

King Alfonso XIII, 1890s Mail to UPU

1894, Manila to New York, United States
1897, Iloilo to Philadelphia, United States



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 envelope was sent to Hong Kong by British steamer *Esmeralda* and then forwarded eastbound.

The item was properly franked for five times postage to an UPU member as well as the registration fee.



Registered cover sent from Iloilo February 1897 to Philadelphia, United States. The cover was franked with two stamps at 8 C. The stamps were tied by a single-lined oblong cancel. A boxed cancel "CERTIFICADO" and a worn date cancel "COMUNICACIONES / ILOILO" were also applied on the front.

The cover was sent by the German steamer *Swatow*. It departed Iloilo on February 16 and was carried directly to Hong Kong, where it was marked upon arrival on February 21. It was forwarded to San Francisco via Shanghai by the British steamer *Coptic*.

In San Francisco it was cancelled on March 21 and in Philadelphia on March 27, 1897.