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A STAMP JOURNEY – 150 YEARS



Singapore, 25 August 2004 – Singapore Post (SingPost) will issue a set of stamps on 28 August 2004 commemorating the 150th anniversary of the first use of stamps in Singapore. This stamp issue will be released in conjunction with the opening of the World Stamp Championship (WSC) on **28 August 2004** by Mr S R Nathan, President of the Republic of Singapore.

Stamps not only prepay postal charges, they are also miniature pieces of art and history. The history of postal services in Singapore can be traced as far back as the founding of the island by Sir Stamford Raffles in 1819. In those early years, mail was posted without stamps and it was only in 1854 that postage stamps were first introduced in Singapore.

The first stamps used here were the stamps of the East India Company as Singapore was then part of the Straits Settlements. This year will mark the 150th year of that first use of stamps. This stamp issue commemorates this significant milestone in Singapore's postal history. Using a stamp-on-stamp design concept, the stamps featured were carefully chosen for their significance in Singapore's stamp journey through the years and appropriately placed against the scenes of post offices of the corresponding period.

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The \$2 stamp features the stamps during Queen Victoria's reign.

This is followed by the \$1 stamp, which traces the stamps issued during the reigns of King Edward VII,



King George V and King George VI until just before World War II.



The 60c stamp in this issue depicts stamps of a traumatic time in Singapore's history – from the Japanese Occupation to the British Military Administration and finally the issue of the first



Singapore stamps in 1948. The 1st Local stamp reflects the celebratory and confident mood of a promising young nation, with the Coronation stamp of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, our first National Day stamp and finally one of independent Singapore.

In tracing this stamp journey, we have also covered the history of Singapore over the last 150 years. As Singapore continues with its journey, facing the new challenges of the millennium, stamps will be released as markers of the journey.

This commemorative issue of 4 stamps (1st Local, 60c, \$1 and \$2) will be released on **28 August 2004**. In addition to the stamps, a miniature sheet will also be produced.

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:

Items	Price	Date Available
Complete Stamp Set	\$3.83	28 August 2004 onwards
Miniature Sheet	\$4.00	28 August 2004 onwards
First Day Cover (Without stamps)	\$0.25	Available from now until 28 August 2004 only
Pre-cancelled First Day Cover (Affixed with a set of stamps)	\$4.45	28 August 2004 only
Pre-cancelled First Day Cover (Affixed with Miniature Sheet)	\$4.45	28 August 2004 only
Presentation Pack (With a complete set of stamps)	\$5.35	28 August 2004 onwards

Prices inclusive of 5% GST for purchases within Singapore.

Technical details of this stamp issue are as follow:

Date of issue	:	28 August 2004
Denominations	:	1st Local, 60¢, \$1 and \$2
Stamp Size	:	46mm x 27.5mm
Perforation	:	13
Paper	:	Unwatermarked
Printing Process	:	Offset Lithography
Printer	:	Beijing Stamp Printing House
Sheet Content	:	10 stamps
Designed by	:	Sylvia S H Tan

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This set of stamps is released in conjunction with the inaugural World Stamp Championship 2004. It is held at Suntec Singapore Convention Halls 601 – 603. In addition to the above products, you can also check out the following special items that are available at the exhibition:

- MyStamp sheet with decorative tab featuring the WSC 2004 logo
- Personalised Stamp Sheet with blank tab for favourite photo or personal message. You can have your picture taken on-the-spot at the MyStamp booth during the WSC 2004 from 28 August to 1 September 2004.
- MyPostcard with decorative tab featuring the WSC 2004 logo (**NEW!**)
- Personalised Postcard with tab for favourite photo or personal message. You can have your picture taken on-the-spot at the MyStamp booth during WSC 2004 from 28 August to 1 September 2004 (**NEW!**)

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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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