

Media Release

SingPost marks 50 years of Singapore-Hungary diplomatic relations with joint stamp issue



Singapore, **21 October 2020** – Singapore Post Limited (SingPost), together with Magyar Posta (Hungarian Post), will jointly release a stamp issue tomorrow (22 October 2020) to commemorate 50 years of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Hungary.

The joint stamp issue features bridges found in each country, with the Széchenyi Chain Bridge of Budapest found on the left, and Cavenagh Bridge of Singapore found on the right.

Built in 1869 across the Singapore River, Singapore's Cavenagh Bridge is the oldest surviving suspension bridge in Singapore. Named after Sir William O Cavenagh, the governor of the Straits Settlements from 1859 to 1867, the bridge linked Commercial Square – now Raffles Place – and the government quarters then. The bridge also served as an essential alternative to reach the General Post Office in lieu of a ferry crossing in its days.

The Széchenyi Chain Bridge in Budapest spans the River Danube between the western and eastern sides of Hungary's capital city. Opened in 1849, it was the first permanent bridge in the city, featuring a centre span of 202 metres, one of the largest in the world at that point in time. The bridge was unfortunately blown up during World War II, but was subsequently rebuilt and reopened in 1949.



SingPost Senior Vice President for Post Office Network, Financial Services and Philately, Ms Marjorie Ooi said that SingPost is proud to celebrate the country's milestone of close friendship with Hungary through the stamp issue.

"Singapore and Hungary ties have come a long way, and we share a longstanding friendship over the last half century. The bridges we featured on the stamps are also a vision we have for the future of the relationship between the two countries, as we continue to collaborate deeply in all areas," Ms Ooi said.

The stamps (valued at S\$1.40 each), Miniature Sheet (S\$3.00), Pre-cancelled First Day Covers (S\$4.25) and Presentation Packs (S\$5.35) will go on sale from 22 October 2020 at all post offices, philatelic stores and online at shop.singpost.com, while stocks last.

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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.