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SINGAPORE POLICE FORCE
A Force for the Nation

In a stamp issue to be released on 23 April 2003, Singapore Post honours the exemplary work of the honourable men and women of the Singapore Police Force.

From Humble Beginnings

With a long history dating back to 1819, the Singapore Police Force started as a small unit comprising one sergeant, eight constables, a jailer and a writer. It has evolved today into a nimble and progressive police force, feared by criminals but reassuring to citizens as it keeps the streets safe and free from crime.

Four Stamps

The set of four stamps feature four main areas of policing, namely Community Policing, Traffic Policing, Maritime Policing and International Peacekeeping. The stamps are visual tributes to the work of our officers who continue to uphold the law and keep the peace.

Community Policing

First introduced in 1983, the Neighbourhood Police Post (NPP) system was centred around the cooperative partnership between the Police and the people to prevent and fight crime in society. The system was subsequently restructured to become the Neighbourhood Police Centre (NPC) system in 1997. With the emphasis on community policing, crime rates over the last decade of the 20th century have declined. Police services via the NPCs are also readily available to the public.

Traffic Policing

Formed in 1926, the Traffic Police Department maintains law and order on the roads of Singapore as well as promotes road traffic safety.

Maritime Policing

The Police Coast Guard maintains law and order within Singapore territorial waters. Its efforts in ensuring security can be seen in the absence of sea robberies in our territorial waters in the last 12 years, in the saving of numerous lives at sea, and in a continued decline in the number of illegal immigrants arriving by sea.

International Peacekeeping

Singapore has been participating in United Nations (UN) peacekeeping missions since 1989. In 1988, the Singapore Police set up a dedicated peacekeeping contingent – the Singapore Police Force United Nations Peace Keeping Force. It is deployed in peacekeeping missions initiated by the UN Department of Peace Keeping Operations.

Online Orders Available

The stamps & first day cover will be available for sale on 23 April 2003 at all post offices and the Singapore Philatelic Bureau (at Singapore Post Centre Branch). For those who prefer to purchase online, they can order items in this stamp issue at <http://vpostmall.vpost.com.sg> now.

Items on Sale

The following items will be available:

Items	Price	Date Available
Set of Stamps	\$3.62	23 April 2003 onwards
First Day Cover* (without stamps)	\$0.25	Available from now till 23 April 2003 only
Pre-cancelled First Day Cover (affixed with a complete set of stamps or a miniature sheet)	\$4.20	23 April 2003 only
Presentation Pack	\$5.10	23 April 2003 onwards

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(comprising a complete set of stamps)

Prices inclusive of 4% GST for purchases within Singapore.

* Available at post offices only.

FACTSHEET

Technical details of this stamp issue are as follows:

Date of Issue	:	23 April 2003
Denomination	:	No-value Indicator, 40¢, \$1 and \$2
Stamp Size	:	28.5mm x 40mm
Perforation	:	13
Paper	:	Unwatermarked
Printing Process	:	Offset Lithography
Printer	:	Cartor Security Printing
Sheet Content	:	20 stamps
Designs	:	Design Vizio

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