

**For Immediate Release**

**40 Years of National Service Commemorated on Stamps**  
*A spirited tale of the passage of military training and camaraderie-building*



Complete set of stamps

**Singapore, 28 June 2007** – Forty years after the passing of the National Service (NS) (Amendment) Act in March 1967 that marked the beginning of Singapore’s citizen army and the start of NS as a way of life for Singapore male citizens, this significant page in the history of post-independent Singapore has been captured on SingPost’s latest stamp issue, to be released on 2 Jul 07.

This stamp issue which comprises four stamps shows the lives of NSmen going through their NS. Each stamp features a group of NSmen in the past in the background, which is mirrored by their counterparts today in the foreground. It reflects the enduring spirit, energy and fervour of NSmen through different generations.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Local stamp (26¢) features the new enlistees taking the **Oath of Allegiance**. On the day of enlistment, every Singapore male citizen is required to take this Oath to pledge his allegiance to the Republic of Singapore to protect and defend the country with his life.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Local (32¢) stamp depicts the **Basic Military Training (BMT)**. In BMT, National Servicemen (Full Time) learn basic soldiering skills, which include weapon handling, individual field craft and close combat training to ensure their survivability in the battlefield. In addition, Physical Training (PT) lessons are conducted to build up the soldiers' physique and stamina, and transform them from average civilians into combat-fit fighting soldiers.

**Drill and regimentation** are essential parts of soldiering and this is portrayed on the \$1.10 stamp. They instill military discipline and maintain the standard of duty and bearing of the soldiers, promoting unity, camaraderie and teamwork among NSmen.

Finally, the \$2 stamp showcases the **fundamentals of operational training** in NS. After BMT, the servicemen will settle into their respective fields of expertise and specialisation, where they will be first trained as individual soldiers, which means developing their physical fitness, weapon craft and fieldcraft, adaptability to live in the military environment and survive in the battlefield. Thereafter, they will be trained progressively to operate as a team and work as one towards operational readiness.

The stamp issue is available in a Complete Set of four stamps, a pre-cancelled First Day Cover and a Presentation Pack. All the stamp products will be on sale from 2 Jul 07 at all post offices, our online shopping portal *vPOST*, <http://shop.vpost.com.sg> and the Singapore Philatelic Museum.

#### 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 6845 6756 during office hours or visit <http://www.singpost.com> or email us at [sinstamp@singpost.com](mailto:sinstamp@singpost.com).

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In Singapore, SingPost also owns one of the largest retail distribution networks through its tri-channel platform of post offices, Self-service Automated Machines (SAMs) and *vPOST*, its internet portal. With its extensive network, SingPost provides a one-stop convenience to its customers for a wide range of products and services, including agency, postal and financial services.

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## ANNEX

### FACT SHEET

#### Items on Sale

| <u>Items</u>                                                         | <u>Price</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Complete set of stamps                                               | S\$3.68      |
| Pre-cancelled First Day Cover<br>affixed with complete set of stamps | S\$4.55      |
| Presentation Pack                                                    | S\$5.50      |

#### Technical Details

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| Denominations    | : | 1 <sup>st</sup> Local, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Local, S\$1.10, S\$2.00 |
| Stamp Size       | : | 48mm x 22.85mm                                                 |
| Perforation      | : | 14 x 14                                                        |
| Paper            | : | Unwatermarked                                                  |
| Printing Process | : | Offset Lithography                                             |
| Printer          | : | Southern Colour Print                                          |
| Sheet Content    | : | 50 stamps per sheet                                            |
| Designer         | : | Design Objectives Pte Ltd                                      |