

[Hongkong Post to issue "Year of the Snake" special stamps \(with photos\)](#)

â€‹Ringing in the snake for a bright year to come, Hongkong Post announced today (December 17) that Lunar New Year special stamps and associated philatelic products on the theme of "Year of the Snake" will be released for sale on January 5, 2025 (Sunday). The "Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet of Lunar New Year Animals – Dragon/Snake" and "Year of the Snake" Joint Souvenir Packs will be issued on the same day, adding a festive ambience to the new year.

With a long-standing history, the 12 Chinese zodiac signs carry great significance in traditional Chinese culture. To welcome the Year of the Snake, Hongkong Post will release the second issue of the fifth Lunar New Year special stamp series. A set of four stamps, two stamp sheetlets and associated philatelic products feature various depictions of the snake adorned with traditional Lunar New Year elements. The background is set off with festive colours and light-gold plants, giving an atmosphere of rejoicing in celebration of the Year of the Snake. Set against a background of bamboo and peonies respectively, the \$10 stamp sheetlet and the \$50 laser-cut paper art stamp sheetlet depict a snake embellished with motifs of auspicious clouds and ruyi locks, signifying success and peace. The motif on the \$50 stamp sheetlet is laser-cut with exquisite technique to create a delicate silhouette of a snake, rendering the stamp sheetlet a prestigious collectible for the Year of the Snake.

For the "Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet of Lunar New Year Animals – Dragon/Snake", this is the first issue in the third Lunar New Year Gold and Silver stamp issue series. This stamp sheetlet is embedded with two zodiac stamps, namely "Year of the Dragon" stamp and "Year of the Snake" stamp, each in a denomination of \$50. The dragon and snake on the stamps are hot stamped with silver foil and 22-carat gold foil respectively, and accompanied by a certificate of authenticity. The snake is specially produced with an embossing technique, creating a lifelike and dynamic effect.

In addition, China Post, Hongkong Post and Macao Post and Telecommunications will jointly present "Year of the Snake" Joint Souvenir Packs on the same day. The Joint Souvenir Packs contain the souvenir sheet jointly issued by the three postal administrations, demonstrating that the three places share the same roots and cultural lineage.

Official first day covers for "Year of the Snake" and official souvenir covers for the "Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet of Lunar New Year Animals – Dragon/Snake" will be on sale at all post offices and on Hongkong Post's online shopping mall ShopThruPost (shopthrupost.hongkongpost.hk) from tomorrow (December 18). Prestige versions of the aforesaid covers, red packets and the newly designed 2025 Souvenir Cover will also be available at all philatelic offices and ShopThruPost on the same day.

This set of special stamps and associated philatelic products will be on sale at all 37 philatelic offices and ShopThruPost from January 5, 2025, and will also be available at other non-philatelic offices from January 6. Serviced first day covers/Lunar New Year animals souvenir covers affixed with the special stamps, prestige versions of serviced first day covers/Lunar New Year animals souvenir covers affixed with the special stamps, postage prepaid Lunar New Year greeting cards (air mail), "Heartwarming Stamps" mini-panes (local/air mail), Joint Souvenir Packs and prestige versions of Joint Souvenir Packs will be available at philatelic offices only.

Special sales arrangements will be made on the stamp issue date, January 5, 2025. Thirty-two philatelic offices will be open from 9.30am to 1pm on that day, while the other five philatelic offices including the General Post Office, Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, Tsuen Wan Post Office, Sha Tin Central Post Office and Tuen Mun Central Post Office will be open from 9.30am to 5pm.

A hand-back date-stamping service will be provided on January 5, 2025, at all philatelic offices for official first day covers/souvenir covers/privately made covers bearing the first day of issue indication and a local address.

Information about this set of special stamps and associated philatelic products is available on the Hongkong Post Stamps website (stamps.hongkongpost.hk).

歲次乙巳(蛇年)
Year of the Snake



郵票
Mint Stamps



特別郵戳
Special Postmark



郵票小型張(燙壓)
Stamp Sheetlet (hot foil stamping)



鐳射剪紙郵票小型張
(燙壓及鐳射切割)
Laser-cut Paper Art Stamp Sheetlet
(hot foil stamping and laser cutting)

歲次乙巳(蛇年)
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正式首日封
Official First Day Cover



已蓋銷首日封連一套四枚郵票
(以特別郵戳蓋銷)
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of 4 Stamps
(date-stamped with special postmark)



已蓋銷首日封連10元郵票小型張
(燙壓)(以特別郵戳蓋銷)
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet
(hot foil stamping) (date-stamped with special postmark)



已蓋銷首日封連鐳射剪紙郵票小型張
(燙壓及鐳射切割)
(以特別郵戳蓋銷)
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a
Laser-cut Paper Art Stamp Sheetlet
(hot foil stamping and laser cutting)
(date-stamped with special postmark)

歲次乙巳(蛇年)
Year of the Snake



首日封(珍藏版)。
Official First Day Cover (Prestige).



已蓋銷首日封(珍藏版)連一套四枚郵票
(以特別郵戳蓋銷)。
Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige)
affixed with a set of 4 Stamps
(date-stamped with special postmark).



已蓋銷首日封(珍藏版)連10元郵票小型張
(燙蓋)。(以特別郵戳蓋銷)。
Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige)
affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet
(hot foil stamping)
(date-stamped with special postmark).



已蓋銷首日封(珍藏版)連鐫射剪紙郵票小型張
(燙蓋及鐫射切割)。(以特別郵戳蓋銷)。
Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige) affixed with
a Laser-cut Paper Art Stamp Sheetlet
(hot foil stamping and laser cutting)
(date-stamped with special postmark).

歲次乙巳(蛇年)
Year of the Snake



套摺(封面)。
Presentation Pack (Cover).



套摺(內頁)。
Presentation Pack (Inside).

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郵資已付生寫賀年卡(空郵郵資)。(一套四張)。
Postage Prepaid Lunar New Year Greeting Cards (Air Mail) (a set of 4 cards).

歲次乙巳(蛇年)
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「心思心意郵票」小版張(本地郵資)。
"Heartwarming Stamps" Mini-pane (Local Mail Postage).

歲次乙巳(蛇年)
Year of the Snake



「心思心意郵票」小版張(空郵郵資)。
"Heartwarming Stamps" Mini-pane (Air Mail Postage).

歲次乙巳(蛇年)
Year of the Snake



利是封(每包20個,共四款設計)。
Red Packets (A pack of 20 pieces with four designs).

歲次乙巳(蛇年)
Year of the Snake



聯合紀念套摺(封套)。
Joint Souvenir Pack (Envelope).

聯合紀念套摺(封面)。
Joint Souvenir Pack (Cover).



聯合紀念套摺(內頁)。
Joint Souvenir Pack (Inside).

歲次乙巳(蛇年)
Year of the Snake



聯合紀念套摺(珍藏版)(封套)。
Joint Souvenir Pack (Prestige) (Envelope).

聯合紀念套摺(珍藏版)(封面)。
Joint Souvenir Pack (Prestige) (Cover).



聯合紀念套摺(珍藏版)(內頁)。
Joint Souvenir Pack (Prestige) (Inside).

十二生肖金銀郵票小型張 — 飛龍靈蛇
Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals - Dragon/Snake



郵票小型張
(22K金箔燙壓、壓印及銀箔燙壓)。
Stamp Sheetlet
(22-carat gold hot foil stamping, embossing and silver hot foil stamping)。



特別郵戳。
Special Postmark。



正式紀念封。
Official Souvenir Cover。



已蓋銷紀念封連郵票小型張
(22K金箔燙壓、壓印及銀箔燙壓)
(以特別郵戳蓋銷)。
Serviced Souvenir Cover affixed with a Stamp Sheetlet
(22-carat gold hot foil stamping, embossing and silver hot foil stamping)
(date-stamped with special postmark)。

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Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals - Dragon/Snake



正式紀念封(珍藏版)。
Official Souvenir Cover (Prestige)。



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Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals - Dragon/Snake

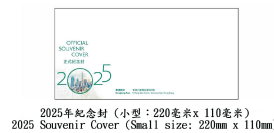


套摺(封面)。
Presentation Pack (Cover).



套摺(內頁)。
Presentation Pack (Inside).

2025年紀念封
2025 Souvenir Cover



2025年紀念封(小型: 220毫米x 110毫米)
2025 Souvenir Cover (Small size: 220mm x 110mm)



2025年紀念封(中型: 228毫米x 162毫米)
2025 Souvenir Cover (Medium size: 228mm x 162mm)



2025年紀念封(大型: 265毫米x 190毫米)
2025 Souvenir Cover (Large size: 265mm x 190mm)