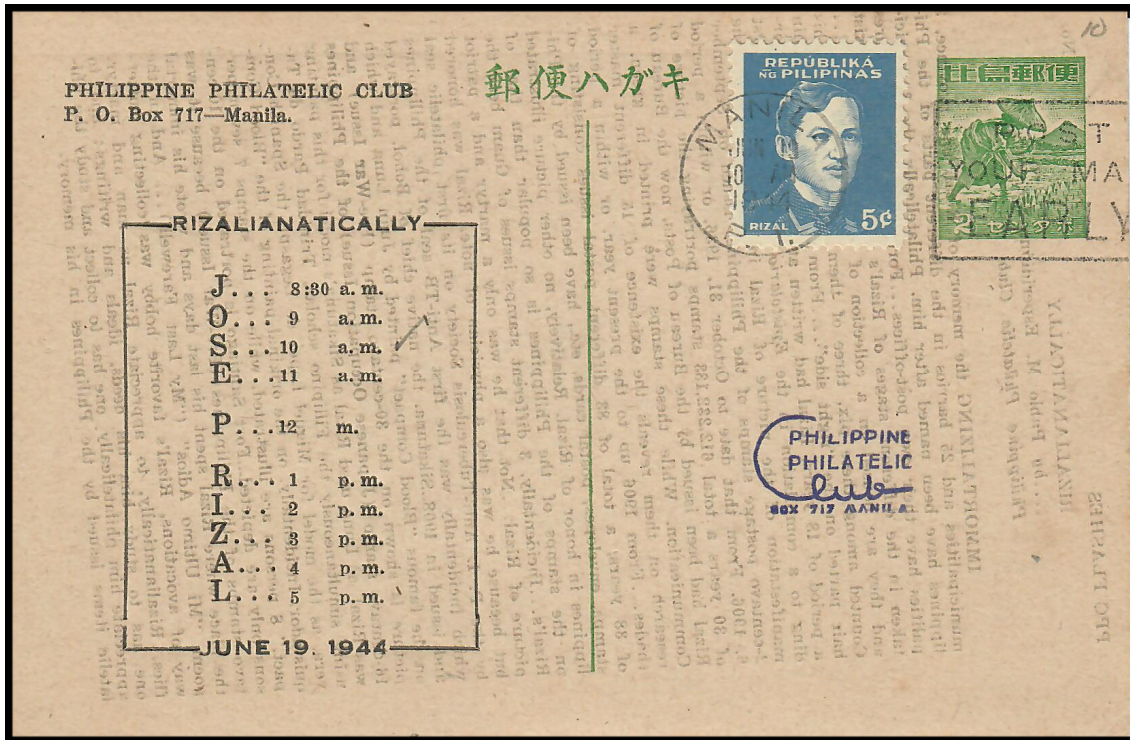


PHILIPPINE PHILATELIC CLUB

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PPC FLASHES – NUMBER 2 (TYPE II)

Printed Postal Card with 'RIZALIANATICALLY' initialism on front, issued to commemorate the 83rd birthday anniversary of Dr Jose Rizal. Uprated 2c Planters Postal Card with 'Post Your Mail Early' Slogan Cancel. Philippine Philatelic Club corner card. Reverse Text same as Type I.



No. 2

RIZALIANATICALLY
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IMMORTALIZING the memory of Rizal, one province, 3 municipalities and 25 barrios in the different parts of the Philippines have been named after him. Philatelicly, the 3 municipalities have their own post-offices. Forty-five different pictures taken in the different stages of Rizal's life are known to exist and they are housed in a collection of a Filipino Rizalist.... Counted among these pictures, three of them portray Rizal with his hair parted on the "right side".... From 1878 to 1896 or within a period of 18 years, Rizal had written at least 329 letters, according to a compilation in the *Epistolario Rizalino*.... The first manifestation of the picture of Rizal in philately was on the 2-centavo postage stamps of the Philippines issued on September 6, 1906. From that date to October 31, 1936, or within a period of 30 years a total 612,232,133 stamps portraying the picture of Rizal had been issued by the Bureau of Posts, now the Bureau of Communication. While these stamps were printed in green, a research on them reveals the existence of 15 different master shades.... From 1906 up to the present year, or within a period of 38 years, a total of 83 different postal issues consisting of stamps, envelopes, postal cards, etc., have been issued by the Philippines in honor of Rizal. Relatively, no other picture illustrated on the stamps of the Philippines is so popular than that of Rizal's.... Incidentally, 3 different stamps issues of Guam bear the picture of Rizal.... Not that he was only a martyr and a patriot but because he was also a physician of note, Rizal was honored by the P. I. Anti-Tuberculosis Society on its first philatelic seal which incidentally was the first Anti-TB seal of the Philippines and issued in 1908... Sikatuna, the native chief of Bohol, portrayed on the famous "Blood Compact" painted by Juan Luna and which picture is shown on the 30-centavo stamp (Pre-War Issue) and was Rizal, as Luna used Rizal as Sikatuna's model for this painting using simultaneously the Filipino scholar, Trinidad Pardo de Tavera, as the model for Miguel Lopez de Legaspi, the Spanish Conquistador. Incidentally, on the original painting of the "Blood Compact," 8 persons are illustrated, while on the stamps 7 seven persons only are depicted... Fort Santiago is portrayed on the 10-centavo stamps of the Philippines (Pre-War Issues) because it was the place where Rizal spent his last days and wrote his immortal poem, "Mi Ultimo Adios" ("My Last Farewell").... And in the way of avocations, Rizal's favorite hobby was collecting butterflies. Rizaliantically, to appreciate Rizal as man and martyr, one has to study him his deeds, ideals and writings; and to appreciate him philatelicly, one has to collect and study the philatelic items issued by the Philippines in his memory.