

1879 ISSUE

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

On May 1, 1877, the Philippines joined the General Postal Union (renamed Universal Postal Union in 1878). Mail could now be sent to non-Spanish countries at the same overseas rates previously to Spain and colonies. However, new UPU rates did not become effective in the Philippines until September 1, 1879. On September 1, 1879, four previous stamps were issued with the surcharge "CONVENIO UNIVERSAL DE CORREOS HABILITADO" (with 2 CENTAVOS or 8 CENTAVOS). Surcharged in Manila.

OVERSEAS POSTAL RATE

SINGLE-WEIGHT OVERSEAS RATE = 8 CENTAVOS
(to non-Spanish countries)

ONLY 4 COVERS KNOWN



1880 Manila to Hong Kong via the private Spanish steamer DIAMANTE.