

*Mailing Rizal*



How must Dr. Jose Albert, Rizal's roommate while painstakingly writing *El Filibusterismo* in Brussels, have felt sending a postal card with his friend's face on it? Before *personalized stamps* became popular, Jose Rizal's family and friends already experienced mailing letters using Rizal's stamps. Trinidad Mercado, Rizal's younger sister and a revolutionary herself, must have been both proud and sentimental signing first day covers featuring her beloved Kuya Pepe.

As the first and most featured face on Philippine stamps, other prominent personalities had, at some point throughout history, used a Rizal stamp, or two, in posting their personal mails.