

PHILIPPINE STAMP DEALERS' ASSOCIATION

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The Philippine Stamp Dealers' Association (PSDA) was founded by Vicente Arias and Severino N Luna on July 14, 1944. Organised primarily to promote philatelic trade in the Philippines and to develop better service to philatelists in general. One of the main objectives of the Association was to conduct regular auction sales. It was also focused on curbing the activities of various 'vest-pocket' dealers who had appeared on the Manila philatelic scene to profit from the popularity of stamp collecting at the time.

It is believed that the Philippine Stamp Dealers' Association was organised to continue the momentum started by the Philippine Philatelic Club to allow a more focused approach to regular and ongoing auctions.

Based on early correspondence, it appears that the Association went through a couple of name changes before settling on the Philippine Stamp Dealers' Association, as follows:

- Philippine Philatelic Club Dealer's Association (on uncirculated 'draft' notice)
- Philippine Philatelic Dealers' Association (on July 11, 1944 notice)
- Philippine Stamp Dealers' Association (on August 31, 1944 notice)

Whilst the PSDA was established, it does not seem to have generated a great deal of momentum in attracting members and appears to only have one member recorded in the 1950s – the World Stamp Agency. To date, very little information has been found for the PSDA, and no correspondence has been seen after the Japanese Occupation of the Philippines.

WORLD STAMP AGENCY

Active in the 1950s (possibly earlier), the World Stamp Agency was instrumental in producing a large number of first day covers during the Republic period, with elaborate and colourfully printed cachets. There was talk of them creating 3-D covers around 1954, but appears that they did not pursue with this project.

The World Stamp Agency was a member of the American Stamp Dealers' Association (ASDA) and claimed to be the only member of the Philippine Stamp Dealers' Association (PSDA) in the 1950s.

To date, no detailed information has been found on the World Stamp Agency, and included here due to their affiliation with the PSDA.
