



OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE GOETHE-INSTITUT COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS



Sesquicentennial
Birth Anniversary
of José Rizal
and the 50th
Anniversary of
the Goethe-Institut
Philippinen

Monday, the 20th of June 2011
10:00 am
SM Mall of Asia, Foyer of IMAX Cinema

In its fiftieth year of cultural cooperation with Philippine national institutions and universities, the Goethe-Institut Philippinen also celebrates the sesquicentennial anniversary of Philippine national hero Dr. José Rizal. A prominent personality in Philippine-German relations, Dr. Rizal served as a catalyst for cultural exchange between our two countries. On this occasion, the German Cultural Center is paying homage to his legacy and is celebrating this Philippine-German historical link, by releasing four stamps commemorating these coinciding anniversaries.

The first stamp features the statue of Rizal in Heidelberg-Wilhelmsfeld, the second features the fountain that once stood in Pastor Karl Ullmer's residence where Rizal stayed, now standing in Luneta Park, Manila. The third depicts Pastor Ullmer's former home on Pfarrgasse street which now bears Rizal's name. These stamps pay tribute to José Rizal and his influence on German culture. The fourth image with the colors of the Philippine and German flags celebrates this established and continuing relationship between our two countries whose cultural ties have remained strong throughout the years.