

## ASOCIACION FILATELICA DE FILIPINAS

**JUNE 19, 1944**

### COMMEMORATIVE COVER – FOUNDING OF KAPARIZ

Pre-Stamped Envelope from the Asociacion Filatelica de Filipinas (AFF) to the Baguio Philatelic and Exchange Club commemorating the founding of 'KAPARIZ'. With 'KAPARIZ' special cachet cancel (Number 2 Control Marking).



'KAPARIZ' is an acronym for '**K**Abataang **P**Angarap ni **R**IZal' (Children with Aspirations towards Rizal). Proclamation No. 18, issued by President Jose P Laurel on June 7, 1944, declared that June 19th of every year as 'KAPARIZ Day'.

#### **Partial Extract from the Proclamation No. 18:**

"Whereas, Ordinance No. 18, dated May 1, 1944, established the national youth brotherhood Kabataang Pangarap ni Rizal or KAPARIZ whose purpose among others is 'to instil in the Filipino youth an abiding interest in Rizal's life so that they will exert every effort to observe his teachings and follow his examples;'

Whereas, a national observance of a fitting nature of June 19, Rizal's birthday, would be an excellent means of focussing the minds of the people, especially of the young, on the life and teachings of the national hero; and

Whereas, it is but proper that such a national observance be given a timely and special meaning with respect to the Kapariz movement;

Now, Therefore, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby proclaim June 19 of this year, and of every year thereafter, as Kapariz Day, and call upon all public officials and all private citizens and inhabitants of the Philippines to observe this day fittingly and in such manner as to contribute to the furtherance of the ideals for which the Kapariz was created and established ..."