Hongkong Post to issue "The Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link" special stamps (with photos)

Hongkong Post announced today (August 28) the release of a set of special stamps on the theme of "The Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link", together with associated philatelic products, on September 17 (Monday).

The Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) will be commissioned in September this year. Hongkong Post is issuing a set of four special stamps to commemorate this important event. The Hong Kong Section of the XRL is a 26-kilometre full-tunnel dedicated railway running from the terminus in West Kowloon to the boundary at Huanggang. This will greatly shorten the travelling time by rail from Hong Kong to major Mainland cities.

With the commissioning of the Hong Kong Section of the XRL, Hong Kong will be included in the expanding national high-speed rail network. This will help consolidate Hong Kong's status as a transport hub in the region, strengthening exchange and economic ties between Hong Kong and the Mainland, and additionally facilitate collaboration and co-development of various trades and industries. Hong Kong is also keeping pace with other sophisticated transport systems around the world and with the global trend of high-speed rail development.

The set of four stamps, symbolising the linkage in the region and showing the vivid colours and smooth lines of the XRL trains, features Guangzhou (\$2), Shenzhen (\$3.70) and Hong Kong (\$4.90 and \$5) stamps from left to right. The various motifs representing the cultural characteristics and landmarks of the three cities appear in the relevant sections of the train. The design for the central part of the train forms a pair of linked hands to signify that Hong Kong and the Mainland will join hands to explore new opportunities through closer exchange in economic affairs and other aspects.

Official First Day Covers at \$1.30 each will be put on sale at all post offices from September 3. The stamps and associated philatelic products will be displayed at the General Post Office, Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, Tsuen Wan Post Office, Sha Tin Central Post Office and Tuen Mun Central Post Office from the same day. Advance orders for servicing self-provided covers will be accepted at all philatelic offices from September 3 to 8.

Information about this special stamp issue and associated philatelic products is available on the Hongkong Post website at www.hongkongpost.hk and via the Hongkong Post mobile app.















Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of 4 stamps.

Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a Souvenir Sheet.

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