

Significant Changes in Philippines in 2008 Scott Catalogue

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This year, based on worldwide market activity, significant pricing and editorial changes were made in the Philippines section in Volume 5 (P-SL) of the 2008 Scott Catalogue. Some of these changes are discussed below.

In the **Spanish period**, color illustrations replaced the black and whites of the 1854-55 issues, culminating the complete re-do of illustrations of this period. The used value of the scarce "CORROS" error (#4c) went from \$1,200 to \$2,000, which is still conservative, based on **Rick Miggins'** survey (*IPPS Newsletter*, Third Quarter, 1995), where IPPS members reported only one #4c. For unknown reasons, the newly listed used #24A (in 2007) decreased from \$6,000 to \$1,000, in spite of the fact that there has been no market activity on this stamp for over a decade, and its scarcity is similar to #7 mint (\$7,750). Nearly every Spanish Philippine collector needs this stamp. On the other hand, the newly listed #27A (in 2007), which every collector also needs, realistically went from \$1,500 used to \$2,500 (only one used and one mint stamp have been reported). The previous illustration of the HABILITADO POR LA NACION (HPLN) overprint, which may have been a reprint HPLN, was replaced with a genuine original HPLN handstamp illustration (below).

Scott #27A
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Language was also inserted after the HPLN listings indicating the existence of reprints (an article on this topic is scheduled to be published in *The American Philatelist* in 2008). The 15c on 25c brown reprint was added to the list of 1897 reprints.

Few changes occurred in the **U.S. Administration period**. This is surprising, since market decreases continue to occur for most high-value 1899-1904 mint "PHILIPPINE" overprinted issues. The Catalogue also did not reflect market increases for mint and used 1925 Lambert imperforates. Most used values of the **Revolutionary Government issues** increased, including #Y2 used, which went from .25 to \$2.00 -- a long overdue increase.

Many significant price and editorial changes occurred for the **Republic period** -- the result of continued difficulty in obtaining used current issues, particularly pairs, se-tenant blocks, and souvenir sheets. This