



*For Immediate Release*

**CHINA-SINGAPORE COOPERATION –  
10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF SUZHOU INDUSTRIAL PARK**

**Singapore, 25 February 2004** - On 1 March 2004, the postal administrations of China and Singapore will jointly issue a stamp to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP). The stamp will be launched at a special ceremony to be held on 1 March 2004 in Suzhou, China.

A joint stamp issue is the concurrent issue of stamps in two countries, in their respective currencies, using the same theme and design. Joint stamp issues between countries are meaningful as they help to promote philately and friendship as well as increase mutual knowledge and understanding of countries through stamps. This particular issue is also meaningful as it is a visible record of the successful co-operation between China and Singapore in the form of a postage stamp of the respective countries.

The development of SIP began in May 1994 and since then, it has progressed from strength to strength. With the support of both governments, it has since attracted more than 1320 Foreign Invested Enterprises with total investment exceeding US\$20 billion.

**Day Certain Service To Come**

As a result of further cooperation between the two postal administrations, SingPost and China Post will also launch on 1 April 2004 the Day Certain Service for EMS (known in Singapore as Speedpost Worldwide) courier documents between China (Beijing, Shanghai and Suzhou) and Singapore. With this new commitment to service, customers using the Speedpost service will enjoy even greater convenience and confidence in having their documents delivered by designated times to major areas in these cities.

## Suzhou – Singapore Joint Stamp Issue

In this joint stamp issue, both the stamps from China and Singapore will bear the same design which depicts a sculpture that stands tall in a scenic location of Suzhou Industrial Park. Entitled “Harmony”, the sculpture is a visible symbol of the collaboration between the governments of China and Singapore. The face values of the China and Singapore stamps are 80 cents Renminbi and S\$0.60 respectively.

### Products In The Issue

A commemorative folder comprising a stamp sheet from China and a stamp sheet from Singapore will be available for sale at all post offices. A Commemorative First Day Cover affixed with a stamp from China and one from Singapore, and pre-cancelled with the respective countries’ first day issue cancellation, will also be available.

For more information about the stamp issue, customers can call the Singapore Philatelic Bureau at telephone numbers 1800 741 4111 or 6845 6756 during office hours or visit [www.singpost.com](http://www.singpost.com) . Online orders can be made at <http://vpostmall.vpost.com.sg> from now onwards.

### Items on Sale

The following items will be on sale at all post offices and the Singapore Philatelic Bureau (Singapore Post Centre Branch), unless otherwise stated:

Items	Price	Date Available
Stamp	S\$0.60	1 Mar 2004 onwards
Collectors’ Sheet (comprises 8 x 60¢ stamps)	\$5.00	1 Mar 2004 onwards
First Day Cover (without stamps)	\$0.25	Available from now until 1 Mar 2004 only
Commemorative First Day Cover (affixed with one stamp from China and one stamp from Singapore and pre-cancelled with the respective countries first day issue cancellation)	\$1.30	1 Mar 2004 only
Commemorative Folder (comprising one stamp sheetlet from China and one stamp sheetlet from Singapore)	\$11.00	1 Mar 2004 onwards

*Prices inclusive of 5% GST.*

**FACTSHEET**

Technical details of this stamp issue are as follows :

Date of Issue	:	1 March 2004
Denominations	:	60¢
Stamp Size	:	40 mm x 30 mm
Perforation	:	13
Paper	:	Unwatermarked
Printing Process	:	Offset Lithography
Printer	:	Beijing Stamp Printing House
Sheet Conten	:	10 stamps per sheet
Graphic Designer	:	Eng Siak Loy
Designer	:	Zhang Lei

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