

# First Filipino Overseas Flight

Antonio Arnaiz and Juan Calvo became the first Filipino pilots to fly to HK, now a port for Imperial.

Both covers proceeded to Spain, the upper one by air and the lower by sea.

The Fairchild 24 left Manila in the morning, and stopped at Laoag in Ilocos Norte province. It arrived in HK late in the afternoon. Of the 500 covers carried, 300 emanated from Manila and 200 from Laoag.

Both pilots signed this cover.



Laoag  
29 May 1936  
to Hong Kong,  
then to Madrid

*Both Covers.* 16 centavos was the Philippines single rate to a foreign country. Backstamped Hong Kong 29 May, 6 pm.

*Upper Cover* is one of 80 covers re-posted in Hong Kong. The 25 cent Hong Kong stamp was cancelled 9 June. Arnaiz and Calvo then flew their plane to Madrid. On the reverse is a Madrid marking - Correo Aereo (Airmail) 11 July.



*Route*  
HK to Madrid by  
sea.

*Backstamp*  
Madrid 29 June.

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