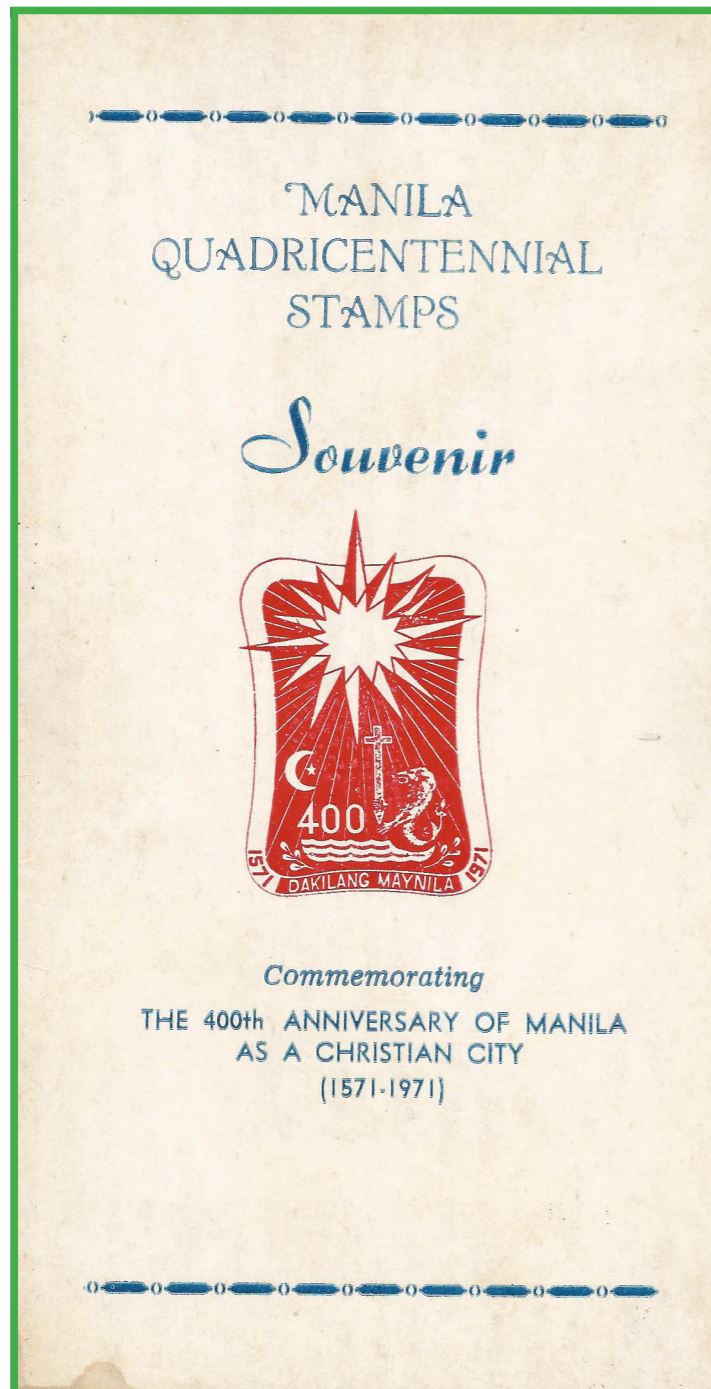


**June 24, 1971
MANILA - QUADRICENTENNIAL**



**THE 400th ANNIVERSARY OF MANILA
AS A CHRISTIAN CITY
(1571 - 1971)**

Manila today celebrates her 400th year as a "Christianized" city. The most progressive city in Southeast Asia, Manila, is a city of enchantment where the ugly and the beautiful blend together.

The story of Manila dates back more than 400 years ago. But in the absence of historical documents, we cannot be sure when ancient "Mavnila" was founded. We know, for a fact, that it was Rajah Sulayman who defended Muslim Maynila against the intruding Spaniards.

It was the Spanish Captain, Miguel Lopez de Legaspi, who declared Manila the capital of the Archipelago and began its HISPANIZATION, while we have set the birth of Manila 400 years ago, - any historical document about the real Manila include the valiant courageous Sulayman.

As a Christianized city, Manila now celebrates her birthday every June 24.

Once again, The Postal Service records this historical event with the issuance of a set of commemorative ten-centavo and one-peso denomination postage stamps.

The stamps have for their design the quadricentennial seal.

At the upper center area is the red sunburst and at the lower left hand side are the crescent and the star. At a distance to the right hand side is the sealion holding the Latin Cross. At the bottom is the symbol of the Pasig River and the "nilad" plant which abounds along its bank. "Nilad" is the name of the waterplant from which Manila ("Mavnilad") derived its name.

The text "1571 Dakilang Maynila 1971" is inscribed in bold letters below the design.

The stamps measure 27x42 mm, printed by heliogravure process by the Harrison and Sons Ltd., of London, England.

A total quantity of two million and three million stamps of the the ten-centavo and one-peso denomination have been printed in sheets of fifty.

Responsible for the yearly celebration of the founding of Manila was none other than the incumbent Mayor, Antonio J. Villegas.

On June 24, 1963 Mayor Villegas declared that first "Araw Ng Maynila," and this celebration has always been under his inspiring guidance and leadership since then.

Mayor Villegas will once again lead the people of Manila in this historical quadricentennial celebration.

