## <u>Special Stamp Issue – "The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Stamp Issuance in Hong Kong"</u> <u>on 8 December 2012</u>

The special stamps on "The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Stamp Issuance in Hong Kong" are designed by Mr. Colin Tillyer and printed in lithography by Joh. Enschede B.V. of the Netherlands. The "Heartwarming Stamps" Mini-pane to commemorate "The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Stamp Issuance in Hong Kong Stamp Exhibition" is designed by Mr. Clement Yick and printed in lithography by Cartor Security Printing of France.

## **Sales Arrangements**

Information about the sales arrangements is set out below:

Products Available From 24 November 2012	Unit Selling Price	Restriction Per Queuing Customer
"The 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Stamp Issuan	ce in Hong Kong"	Special Stamps
First Day Cover (available at all post offices until 8 December 2012)	\$1	No restriction
First Day Cover (Prestige Version) (available at all philatelic offices until 8 December 2012)	\$8	No restriction

Products Available From 8 December 2012	Unit Selling Price	Restriction Per Queuing Customer on the First Day of Issue
"The 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Stamp Issuand	e in Hong Kong'	0
Mint Stamps (a set of 6 designs of stamps) (available at all post offices from 8 December 2012)	\$16.1	5 sheets of each denomination (viz. 125 stamps of each denomination)
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a \$10 stamp) (available at all post offices from 8 December 2012)	\$10	10 sheets
Presentation Pack (containing a set of 6 stamps and a \$10 stamp sheetlet) (available at all post offices from 8 December 2012)	\$40	Five packs
Prestige Stamp Booklet (containing 3 stamp sheetlets with a set of 6 stamps and a \$10 stamp sheetlet) (available at all post offices from 8 December 2012)	\$50	Five books

Postage Prepaid Picture Cards (Air Mail) (containing a set of 7 cards) (available at all philatelic offices from 8 December 2012)	\$35/set	Five sets
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of 6 stamps and date-stamped with the special postmark ( <i>available at all philatelic offices only on</i> 8 December 2012)	\$19.6	Five covers
Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a set of 6 stamps and date-stamped with the special postmark ( <i>available at all philatelic offices only on</i> 8 December 2012)	\$26.6	Five covers
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet and date-stamped with the special postmark ( <i>available at all philatelic offices only on</i> 8 December 2012)	\$13.5	Five covers
Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet and date-stamped with the special postmark ( <i>available at all philatelic offices only on</i> 8 December 2012)	\$20.5	Five covers
A set of 3 Serviced First Day Covers affixed with stamp sheetlets from the Prestige Stamp Booklet and date-stamped with the special postmark ( <i>available at all philatelic offices only on</i> 8 December 2012)	\$36.6	Five sets
A set of 3 Serviced First Day Covers (Prestige Version) affixed with stamp sheetlets from the Prestige Stamp Booklet and date-stamped with the special postmark ( <i>available at all philatelic offices only on</i> 8 December 2012)	\$57.6	Five sets
"Heartwarming Stamps" Mini-pane to co Issuance in Hong Kong Stamp Exhibition		ne 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Stamp
Mini-pane (Local Mail Postage) (containing 12 Heartwarming Stamps) (available at General Post Office, Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, Tsuen Wan Post Office an Sha Tin Central Post Office from 8 December 2012)		Two panes

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All post offices (except mobile post offices which do not operate on Saturday) will maintain their normal Saturday operating hours on 8 December 2012.

## **Date-stamping Arrangements**

A hand-back date-stamping service using the office steel date-stamp and the specially designed postmark will be provided on 8 December 2012 at all post offices (except mobile post offices) for official/privately-made covers bearing the first day of issue indication and a local address. All philatelic offices will also provide hand-back date-stamping service using the "Philatelic Bureau" pictorial postmark and the philatelic office pictorial postmark concurrently. However, the GPO-1 date-stamp will only be available at the General Post Office.

The public hall of the Hongkong Post Philatelic Bureau will be open from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on 8 December 2012 to provide date-stamping service using the "Philatelic Bureau" pictorial postmark and the special postmark.

Information about this special stamp issue and associated philatelic products may be obtained from the website of Hongkong Post at www.hongkongpost.hk, at any post offices and the Hongkong Post Mobile App or by calling the Hongkong Post Philatelic Bureau hotline on 2785 5711.