

Magellan and the Philippine Islands

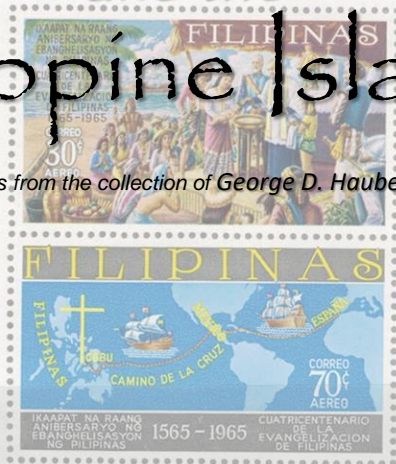
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4TH CENTENNIAL OF THE CHRISTIANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Portuguese mariner and explorer, Ferdinand Magellan (Fernão de Magalhães)

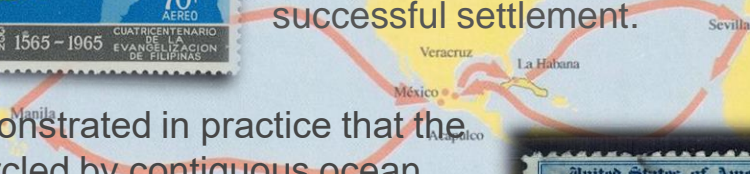
gave the Pacific Ocean its name.



A fleet of five ships under his command set off on an expedition in 1519 to become the first to circumnavigate the globe. In 1521, Magellan discovered the 7,600-island archipelago as Spanish explorers approached from Asia while the Portuguese came from the Indian Ocean.



In 1543, the Spanish named the islands after King Philip II and in 1565, they established their first successful settlement.



Magellan's voyage demonstrated in practice that the world is round and encircled by contiguous ocean, allowing ships to circumnavigate the globe, and establishing the colonization of the New World by many other nations.



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