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**NATIONAL DAY STAMP RELEASE
National Monuments**

Singapore, 6 August 2004 – Four treasured landmarks and the most prominent buildings that with stood our history will be featured in SingPost’s National Day stamp release. SingPost will release this stamp issue on **9 August 2004**. The national monuments featured are The Istana, Victoria Theatre and Concert Hall, City Hall and Supreme Court.

Preserving history

Singapore entered the 1960s with her own National Anthem, State Crest and National Flag. The National Day commemorative stamps issued between 1960 and 1963 showed the new pride as well as pressing concerns of the new state.

History plays a very important role in preserving our heritage, our past and our culture. Since the 1970s, the Preservation of Monuments Board has been actively involved in preserving some of Singapore’s historical landmarks, as they are a vital link between the past and the present.

It is crucial to preserve Singapore’s historical landmarks, as they are important reminders and representations of our past. In addition, these grand dames also add a certain character and identity to our city, giving it a sense of history and memory of the place.

The Istana (\$1 x 2 designs)

The Istana was formerly the Government House. It was completed in 1869 and was designed to impress with its spacious grounds and gracious architecture. After Singapore became independent, the building was renamed the Istana. Today, the Istana is the official residence of the President of the Republic of Singapore. The Istana grounds are open to visitors on public holidays.



Victoria Theatre and Concert Hall (30cts x 2 designs)



The Victoria Theatre & Concert Hall are essentially two buildings connected by a 54-metre clock tower. It was completed and opened in 1905. Nestled in the middle of Singapore’s civic district, it figured prominently in Singapore’s arts and cultural life. It was renamed Victoria Theatre and Concert Hall after it went through extensive renovation in 1979

City Hall (1st local x 2 designs)

City Hall has been the stage of many of Singapore’s most historic moments, such as the proclamation of self-government in Singapore in 1959 and declaration of Singapore as an independent state. Designed by Municipal Architect A. Gordon and Assistant Architect F.D. Meadows, it was built between 1926 and 1929 and is presently occupied by the Judiciary.



Supreme Court (60cts x 2 designs)



The Supreme Court, a gazetted national monument in the Civic District, was officially opened on 3 Aug 1939. One of most striking feature of the building’s façade, is an intricate sculpture of Justice by Milan born sculptor Cav Rodolpho Nolli.

As Singapore celebrates her 39th birthday on 9 August this year, it is appropriate to remind ourselves of how far we have come as a nation.

This stamp issue is released to celebrate Singapore's National Day on **9 August 2004**, and part of the proceeds from the sale of the First Day Cover will be contributed to the Community Chest of Singapore.

Information and enquiries

For more information on these new stamps, please call the Singapore Philatelic Bureau at telephone numbers 1800 741 4111 (toll-free within Singapore) or 68456756 during office hours or visit www.singpost.com.

These stamps can also be ordered online at <http://vpostmall.vpost.com.sg>.

FACTSHEET

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:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Date Available</u>
Complete Stamp Set (8 stamps: Each value x 2 se-tenent x 2 designs)	\$4.26	9 August 2004 onwards
Miniature Sheet (4 stamps: one stamp each of 1 st local, 30¢, 60¢ and \$1)	\$2.20	9 August 2004 onwards
First Day Cover (Without stamps)	\$0.25	Available from now until 10 August 2004 only

Pre-cancelled First Day Cover* (with a set of stamps)	\$4.95	9 – 10 August 2004 only
Pre-cancelled First Day Cover* (with Miniature sheet)	\$2.70	9 – 10 August 2004 only
Maxicards* (A set of 4 prepaid postcards affixed with matching stamps)	6.40	9 – 10 August 2004 only
Presentation Pack (affixed with stamps)	\$5.80	9 August 2004 onwards
Pre-paid Postcards (A set of 4 designs, \$0.80 each)	\$3.20	9 August 2004 onwards

Prices inclusive of 5% GST for purchases within Singapore.

**First Day Cancellations will be available only on 9 August 2004 at the selected post offices and SingPex 2004 at Singapore Philatelic Museum. Purchases can also be made at SingPex 2004 and Charity Fiesta @ Suntec, the atrium in front of Carrefour*

*** On the 9 August 2004, only the following post offices will be open:**

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| 1) Changi Terminal II | 8.00am – 9.30pm |
| 2) Killiney Road | 9.00am – 4.30pm |
| 3) Jurong Point | 10.00am – 2.00pm |
| 4) Singapore Post Centre | 10.00am – 4.00pm |
| 5) Woodlands Centre | 10.00am – 2.00pm |

All post offices will be open on 10 August 2004.

Technical details of this stamp issue are as follow:

Date of issue	:	9 August 2004
Denominations	:	1 st Local, 30¢, 60¢ and \$1 (each value x 2 se-tenent x 2designs)
Stamp Size	:	42mm x 47.11mm (upper stamp), 42mm x 28mm (lower stamp)
		Miniature sheet: 140mm x 75mm
Perforation	:	13
Paper	:	Unwatermarked
Printing Process	:	Offset Lithography
Printer	:	Cartor Security Printing
Sheet Content	:	10 stamps
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About SingPost

SingPost is a household name in Singapore with strong brand recognition. It is the dominant provider of domestic and international postal services in Singapore. It is one of the most efficient and profitable postal operators globally and offers customers a one-stop logistics business and retail distribution network in Singapore.

With a highly efficient mail delivery services system utilising a sophisticated distribution infrastructure and advanced mail processing technology, SingPost estimates that it has achieved domestic mail market share of greater than 95 per cent. It believes that its Spring joint venture is a market leader in private cross-border mail solutions.

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