

Hongkong Post to issue “Classical Novels of Chinese Literature – *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*” Special Stamps

(Issue date: March 16, 2021)

This set of special stamps is designed by Ms Shirman LAI with the artwork for stamps painted by Mr TUNG Pui-sun. The stamps, \$10 stamp sheetlet and collector card are printed in lithography whilst the \$20 stamp sheetlet is printed in lithography plus 3D embossing by Joh. Enschedé Stamps B.V., the Netherlands.

Official First Day Covers have been put on sale at **\$2 each at all post offices** from **March 2, 2021**. Display of the special stamps and associated philatelic products have been put up at General Post Office (GPO), Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, Tsuen Wan Post Office, Sha Tin Central Post Office and Tuen Mun Central Post Office from March 2, 2021 for public’s view. Advance orders for servicing self-provided covers are accepted at all philatelic offices from March 2 to 8, 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>
<i>(A) Products Available at <u>all Post Offices</u></i>			
First Day Cover	\$2	March 2 to June 15, 2021	No restriction
Mint Stamps (a set of six stamps)	\$21.60	March 16 to June 15, 2021	5 sheets of each denomination (viz. 125 stamps of each denomination)
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a \$10 stamp)	\$10		10 sheets
Stamp Sheetlet (3D embossing, containing a \$20 stamp)	\$20		10 sheets
Collector Card (containing a set of six self-adhesive stamps)	\$45		5 cards

Presentation Pack (containing a set of six stamps)	\$40		5 packs
Collector Pack (containing a set of six stamps, a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet, a \$20 Stamp Sheetlet, a Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of six stamps, a Serviced Collector Cover affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet and a Serviced Collector Cover affixed with a \$20 Stamp Sheetlet)	\$165		5 packs

<i>(B) Products Available at <u>Philatelic Offices</u> only</i>			
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of six stamps (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$26.10	March 16 to June 15, 2021	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 affixed with a \$20 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$24.50		5 covers
Postage Prepaid Picture Cards (Air Mail) (containing a set of 8 cards)	\$80		5 sets

Date-stamping Arrangements

A hand-back date-stamping service using the office steel date-stamp and the special postmark will be provided on March 16, 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.

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