

Hongkong Post unveils new stamp issues for January to June 2024

Hongkong Post announced today (October 19) that five sets of special stamps of various themes will be issued from January to June 2024. Each stamp issue has its own ingenious design and distinctive style, making the special stamps valuable collectables for philatelists and the public.

Having originated thousands of years ago, the 12 Chinese zodiac animals are an important part of traditional Chinese culture. Among the 12 zodiac animals, the dragon is a mythical creature that symbolises prestige and power, and is widely known as a symbol of auspiciousness and good luck. As the Year of the Dragon is approaching, Hongkong Post will release the first issue of the fifth Lunar New Year special stamp series. A set of four stamps and two stamp sheetlets showcase a vivid depiction of the dragon with different graphic elements and festive colours, creating an atmosphere of rejoicing in celebration of the Year of the Dragon. The \$50 stamp sheetlet is a laser-cut paper art stamp sheetlet issued by Hongkong Post for the first time. The motif on the stamp is laser-cut to create a delicate silhouette of a dragon. The elaborate design of the paper-cut, coupled with an exquisite crafting technique, render the stamp sheetlet a perfect collectible in the Year of the Dragon. In addition, the Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Rabbit/Dragon and the Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – A Complete Collectible Set, will be issued at the same time to celebrate the new year.

Hong Kong is a city where East meets West and where tradition and modernity intertwine, with many historic buildings around. Historic buildings are symbols of Hong Kong's cultural identity and continuity. They also carry various kinds of academic and aesthetic value. Hongkong Post will issue a set of six special stamps on the theme of "Declared Monuments in Hong Kong II" with a view to fostering the public's understanding and appreciation of historic buildings in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is renowned for being a "clean" city. This is attributed to the concerted efforts of the community and the Independent Commission Against Corruption in fostering a probity culture. To tell the good anti-corruption stories of our city, Hongkong Post will issue a set of six special stamps and a stamp sheetlet on the theme of "Anti-corruption in Hong Kong", reliving the city's momentous days of fighting corruption over the past 50 years.

As the Cheung Chau Jiao Festival was inscribed onto the First Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage for Hong Kong, Hongkong Post will launch a special stamp issue on "Cheung Chau Jiao Festival" to promote this intangible cultural heritage of Hong Kong in the hope that this traditional festival and its associated folk crafts can be passed down through the generations.

Chinese porcelain enjoys a great reputation both at home and abroad. Chinese tea culture has a long history, and tea ware is an integral part of Chinese ceramics. Hongkong Post will issue a set of six stamps and two stamp sheetlets on the theme of "Hong Kong Museums Collection – Selected Tea Ware from China and the World" to showcase selected tea ware from China and the world from the collection of the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware, demonstrating the development and influence of Chinese tea culture in history.

Customers may place advance orders for the above new stamp products from today on Hongkong Post's online shopping mall ShopThruPost (shopthrupost.hongkongpost.hk). Customers may also visit the Facebook page "éjµç¥"ï¼Žéjµè¶f@Hongkong Post Stamps" (www.facebook.com/HKPStamps) for more details. Customers who place orders by November 8 (Wednesday) will receive attractive gifts and bonus points. Further information about placing orders can be obtained from the Hongkong Post Stamps website or by calling the Hongkong Post Philatelic Bureau hotline at 2785 5711.