Singapore Direction, changed to Hong Kong

Postage for the Hong Kong route was more expensive than the route via Singapore. However Hong Kong was 700 miles from Manila, much closer than Singapore.



Rate
1P 4c, being:
72c (twice 36c),
12c letter,
20c registration

On reverse

Manila Foreign
Registered Mail.

Manila Registration
sticker.

HK Registered cds 5 Apr.

Manila 1 April 1939 to Edinburgh

Endorsement

The sender has clearly endorsed at the top left the route by ship to Hong Kong and then by Imperial.

The Manila Post Office strike of the via Singapore mark appears to be just a mistake, soon corrected by overstriking with via HK.

Rate
48c, for 5g.
36c via HK,
12c foreign letter.



Baguio 17 Feb 1939 to Denmark

The sender wrote "via Singapore".

However the rate was airmail via Hong Kong.