

## **Hongkong Post to issue “Year of the Ox” Special Stamps**

**(Issue Date: 28 January 2021)**

### **I) “Year of the Ox” Special Stamp Issue**

The special stamps on “Year of the Ox”, Heartwarming Stamps (2021 Version) “Year of the Ox” mini-panes and “Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Rat / Ox” are designed by Mr. KAN Tai-keung. This set of special stamps and the Silk Stamp Sheetlet are printed in lithography. The \$10 Stamp Sheetlet is printed in lithography plus hot foil stamping, the mini-pane (local mail postage) is printed in lithography plus spot varnishing, whilst the mini-pane (air mail postage) is printed in lithography plus embossing with spot varnishing. The “Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Rat / Ox” is printed in lithography plus silver hot foil stamping and 22-carat gold-plated lace metal. The special stamps and the \$10 Stamp Sheetlet are printed by Southern Colour Print of New Zealand. The Silk Stamp Sheetlet, the “Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Rat / Ox” and the mini-panes are printed by Cartor Security Printing of France.

Official First Day Covers for “Year of the Ox” and Official Souvenir Covers for the “Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Rat / Ox” will be put on sale at **\$2 each at all post offices** from **14 January 2021**. Prestige Version of the aforesaid covers will also be available at **\$10 each at all philatelic offices** on the same day.

Display of the special stamps and associated philatelic products will be put up at General Post Office, Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, Tsuen Wan Post Office, Sha Tin Central Post Office and Tuen Mun Central Post Office on January 14, 2021 for public’s view. Advance orders

for servicing self-provided covers will be accepted at all philatelic offices from 14 to 20 January 2021.

## Sales Arrangements

Information about the sales arrangements is set out below:

<i>Products</i>	<i>Unit Selling Price</i>	<i>Sales Period</i>	<i>Maximum Purchase Quantity Per Queuing Customer for the First Two Days of Issue</i>
<b><i>(A) Products Available at <u>all Post Offices</u></i></b>			
<b>“Year of the Ox” Special Stamps</b>			
First Day Cover	\$2	14 January 2021 to 27 April 2021	No restriction
Mint Stamps (a set of four stamps)	\$15.60	28 January 2021 to 27 April 2021	5 sheets of each denomination (viz. 125 stamps of each denomination)
Stamp Sheetlet	\$10		10 sheets

(containing a \$10 stamp)			
Silk Stamp Sheetlet (containing a \$50 stamp)	\$50		10 sheets
Presentation Pack (containing a set of four stamps and a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet)	\$45		5 packs
<b>“Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Rat / Ox”</b>			
Souvenir Cover	\$2	14 January 2021 to 27 April 2021	No restriction
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a set of two \$50 Gold & Silver stamps)	\$100	28 January 2021 to 27 April 2021	5 sheets
Presentation Pack (containing a Stamp Sheetlet of two \$50 Gold & Silver stamps)	\$145		5 packs

<b><i>(B) Products Available at <u>Philatelic Offices</u> only</i></b>			
<b>“Year of the Ox” Special Stamps</b>			
First Day Cover (Prestige Version)	\$10	14 January 2021 to 27 April 2021	No restriction
Postage Prepaid Lunar New Year	\$52/ set	28 January 2021	5 sets

Greeting Card (Air Mail) (containing a set of four cards)		to  27 April 2021	
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of four stamps (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$20.10		5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a set of four stamps (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$28.10		5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$14.50		5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$22.50		5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a Silk Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$54.5		5 covers

Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a Silk Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$62.50		5 covers
“Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Rat / Ox”			
Souvenir Cover (Prestige Version)	\$10	14 January 2021 to 27 April 2021	No restriction
Serviced Souvenir Cover affixed with a Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$104.50	28 January 2021 to 27 April 2021	5 covers
Serviced Souvenir Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$112.50		5 covers
Heartwarming Stamps (2021 Version) “Year of the Ox” Mini-panes			
Mini-pane (Local Mail Postage)  (containing 12 Heartwarming Stamps)	\$46	28 January 2021  to  27 April 2021	2 panes
Mini-pane (Air Mail Postage)  (containing 12 Heartwarming Stamps)	\$85		2 panes

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***(C) Products Available at the General Post Office, Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, Tsuen Wan***

***Post Office, Sha Tin Central Post Office and Tuen Mun Central Post Office only***

**“Year of the Ox” Special Stamps**

Red Packets  (A pack of 20 pieces with 4 designs)	\$25 / pack	from 14 January  2021, while stock  lasts	5 packs
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**Date-stamping Arrangements**

A hand-back date-stamping service using the office steel date-stamp and the special postmark will be provided on 28 January 2021 at all 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 using the “Philatelic Bureau” pictorial postmark and the philatelic office pictorial postmark. The GPO-1 date-stamp will only be available at the GPO.

For the stamp issue to be launched throughout the period of the pandemic, Hongkong Post will implement a special sales arrangement to achieve social distancing and prevent crowds. These arrangements, which shall be applicable to this issue, include:

- 1) Ordering of stamp products on the website;
- 2) Collection points to be set up at all post offices on the issue date of the special stamps to facilitate the submission of order forms as well as first day covers requesting hand-back date-stamping service.

## II) 2021 Souvenir Cover

A newly designed “2021 Souvenir Cover” will be put on sale at **all philatelic offices**, as well as Hongkong Post’s Online Shopping Mall “ShopThruPost” from 14 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

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<i>Product</i>	<i>Unit Selling Price</i>	<i>Sales Period</i>	<i>Maximum Purchase Quantity Per Queuing Customer for the First Two Days of Issue</i>
2021 Souvenir Cover  (Available in 3 sizes.  Small size: 220mm x 110mm  Medium size: 228mm x 162mm  Large size: 265mm x 190mm)	\$2	14 January  to  31 December  2021	No restriction

Information about this special stamp issue and associated philatelic products is available on the Hongkong Post Stamps website ([stamps.hongkongpost.hk](http://stamps.hongkongpost.hk)) or via Hongkong Post mobile app.