

Hongkong Post unveils new stamp issues for January to June 2025

Hongkong Post announced today (October 25) that a set of Hong Kong Definitive Stamps and five sets of special stamps on various themes will be issued from January to June 2025. Each stamp issue features its own ingenious design and distinctive style, making the stamps valuable collectables for philatelists and the public.

To demonstrate the uniqueness and charm of Hong Kong as an international financial hub and an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange, Hongkong Post will issue a new set of definitive stamps themed "Hong Kong Landmarks" to introduce the city's famous landmarks through a set of 16 stamps. The stamps showcase the stunning landscapes of Hong Kong and depict the city's conservation achievements and important infrastructure developments. The new definitive stamps will be available in a full range of denominations, providing the public with convenience in combining the stamps for daily use when posting mail items. To support green initiatives and waste reduction, after the issue of the new definitive stamps, the 2014 Hong Kong Definitive Stamps themed "Hong Kong Global Geopark of China" will continue to be on sale while stocks last.

To celebrate the Year of the Snake in 2025, Hongkong Post will release the second issue of the fifth Lunar New Year special stamp series. A set of four stamps and two stamp sheetlets feature various depictions of the Snake adorned with traditional Lunar New Year elements. The background is enhanced with festive colours and light gold plants, creating an atmosphere of celebration for the Year of the Snake. The \$50 stamp sheetlet is a laser-cut paper art stamp sheetlet. The motif on the stamp sheetlet is laser-cut to create a delicate silhouette of a snake. The intricate design, combined with exquisite production techniques, makes this stamp sheetlet a perfect collectible for the Year of the Snake. In addition, Hongkong Post will also present the Lunar New Year Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet – Dragon/Snake at the same time, wishing everyone a blessed year ahead. This stamp sheetlet is the first issue in the third Lunar New Year Gold and Silver stamp issue series. The dragon and snake on the stamps are lavishly finished in silver foil and 22-carat gold foil respectively, adding to the festive ambience of the Lunar New Year. In addition, China Post, Hongkong Post and Macao Post and Telecommunications will jointly issue the "Year of the Snake" Joint Souvenir Pack. The Joint Souvenir Pack contains the souvenir sheet jointly issued by the three postal administrations, demonstrating that the three places share the same roots and cultural lineage. Relevant details and sales arrangements will be announced in due course.

Public architecture is closely related to the daily lives of the people. With the completion of new public buildings one after another, it has witnessed the glorious history of the establishment and development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region while telling a living story to

generations. Following the "Public Architecture in Hong Kong" special stamps issued in 2016, Hongkong Post will present a set of six stamps themed "Public Architecture in Hong Kong II", featuring six distinctive public buildings.

The Fuyun Xuan Collection is a private collection of Chinese snuff bottles established by late local collector Mr Christopher Sin. His wife, Mrs Josephine Sin, has donated 490 sets of snuff bottles to the Hong Kong Museum of Art, making these cultural gems accessible to a wider public. The small and delicate snuff bottles cover a wide range of craftsmanship, serving as miniature embodiments of Chinese art and craft history. Hongkong Post will release a set of six stamps and two stamp sheetlets themed "Hong Kong Museums Collection – Fuyun Xuan Collection of Chinese Snuff Bottles" to showcase some representative Chinese snuff bottles from the Fuyun Xuan Collection that manifest the exquisite craftsmanship and creativity of Chinese artisans despite their small size.

Victoria Harbour is a world-famous natural harbour recognised as an icon of Hong Kong. Hongkong Post will issue a set of four stamps and a stamp sheetlet themed "Victoria Harbour Promenades", which showcase enchanting views of Victoria Harbour by day and night, and highlight the achievements in harbourfront enhancement and public enjoyment of the harbourfront space, thereby deepening public appreciation for the Victoria Harbour Promenades. To enhance youth participation, the photo on the \$10 stamp sheetlet was taken from the winning entry of the Student Group·Photo·Camera in the Victoria Harbourfront Photo and Short Video Competition.

Inscribed on the first Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Hong Kong in 2017, paper crafting technique is a folk art with a long history that embodies the history and culture of different ethnic groups and carries significant social and cultural values. Hongkong Post will launch a special stamp issue on "Intangible Cultural Heritage – Paper Crafting Technique" to promote this intangible cultural heritage of Hong Kong, in the hope that this traditional folk art can be passed down through generations.

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 "éƒµçŸ" i¼Žéƒµè¶Œf@Hongkong Post Stamps" (www.facebook.com/HKPStamps) for more details. Customers who place orders by November 11 (Monday) 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.