The History of the Football World Cup under the Eye of Philately



05/31/2001: First day Japanese envelope with the tournament mascots: *Ato*, *Kaz* and *Nik*. The additional amounts charged on the face value of the stamps were used to raise funds as a contribution to the World Cup.



05/31/1997: Jules Rimet, the French creator and the original trophy that bears his name, honored on a South Korean stamp

The 2002 Cup registered the fastest goal in history, surpassing the mark, until then, of the 1962 edition. In the 3rd place match, Turkey beat South Korea by 3x2 and the Turkish captain Hakan Sukur scored at the 11th second of the match.