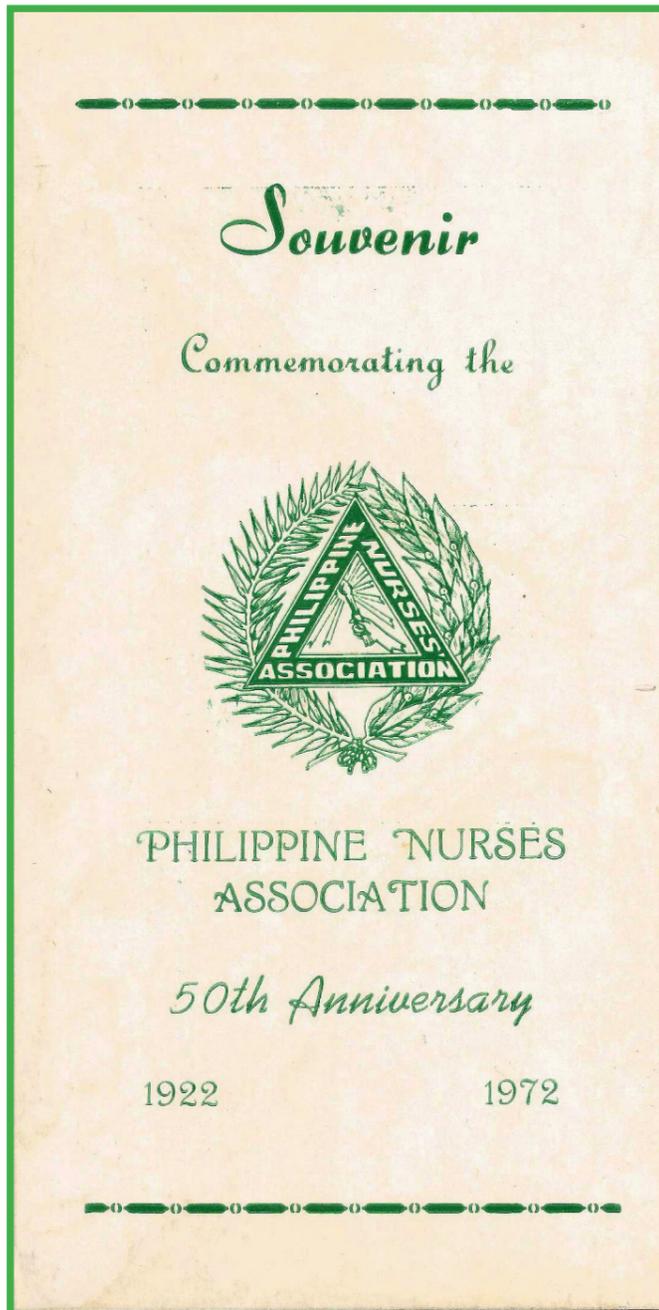


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The Bureau of Posts issues today, October 22, 1972 a set of stamps commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Philippine Nurses Association. The stamps measuring 33x48 mm printed size, in denominations of 5-sentimo, 10-sentimo and 70-sentimo and in quantities of 1,000,000 each denomination. There are 50 stamps in a sheet and printed in five colors, Heliogravure process by Joh. Enschede en Zonen, (Haarlem, Holland). The designer is Alfonso Divine of the Bureau of Posts' Designing Staff.

STORY OF THE PHILIPPINE NURSES ASSOCIATION

Fifty years ago on October 22, 1922 the Philippine Nurses Association was born. Since then, in the span of fifty years, the PNA has a long list of accomplishments. To mention a few - the publication of the Philippine Journal of Nursing, the building of a two-story headquarters in 1663 Kansas Avenue, Malate, the passage of various legislations designed to improve nursing service and nursing education in order to render better service to people. It has thru the years been able to organize chapters in almost all provinces of the Philippines, in addition there are chapters in Honolulu, New York and Chicago. In 1929 the PNA became a member of the International Council of Nurses, the oldest council of Professional Women in the world. It has been sending official delegates to the ICN Congress held every four years in different countries since then. The ICN is "a Federation of National Nurses Association which seek to attain high standards of Nursing as a Profession and to safeguard the Social and Economic Welfare of Nurses..." It was incorporated with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 1948. As the internationally recognized association of professional nurses in the Philippines, it has immensely contributed to the development needs of the people.

Purposes and Functioning of the PNA

The object of the PNA is the promotion of the health and welfare of the people thru fostering high standards of nursing education and practices. It coordinates activities of the association with that of other national and international organizations concerned in the health and social betterment of the Filipino people, in particular and society in general. It envisions and

plans for the expansion of nursing services of the country on the bases of projecting the health needs of the Filipino people. The continuing professional growth of nurses is one of its main concerns, therefore it conducts seminars, clinical scientific workshops and conventions. As a member of the International Council of Nurses, it serves as an official representative and spokesman of Filipino nurses. It has the responsibility to establish the Code for Nurses - and lately a committee was created to work on this to make our code relevant with the times. In the light of the mark changes underway in the social, economic, cultural and technical environment in Nursing the PNA sets policies and recommends alternatives wher appropriate to make it truly responsive and sensitive to the needs of the people.

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION No. 885
DECLARING 1972 AS PHILIPPINE NURSING
GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Philippine Nurses Association (PNA), the only nurses' organization in the Philippines affiliated with the international Council of Nurses, was organized in 1922;

WHEREAS, since its inception, the PNA has demonstrated its value as an instrument for the promotion of optimum health among the Filipino people through dedicated nursing services in hospitals and in the community, particularly in the rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the PNA is engaged in a long-term project of setting higher standards in nursing education and in the nursing profession to meet the needs of our people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALEJANDRO MELCHOR, Executive Secretary by order of His Excellency, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare the year 1972 Philippine Nursing Golden Jubilee Year under the auspices of the Philippine Nurses Association.

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 13th day of August in the year of the Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-one.

(Sgd.) ALEJANDRO MELCHOR
 Executive Secretary

