

FABRIC OF THE NATION STAMPS TO MARK SINGAPORE'S 40TH BIRTHDAY
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To celebrate Singapore's 40th year of nation building, Singapore Post has produced a special Fabric of the Nation stamp issue. More than 40 patchwork pieces from the Fabric of the Nation project jointly organised by the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports and Channel NewsAsia in 2003 have been specially selected and reproduced into 40 stamps for this year's National Day stamp issue.

The Fabric of the Nation project started as a simple call to Singaporeans to sew a piece of patchwork to reflect their thoughts and feelings about how we have navigated the challenges of recent years. It attracted some 15,000 patchwork pieces, which have now been sewn into 60 panels and are on public display at the HDB Hub till 31 December 2006.

Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports, said, "The Fabric of the Nation symbolises the unity and resilience of Singaporeans overcoming adversity collectively."

"The themes of social cohesion and national resilience make the Fabric of the Nation an ideal tapestry from which to design a stamp issue that commemorates Singapore's 40th birthday," he added.

The stamp issue features a colourful and captivating selection of personalised patchwork designs reflecting each contributor's sentiments about their love for Singapore.

The 40 different stamp designs are printed on two sheetlets of 20 1st Local stamps each. The sheetlets are available in gummed back and self-adhesive versions. Collectors can also pick up a unique Miniature sheet (\$1) which features all the 40 patchwork stamp designs in one single stamp.

In addition, to commemorate 40 years of nation building, a special uncut Collectors' sheet printed with 4 miniature sheets is also available in a specially designed folder.

First day cancellation will be available only on 9 Aug 2005 at the selected post offices* and Singapore National Stamp Exhibition (Singpex) 2005. A cachet featuring the NDP (National Day Parade) 2005 logo is also available on 9 Aug 2005. This NDP 05 logo will also be printed on all First Day Covers.

The commemorative products available for this National Day are as follows:

Products Details

- Mint gummed-back/ self adhesive stamp sheetlet
- 2 separate sheetlets of 20 1st Local stamps each.
- Available at post offices from 9 Aug 05*
- Mint miniature sheet
- First Day Cover (without stamps)
- Available at post offices from 25 July 05.
- Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with stamps (set of 2 pre-cancelled First Day Covers)
- Available at post offices on 9* and 10 Aug 05.
- Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with miniature sheets
- Collector sheet of 4 uncut miniature sheets
- (print quantity of 15,000 only)
- Available at post offices from 9 Aug 05*

* Please note that on 9 Aug 2005, only Changi Airport Post Office (Terminal II), Killiney Road Post Office and Singapore Post Centre Post Office will be opened. Collectors can also visit Singpex 2005 at Chinatown Point Shopping Centre.

The Fabric of the Nation project is a partnership of Channel NewsAsia and the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, and is currently on exhibition at the HDB Hub. More information on Fabric of the Nation is available at www.mcys.gov.sg/fotn.

Fact sheet
NATIONAL DAY
Fabric of the Nation
Date of Issue: 9 August 2005

Denomination: Two se-tenant sheets of 1st Local stamps (each se-tenant sheet x 20 stamps)

Stamp Size: 24mm x 24.8mm

Miniature Sheet with one \$1 stamp: 62mm x 90mm

Perforation: 14.25 x 14.25 (stamps in sheets of 20 stamps);
14.40 x 14.62 (\$1 stamp on miniature sheet)

Paper: Unwatermarked

Printing Process: Offset Lithography

Printer: Southern Colour Print

Sheet Content: 20 stamps

Graphic Designer: Chua Ban Har, Design Business (S) Pte Ltd

First Day Cover (without stamps): \$0.25*

Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with stamps # : \$5.30*

Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with miniature sheet # : \$1.50*

Presentation Pack: \$12.05*

Collectors' Sheet: \$5.50*

Available through Advance Orders and on 9 Aug 05 only from post offices at Changi Airport Terminal 2, Killiney Road and Singapore Post Centre and also Singpex ?05 at Chinatown Point Shopping Centre.

Obtainable also at any Post Office on 10 Aug 05.

* Prices inclusive of 5% GST for purchases within Singapore.

1st Local stamps can be used to make-up the postage for overseas mail.

Website: <http://www.singpost.com>

Purchase online at <http://shop.vpost.com.sg>