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January 10, 2023	<p><b>1. Year of the Rabbit</b></p> <p>Hongkong Post has been issuing the fourth Lunar New Year stamp series since 2012. Hongkong Post presents in 2023 the twelfth issue in its fourth Lunar New Year special stamp series, “Year of the Rabbit”. This set of four stamps and a stamp sheetlet feature the propitious Rabbit in different traditional handicrafts, heralding the Year of the Rabbit full of blessing and bliss, with the fourth Lunar New Year special stamp series coming to a perfect close.</p>   



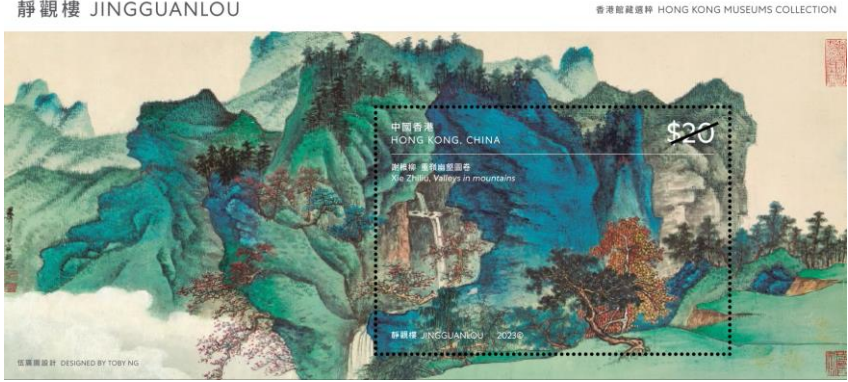
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January 10, 2023	<p><b>1a. Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Tiger / Rabbit</b></p> <p>Bidding adieu to the Year of the Tiger and ringing in the Year of the Rabbit, Hongkong Post presents a Lunar New Year Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet – Tiger / Rabbit. The Tiger and Rabbit on the stamps are exquisitely finished in silver foil and gold plating respectively, wishing people peace and prosperity in the year ahead.</p> 
January 10, 2023	<p><b>1b. Silver Hot Foil Lunar New Year – Animal Stamps – Rat / Ox / Tiger / Rabbit</b></p> <p>Hongkong Post presented its first and second sets of silver hot foil stamps on Lunar New Year Animals, themed “Dragon / Snake / Horse / Ram” and “Monkey / Rooster / Dog / Pig”, in 2015 and 2019 respectively. With quality printing, the issues were highly popular among philatelists. Hongkong Post now releases the third set of silver hot foil stamps for “Rat / Ox / Tiger / Rabbit”, drawing the fourth Lunar New Year stamp series to a perfect end. Printed in lithography with silver hot foil stamping and an embossing effect, the zodiac animals glitter and shine, adding festive ambience to the new year.</p> 




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February 14, 2023	<p><b>2. Seasonal Trees in Hong Kong</b></p> <p>Hong Kong enjoys a subtropical climate and is home to a rich variety of plants with more than 3100 plant species. To encourage the public's awareness and appreciation of Hong Kong's trees in all seasons, Hongkong Post issues a set of four stamps under the theme of "Seasonal Trees in Hong Kong" to introduce four kinds of seasonal trees that are commonly seen in the four seasons respectively, which include Yellow Pui that blooms in spring, Jacaranda that blossoms in summer, Bald Cypress that turns golden in autumn and Bell-flower Cherry that endures the strong cold of winter.</p>  



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March 23, 2023	<p><b>3. Hong Kong Museums Collection – Jingguanlou</b></p> <p>The Jingguanlou collection focuses on 20th century Chinese paintings and calligraphy. The collection covers mainly valuable works by masters of the Shanghai School of painting, with the most comprehensive collection of artworks created by Zhu Qizhan (1892-1996), Xie Zhiliu (1910-1997) and Chen Peiqiu (1923-2020) at different stages in their lives. Hongkong Post issues a set of six stamps and two stamp sheetlets on “Hong Kong Museums Collection – Jingguanlou” to showcase the representative works of these masters with a modern twist.</p>   

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April 18, 2023	<p data-bbox="406 194 933 224"><b>4. A Tribute to Healthcare Workers</b></p> <p data-bbox="406 257 1428 436">Hong Kong ranks among the best in the world in terms of healthcare, and it all builds upon the dedication of our healthcare workers. In particular, since the outbreak of COVID-19, all frontline and supporting healthcare workers in Hong Kong have exerted themselves in the prevention and control of the epidemic. In appreciation of all healthcare workers for their service, Hongkong Post issues a set of special stamps on “A Tribute to Healthcare Workers” to pay tribute to all healthcare workers.</p> <div data-bbox="662 481 1173 1120"> </div> <div data-bbox="414 1176 1412 1825"> </div>

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May 4, 2023	<p><b>5. 24 Solar Terms – Summer</b></p> <p>Subsequent to the special stamps themed on “24 Solar Terms – Spring” issued in 2020, Hongkong Post adds another issue to the “24 Solar Terms” series. This set of special stamps features six solar terms in Summer, namely “Summer Commences”, “Corn Forms”, “Corn on Ear”, “Summer Solstice”, “Moderate Heat” and “Great Heat”.</p> 
June 13, 2023	<p><b>6. Toys of Hong Kong – 1970s to 1980s</b></p> <p>Hongkong Post releases a set of special stamps on “Toys of Hong Kong – 1970s to 1980s” as a sequel to the set of special stamps themed on “Toys of Hong Kong – 1940s to 1960s” issued in 2016. This set of six stamps features popular toys in the 1970s to 1980s, such as Chinese Billiards, Spinning Tops, Alloy Toys, Rockets, Play Houses and Robots, reflecting the booming development of the toy manufacturing industry, which was one of the four major industries in Hong Kong at that time.</p> 

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