

**Special Stamp Issue – “Year of the Snake” on 26 January 2013**

The special stamps on “Year of the Snake” are designed by Mr. Kan Tai-keung and printed in lithography by Joh. Enschede B.V. of the Netherlands. The \$10 Stamp Sheetlet is printed in lithography plus hot foil stamping by Joh. Enschede B.V. of the Netherlands, whereas the Silk Stamp Sheetlet is printed in lithography by Cartor Security Printing of France. The “Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Dragon/Snake” is printed in lithography plus silver hot foil stamping and 22-carat gold-plated lace metal by Cartor Security Printing of France.

**Sales Arrangements**

Information about the sales arrangements is set out below:

<i>Products Available From 12 January 2013</i>	<i>Unit Selling Price</i>	<i>Restriction Per Queuing Customer</i>
<b>Year of the Snake Special Stamps</b>		
First Day Cover <i>(available at all post offices until 26 January 2013)</i>	\$1.2	No restriction
First Day Cover (Prestige Version) <i>(available at all philatelic offices until 26 January 2013)</i>	\$8	No restriction
<b>Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Dragon/Snake</b>		
Souvenir Cover <i>(available at all post offices until 26 January 2013)</i>	\$1.2	No restriction
Souvenir Cover (Prestige Version) <i>(available at all philatelic offices until 26 January 2013)</i>	\$8	No restriction

<i>Products Available From 26 January 2013</i>	<i>Unit Selling Price</i>	<i>Restriction Per Queuing Customer on the First Day of Issue</i>
<b>Year of the Snake Special Stamps</b>		
Mint Stamps (a set of four stamps) <i>(available at all post offices from 26 January 2013)</i>	\$1.40 \$2.40 \$3 \$5	5 sheets of each denomination (viz. 125 stamps of each denomination)
Stamp Sheetlet (containing one \$10 stamp) <i>(available at all post offices from 26 January 2013)</i>	\$10	10 sheets

Silk Stamp Sheetlet (containing one \$50 stamp) <i>(available at all post offices from 26 January 2013)</i>	\$50	10 sheets
Presentation Pack (containing a set of four stamps and one \$10 Stamp Sheetlet) <i>(available at all post offices from 26 January 2013)</i>	\$35	Five packs
Postage Prepaid Lunar New Year Greeting Card (Air Mail) (containing a set of four cards) <i>(available at all philatelic offices from 26 January 2013)</i>	\$32 / set	Five sets
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of four stamps and date-stamped with the special postmark <i>(available at all philatelic offices only on 26 January 2013)</i>	\$15.5	Five covers
Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a set of four stamps and date-stamped with the special postmark <i>(available at all philatelic offices only on 26 January 2013)</i>	\$22.3	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 26 January 2013)</i>	\$13.7	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 26 January 2013)</i>	\$20.5	Five covers
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a Silk Stamp Sheetlet and date-stamped with the special postmark <i>(available at all philatelic offices only on 26 January 2013)</i>	\$53.7	Five covers
Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a Silk Stamp Sheetlet and date-stamped with the special	\$60.5	Five covers

postmark <i>(available at all philatelic offices only on 26 January 2013)</i>		
<b>Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Dragon/Snake</b>		
Stamp Sheetlet (with a set of two \$50 Gold & Silver stamps) <i>(available at all post offices from 26 January 2013)</i>	\$100	Five sheets
Presentation Pack (containing a Stamp Sheetlet of two \$50 Gold & Silver stamps) <i>(available at all post offices from 26 January 2013)</i>	\$120	Five packs
Serviced Souvenir Cover affixed with a Stamp Sheetlet and date-stamped with the special postmark <i>(available at all philatelic offices only on 26 January 2013)</i>	\$103.7	Five covers
Serviced Souvenir Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a Stamp Sheetlet and date-stamped with the special postmark <i>(available at all philatelic offices only on 26 January 2013)</i>	\$110.5	Five covers

### **Date-stamping Arrangements**

A hand-back date-stamping service by the office steel date-stamp and the two specially designed postmarks will be provided on 26 January 2013 at all post offices (except mobile post offices) for official/private-made covers bearing the first day of issue indication and a local address. All philatelic offices will also provide hand-back date-stamping service by 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 26 January 2013 to provide date-stamping service using the “Philatelic Bureau” pictorial postmark and the two special postmarks.

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