

June 12, 1970
PRESIDENTIAL CREDO VII - SERGIO OSMEÑA

PRESIDENT SERGIO OSMEÑA
Presidential Gem Series Stamps

The Bureau of Posts issues today, June 12, 1970, the seventh of the Presidential Gem Series Stamps featuring the late President Sergio Osmeña.

Particulars of the Stamps:

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| Kind of Issue: | Special |
| Size: | 34x45 mm, stamp size including marginal space horizontally composed |
| Denomination and Quantity: | 10-sentimo - 10.000.000 40-sentimo - 5.000.000 |
| Sheet Composition: | 50 |
| Printing Process: | Intaglio Steel Engraving (two colors) |

Born on September 9, 1878 in Cebu, Cebu, he began his elementary and high school education at San Carlos Seminary, Cebu and the San Juan de Letran College in Manila, where he obtained his A.B. degree. Later he attended the U.S.T. graduating with the LLB degree in 1903 and was conferred the degree of LLD honoris causa, by the same University in 1929 and by the University of the Philippines in 1930.

He was editor of El Nuevo Dia, collaborating with Rafael Palma and Jaime C. de Veyra. In 1904 he was appointed governor of Cebu and later he was designated fiscal for Cebu and Oriental Negros. He was elected governor of his province in 1906. Governor Osmeña was the first one who presided over the first assembly of provincial governors. But his extraordinary work was adequately recognized when he was elected as delegate to the Philippine Assembly in 1907 and later chosen as the first speaker of the House of Representatives in 1916, a task which he performed with dignity and credit to his country.

His people who had confidence in his leadership elected him to the same post until 1922. Always he acted as speaker the gentleman of Cebu. In 1922 he was elected senator from the tenth senatorial district. On September 17, 1935 Mr. Osmeña was elected Vice President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

When President Quezon died on August 1, 1944 in Saranac Lake, New York, he became President of the Philippine Government in exile.

He assumed administration over the country when General Douglas MacArthur transferred control of the Philippine from the military of civilian government.

He was a member of the Council of State Body of the President up to the time of his death, October 19, 1961, at the Veterans Memorial Hospital, Quezon City.

Mr. Osmeña had dedicated his life to the cause of his country. A calm and magnetic leader, the speaker of the first Philippine Assembly and the first legislature is a man loved and respected by his people who response confidence in his brilliant leadership and his admirable tack, wisdom and diplomacy in all things pertaining to the affairs of the state, in guiding them to their destiny as a new nation in the Pacific.

