SingPost commemorates 50 years of National Service with stamp issue

SINGAPORE, 13 March 2017 – Singapore Post Limited (SingPost) will release on 14 March 2017 a new set of stamps commemorating 50 years of National Service in Singapore (NS50).

The stamps celebrate key milestones of National Service since its introduction in 1967. These include the passing of the National Service Bill in Parliament on 14 March 1967, enlistment of the first batches of full-time National Servicemen into the Singapore Armed Forces, the Singapore Police Force and the Singapore Civil Defence Force, and introduction of the Open Mobilisation System. Founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew and former Minister for Defence, Dr Goh Keng Swee, who were instrumental to the introduction of National Service, are featured as well.

Over the past 50 years, National Service has fulfilled Singapore’s critical need for defence and security, safeguarding the peace and stability on which Singapore has been built. It plays a pivotal role in nation-building, providing the foundation for economic growth and a strong, cohesive society.

National servicemen form the backbone of the Singapore Armed Forces, Singapore Police Force and Singapore Civil Defence Force. By the end of this year, more than one million Singaporean men would have served National Service and passed through this distinctive rite of passage.
The set of NS$50 stamps comes in five denominations: 1st Local in two designs, 70¢, 90¢, $1.30, and $2.

Pre-cancelled First Day Covers affixed with the 1st Local, 70¢, 90¢, and $1.30 stamps will be available for purchase at $4.45 each. Pre-cancelled First Day Covers affixed with the $2 miniature stamp sheet will be sold at $2.85 each. Sales of the First Day Covers will be extended to 19 March 2017. Presentation Packs containing the complete set of stamps are priced at $7.70. A Collector’s Sheet is available at $4, comprising two $2 stamps that feature embossed portraits of Mr Lee and Dr Goh, set against a backdrop containing an excerpt of Mr Lee’s speech at the sending off dinner for the first batch of full-time National Servicemen.

The stamp issue will go on sale from 14 March 2017 at all post offices and the Singapore Philatelic Museum. They may also be pre-ordered and purchased online at shop.singpost.com.

Other stamp information

- Date of Issue: 14 March 2017
- Denominations: 1st Local (two designs), 70¢, 90¢, $1.30, $2
- Stamp Size: 29.85mm x 40.8mm
  83.83mm x 44.45mm (Miniature stamp sheet)
- Miniature stamp sheet size: 113mm x 80mm
- Collector's sheet size: 130mm x 90mm
- Perforation: 13
- Paper: Unwatermarked
- Printing Process: Offset Lithography
- Printer: Secura Singapore Pte Ltd
- Sheet Content: 10 stamps per sheet
- Designer: Leo Teck Chong

First Day Cover (without stamps): $0.35*
Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with stamps: $4.45*
Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with miniature stamp sheet: $2.85*
Presentation Pack: $7.70*
1st Local Self-adhesive Stamp Sheetlet: $3.00*
Collector’s Sheet: $4.00*

* Prices inclusive of GST for purchases within Singapore.

Obtainable from any Post Office and the Singapore Philatelic Museum.

1st Local stamps can be used to make up postage for overseas mail. The designs were reproduced from rough visuals. Details may be subject to change.

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Building on its trusted communications through domestic and international postal services, SingPost is taking the lead in end-to-end integrated and digital mail solutions. The suite of SingPost eCommerce logistics solutions includes front end web management, warehousing and fulfilment, last mile delivery and international freight forwarding.

SingPost has been listed on the Main Board of the Singapore Exchange since 2003. The market capitalisation of SingPost stood at S$3.53 billion as of 31 March 2016.

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