

King Alfonso XIII, 1890s

1893, Iloilo to Zürich, Switzerland
1894, Manila to New York, United States



Cover sent from Iloilo to Switzerland. The stamp was cancelled by a blue "COMUNICACIONES / ILOILO" cancel on October 24, 1893. From Iloilo the cover was transported via Manila. To Europe, the cover was carried by the French steamship *Saghalién* where it was cancelled on November 8. On December 2 it arrived in Samaden, Switzerland and was redirected. It reached Zürich two days later.

An 8 Centavos stamp, issued 1892, paying the UPU rate at 8 Centavos.



Front of a large, registered envelope sent from Manila to New York, United States. The stamps, issued 1894, were tied by the "CORREOS / MANILA" cancel in December 1894. In addition, an "R" was cancelled on the cover to identify it as registered. The cancellations were made in the red color, typical for registered mail at the second half of 1894 and beginning of 1895. **Scarce multiple usage of the 20 Centavos de Peso stamp of 1894.**

The 48 Centavos franking was paying five times postage to an UPU-country as well as the registration fee of 8 Centavos.