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Stamps Celebrating 150 Years of Singapore Botanic Gardens

Date of Issue: 19 June 2009



Complete set of stamps (Price: S\$2.72)

<p><i>Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with complete set of stamps (Price: S\$3.55)</i></p>	<p><i>Precancelled First Day Cover affixed with Miniature Sheet (Price: S\$2.75)</i></p>
<p><i>Miniature Sheet (Price: S\$2.00)</i></p>	<p><i>Presentation Pack (Price: S\$6.65)</i></p>

Singapore, 18 June 2009 - To commemorate the 150th anniversary of Singapore Botanic Gardens since its establishment in its present site in 1859, Singapore Post Limited (SingPost) will issue a set of four stamps featured as a se-tenant set and one miniature sheet.

Also available on sale are the Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with the complete set of stamps, Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with Miniature Sheet and the Presentation Pack priced at S\$3.55, S\$2.75 and S\$6.65 respectively.

These commemorative stamps depict some of the Gardens' best-loved icons, including the band stand, Swan Lake, the Girl on the Swing sculpture, and the visitor centre. The stamps were specially drawn by acclaimed Singapore designer and artist, Mr Eng Siak Loy, whose works have earned him many accolades, including Asia's Most Beautiful Stamps award and second place in the Most Beautiful Stamp in the World award in 2003. He also won Singapore President's Design Award (Designer of the Year) in 2007.

On Friday, 19 June 2009, the stamp series will be unveiled at the Green Pavilion in the Singapore Botanic Gardens by NParks CEO, Mr Ng Lang, and SingPost Group CEO, Mr Wilson Tan alongside six 'Friends of the Gardens'. These 'friends', drawn from all walks of life, share a close relationship with the Gardens.

Details to this event are as follows:

Date: Friday, 19 June 2009
Time: 10.15 am
Dress Code: Smart casual
Venue: Green Pavilion, Botany Centre, Singapore Botanic Gardens
(Parking is available at Botany Centre)

All the stamp products of this issue will be on sale from 19 June 2009 at all post offices and the Singapore Philatelic Museum. Orders can also be made at SingPost's online shopping portal, *vPOST*, at <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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About Singapore Post Limited

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About Singapore Botanic Gardens

Established in 1859 at its present location, the Singapore Botanic Gardens played an important historical role in the introduction and promotion of many plants of economic value to South East Asia, including the Para rubber tree. Over the years, the Gardens has continued to introduce and rejuvenate its horticultural attractions, each designed to enchant and delight while continuing its mission of connecting plants and people. Today, the 63.7-hectare Gardens is a key civic and community regional recreational park, an important national tourist destination as well as a leading tropical and horticultural institution, playing host to over 3 million visitors annually.

The Singapore Botanic Gardens showcases the best and most spectacular of tropical flora set in stunning verdant landscape. Its extensive collection of more than 10,000 types of plants includes the region's most significant living collection of documented palms, orchids, cycads and gingers. The Gardens is also an important centre for tropical botanical and horticultural research, education and conservation.

In 2008, the Gardens joined the ranks of renowned international attractions when it was awarded the Michelin three-star rating. In the same year, this lush tropical sanctuary in the heart of the city's busiest shopping belt was selected by Time Magazine as Asia's Best Urban Jungle.

The Singapore Botanic Gardens is managed by National Parks Board.

About National Parks Board

National Parks Board (NParks) is responsible for providing and enhancing the greenery of the Garden City. Beyond green infrastructure, NParks is committed to enhancing the quality of life through creating memorable recreational experiences and lifestyles.

NParks manages 10% of Singapore's total land area which comprises over 50 major parks and 4 nature reserves. Adding to this is the extensive streetscape, or roadside greenery, that forms the backbone of our City in a Garden. An island-wide Park Connector Network is also being developed to link major parks and residential areas.

As Singapore's scientific authority on nature conservation, NParks monitors and coordinates measures to ensure the health of Singapore's biodiversity. This supports the overall thrust of our urban conservation model, which aims to conserve representative eco-systems in land-scarce Singapore for future generations.



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NParks is also the lead agency in the efforts to continually upgrade the Landscape Industry in Singapore. It works closely with industry partners to promote good work practices and create a thriving, innovative and professional industry that will support Singapore's aspirations of being a City in the Garden. For more information, log on to: www.nparks.gov.sg

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**ANNEX 1**

**Items on Sale**

| <u>Items</u>                                                      | <u>Price</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Complete set of stamps                                            | S\$2.72      |
| Miniature Sheet                                                   | S\$2.00      |
| First Day Cover without stamp                                     | S\$0.25      |
| Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with complete set of stamps | S\$3.55      |
| Precancelled First Day Cover affixed with Miniature Sheet         | S\$2.75      |
| Presentation Pack                                                 | S\$6.65      |

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

**Technical Details**

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| Date of Issue    | : | 19 June 2009                                                                          |
| Denominations    | : | 1 <sup>st</sup> local x 2 designs, \$1.10 x 2 designs<br>\$2.00 (for Miniature Sheet) |
| Stamp Size       | : | 40mm x 30mm                                                                           |
| Miniature Sheet  | : | 48mm x 48.3mm                                                                         |
| Perforation      | : | 14 x 14 (Stamp)                                                                       |
|                  | : | 15 x 14.5 (\$2 stamp in miniature sheet)                                              |
| Paper            | : | Unwatermarked                                                                         |
| Printing Process | : | Offset Lithography (Stamps)                                                           |
| Printer          | : | Stamps ~ Southern Color Print                                                         |
| Designer         | : | Eng Siak Loy                                                                          |