

Hongkong Post unveils new stamp issues for July to December 2021

Hongkong Post today (May 21) announced that seven sets of special stamps will be issued from July to December 2021, offering an extraordinary collection of stamps encompassing a variety of themes and refreshing designs with distinct features.

Taking the lead is the first issue, entitled "The 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the Communist Party of China". It has been 100 years since the Communist Party of China (CPC) was founded in July 1921. To mark the 100th anniversary of the CPC since its founding, Hongkong Post will issue a set of four stamps and a stamp sheetlet on July 1 (Thursday). The stamps and the stamp sheetlet adopt the official logo of the CPC's 100th anniversary celebrations, which includes the image and the title in its design, while the 56 beams radiating from the logo signify the CPC's endeavour of striving for advancement that shines all over the country. The CPC flag in bright red extends across each of the stamps to present the founding and development of the new China led by the CPC, as well as its objectives to seek happiness for the Chinese people, rejuvenation for the Chinese nation, and universal brotherhood for the world. The "one country, two systems" principle has been successfully implemented in Hong Kong under the leadership of the CPC and the Central People's Government. Hong Kong, as a Special Administrative Region, has been able to maintain its prosperity and stability, and integrate into the overall development of the country.

The four stamps present different important themes. The \$2 stamp has the theme of "An Epoch-making Moment", depicting 106 Rue Wantz (now 76 Xingye Road) in Shanghai and the Red Boat at Nanhu Lake in Jiaxing where the First CPC National Congress was held in 1921. That was also the year when the CPC's founding was declared. The \$3.70 stamp features the Great Wall and the Tiananmen Tower in Beijing, with the theme of "The Founding of the New China". This represents not only the struggle and perseverance of the Chinese nation, but also the inauguration of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China proclaimed on the Tiananmen Tower in Beijing in 1949, officially unveiling the new China striving for progression. The \$4.90 stamp is entitled "Reform and Opening Up", juxtaposing the countryside with a good harvest and the rapid urban development to show that the policy of reform and opening up was implemented in China after the Third Plenary Session of the 11th Central Committee of the CPC in 1978. As for the \$5 stamp, the theme "Towards Rejuvenation" is a demonstration of the remarkable achievements in science and technology of China in the 21st century. In China's first Mars mission, the Tianwen-1 space probe was successfully launched, setting off on the nation's independent journey to Mars exploration. The Chinese railway network has expanded rapidly with an extension for high-speed trains reaching Hong Kong direct, underscoring the country's outstanding scientific development.

The stamp sheetlet themed on "Heading for a New Era" shows the Chinese national flag and the Hong Kong regional flag flying side by side, coupled with auspicious clouds and fireworks, illustrating Hong Kong's celebration of the CPC's 100th anniversary. It also shows the return of Hong Kong to the motherland in 1997, the 2008 Beijing Olympic equestrian events held in Hong Kong, and the country's support for Hong Kong's anti-epidemic efforts in 2020, testifying to the direction of "one country, two systems" and the way it is put into practice. Also present on the stamp sheetlet is the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, the longest bridge-and-tunnel sea crossing in the world, which connects the ports of Hong Kong, Zhuhai and Macao and is conducive to promoting the sustainable economic development of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao and leveraging the overall development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

This issue is absolutely not to be missed, and people can order now before it is gone. People may collect this exceptionally meaningful issue on the issue date (July 1) if they place their orders on or before May 31. The issue will also be available at all 38 philatelic offices, which will be open from 9am to 2pm on the issue date.

To mark the significant occasion of the Games of the XXXII Olympiad Tokyo 2020, Hongkong Post will issue a set of four commemorative stamps on its opening day (July 23) (Friday). Images in vivid colours outlined in gold foil add dynamic appeal to the stamps, and act as a blessing for Hong Kong athletes to achieve their goals in the coming games.

What's coming next will be a set of six commemorative stamps entitled "180th Anniversary of Hong Kong Postal Service" on August 25 (Wednesday). The stamp design showcases Hongkong Post's development and evolution alongside the pace of the postal market, its effort to meet the changing expectations and needs of customers, and its contribution in creating a new era of smart postal services.

To carry on the success of collaborating with the renowned comic artist Ma Wing-shing for the "Storm Riders" special stamps last year, Hongkong Post is continuing the collaboration with local comic artists by launching the "Feel 100%" special stamps on September 16 (Thursday). Feel 100% is an original Hong Kong comic created by Lau Wan-Kit. The story is set in Hong Kong and depicts an intricate metropolitan love story. It was adapted into movies and a television drama that were popular among the younger generation of the time. Hongkong Post will issue a set of six stamps and two stamp sheetlets based on the protagonists of the story to re-create the classic scenes of the story on stamps that will take people back to their youth with sweet memories and racing heartbeats.

In addition, Hongkong Post will issue a stamp sheetlet of "World Heritage in China Series No. 10: South China Karst" on October 12 (Tuesday), presenting the unique and magnificent landscapes of the South China Karst. At the same time, a stamp sheetlet under the "The Complete World Heritage in China Series" comprising all the 10 issues will be launched to display all the natural and cultural treasures on one sheetlet, making it a valuable

collectible. The special stamp issue entitled "Hong Kong Special Flora" is equally pleasing to the eye. A set of six stamps, featuring an innovative and eye-catching design, will be issued on November 16 (Tuesday) to showcase six species of flowering plants named after Hong Kong.

As a world-class city, Hong Kong has a range of scenic locations that have attracted many filmmakers to shoot on location. Numerous local and foreign classics were shot right here in Hong Kong. Hongkong Post has specially selected four hot spots for filmmakers, namely Kau U Fong, "Monster Building", Two International Finance Centre and the Jumbo Floating Restaurant, to launch a set of four stamps entitled "Movie Scenic Locations in Hong Kong" on December 2 (Thursday). Santa Claus is featured in the leading role to take people on a tour of memorable film locations on stamps. With a bright and lively tone, the stamps are also printed in a gold and silver frame to boost the festive mood and ring in the joyful holidays.

Customers may place advance orders for the above new stamp products from today on the Hongkong Post Stamps website (stamps.hongkongpost.hk) or the Facebook page "éµç¥"i¼Žéµè¶¶@Hongkong Post Stamps" (www.facebook.com/HKPStamps). Customers who place orders by June 11 (Friday) 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.

A video showcasing these special stamps has been uploaded to www.youtube.com/c/hkpogovhk. Hongkong Post will also share more news on the upcoming stamp issues on both the Facebook page and its Instagram account (www.instagram.com/hkpstamps). Please follow "éµç¥"i¼Žéµè¶¶@Hongkong Post Stamps" to stay tuned to the latest philatelic news.