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A ROYAL AFFAIR - KING of Fruits Meets QUEEN of the Night

Singapore, 17 November 2008 - To celebrate the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Viet Nam since 1973, Singapore Post and Vietnam Post will launch a joint stamp issue on the fruits of both countries at the Singapore Philatelic Museum tomorrow, 18 November 2008.

The joint stamp set will unveiled by Mr Nguyen Quoc Loc, Deputy Chief of Mission and Counsellor, Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the Republic of Singapore, and RADM(NS) Ronnie Tay, Chief Executive Officer, Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA); and attended by senior officials of IDA and Singapore Post including Mr Wilson Tan, Group Chief Executive Officer.

This joint stamp issue besides exemplifying one of the areas of co-operation between Singapore and Viet Nam is also the first major collaboration between Singapore Post and Vietnam Post. This concerted effort marks a milestone for both countries' postal history, promoting goodwill and friendly relations as well as future collaborations.

Stamp Commemorating Bilateral Relations between Singapore and Viet Nam



The joint stamp set features the Durian, King of Fruits, and its equal, Dragon Fruit, with its flower named "Queen of the Night", to represent Singapore and Viet Nam respectively.

These fruits, Durian and Dragonfruit, are greatly enjoyed by Singaporeans and Vietnamese. Both fruits are easily available in Singapore, and can be found in places like Sims Avenue, Balestier Road, and Joo Chiat Place.

Besides this set of two stamps worth \$1.75 (S\$0.65 and S\$1.10), other stamp products of this issue include miniature sheet of S\$1.85; pre-cancelled first day cover affixed with complete set of stamps (S\$2.50); pre-cancelled first day cover affixed with miniature sheet (S\$2.50); presentation pack (S\$3.45) and set of commemorative covers (S\$3.40).

All these stamp products will be on sale from 18 November 2008 at all post offices and 11 philatelic outlets as well as the Singapore Philatelic Museum. Orders can also be made at SingPost's online shopping portal vPOST, <http://shop.vpost.com.sg>.

Information and enquiries

For more information on this new stamp issue, 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.

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**ANNEX 1**

**Items on Sale**



Complete set of two stamps (S\$0.65 and S\$1.10)



Miniature Sheet (S\$1.85)



Pre-cancelled first day cover affixed with miniature sheet (S\$2.50)



Pre-cancelled first day cover affixed with complete set of stamps (S\$2.50)



Presentation pack (S\$3.45)



Set of commemorative covers (S\$3.40)

\* Prices inclusive of prevailing GST for purchases within Singapore.

**Technical Details**

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|----------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date of Issue        | : | 18 November 2008                                           |
| Denominations        | : | S\$0.65 and S\$1.10                                        |
| Stamp Size           | : | 35mm x 35mm                                                |
| Miniature Sheet Size | : | 135mm x 94mm                                               |
| Perforation          | : | 13                                                         |
| Paper                | : | Unwatermarked                                              |
| Printing Process     | : | Offset Lithography                                         |
| Printer              | : | Secura Singapore Pte Ltd                                   |
| Sheet Content        | : | 10 stamps per sheet                                        |
| Designers            | : | Tze Ngan (Durian Design)<br>Nguyen Du (Dragonfruit Design) |