

**February 14, 1969**  
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**(November 24 - 30, 1968)**

On the occasion of the 18th Anniversary of the APO PHILATELIC ORGANIZATION, the officers and members, led by Mr. Epifanio L. Paras, current President, adopted and passed a resolution on September 29, 1968, asking His Excellency, President Ferdinand E. Marcos to declare a Philatelic Week. One of the most important reasons cited in the resolution is to bring national philatelic consciousness.

Cognizant of the value of philately, His Excellency, President Marcos readily acceded to proclaim a Philatelic Week, to mention:

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PROCLAMATION NO. 490  
DECLARING NOVEMBER 24 TO 30, 1968, AS  
PHILATELIC WEEK.

WHEREAS, philately, the collection and study of postage stamps, provides an individual with knowledge not only of his country's history, its people and tradition, but also of the rest of the world;

WHEREAS, philately fosters international understanding and friendship, and promotes patriotism, interest in arts, culture and science;

WHEREAS, the promotion of philately in our country will provide an effective means of advertising the Philippines abroad, and consequently boost our tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that public attention be focused on the significance of philately;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby declare November 24 to 30, 1968 as Philatelic Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of November, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and sixtyeight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS  
President of the Philippines

By the President:  
(Sgd.) RAFAEL M. SALAS  
Executive Secretary

To commemorate this added milestone on Philippine Philately, the 18th APOPEX was held from November 24 to December 8, 1968, at the Post Office Building, and the Bureau of Posts issued a Commemorative overprint stamp, 4 Sentimo of the Post Office Building with inscriptions: "PHILATELIC WEEK - NOVEMBER 24 - 30, 1968."

