

**OCTOBER 14, 1943****17c KALAYAAN (INDEPENDENCE) ISSUE**

Issued to commemorate the inauguration on October 14, 1943 of the independent Republika ng Pilipinas. Designed by Guillermo E Tolentino, Filipino artist and sculptor. Printed by rotogravure at one of the printing plants taken over by and operated under the aegis of Manila Shimbun-Sha, Printing Division, Manila, on glazed newsprint. The stamps were printed in plates of 100 subjects, divided into panes of 50 subjects (10x5), without any marginal inscriptions or markings. The 17c stamp covered the combined Letter Mail rate (5c) and Registry Fee (12c).

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