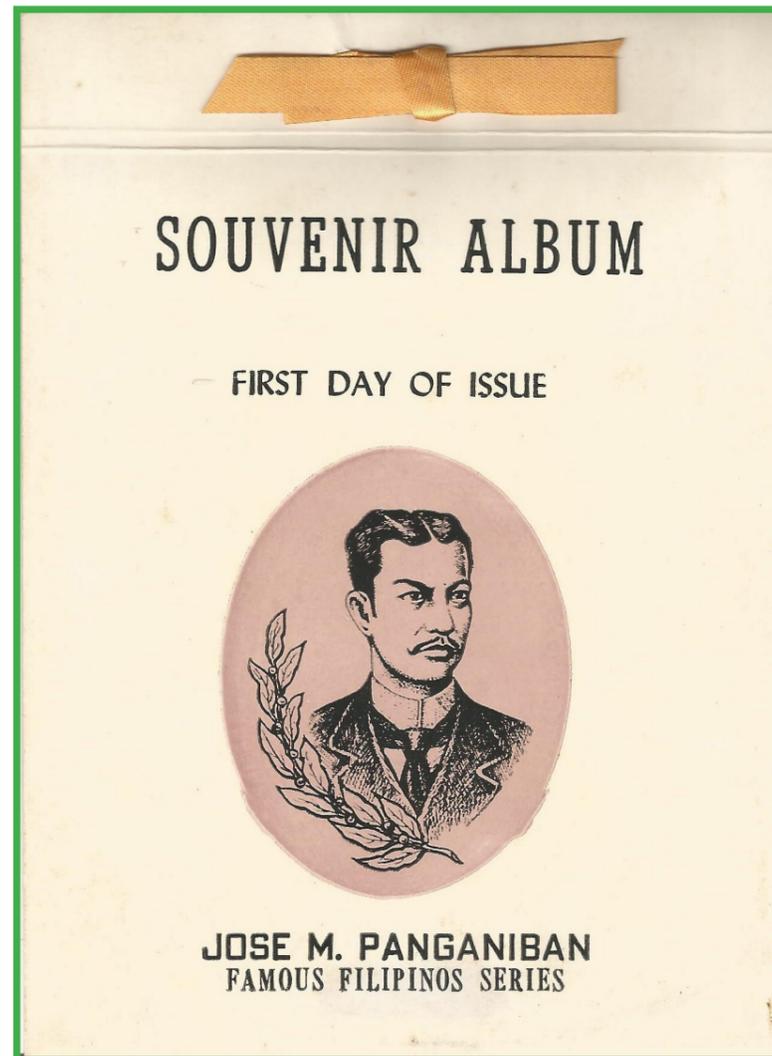


February 1, 1969
JOSE M. PANGANIBAN



JOSE M. PANGANIBAN STAMPS
(Feb. 1, 1863 - Aug. 19, 1890)

The Bureau of Posts honors today, February 1, 1969, with the issuance of a one-piso denomination regular postage stamp, Jose Maria Panganiban, a Filipino who may be ranked among the outstanding propagandists of the time.

The 22.5 x 33 mm, vertically composed stamp was designed by philatelic artist Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr., Red-orange in color, five million of this stamp was printed by the Government Printing Bureau of Tokyo, Japan, by intaglio steel engraving, in sheets of 100.

Jose Maria Panganiban was born on February 1, 1863, in the mining town of Mambulao, Camarines Norte, which in 1934, was renamed after him.

He was the oldest of the three sons of Vicente Panganiban, a native of Hagonoy, Bulacan, and Juana Enverga, a native of Mauban, Quezon. He was brought up in the Bicol Region because his father was employed as clerk of court in Daet, the capital of the province.

As a student he showed amazing intelligence. He excelled in formal and philosophical essays. He pursued his studies in Spain and fell in company with Dr. Rizal, Lopez-Jaena, M. H. del Pilar, Mariano Ponce and many others, who were campaigning for reforms for the Filipinos.

He was one of the contributors to the LA SOLIDARIDAD, an organ of the Propaganda which was founded by Graciano Lopez Jaena, its first editor. An admirer of Dr. Jose Rizal, he not only read the NOLI ME TANGERE with ardor, but also committed passages to memory.

He died on August 19, 1890 in Barcelona, Spain and in 1956, after 66 years, his remains were exhumed and brought to the Philippines with a handful of soil that covered him.

