

**Special Stamp Issue – “Year of the Rabbit” (10 January 2023) and  
“2023 Souvenir Cover” (20 December 2022)**

**I) “Year of the Rabbit” Special Stamp Issue**

Stamps in this series are designed by Mr. KAN Tai-keung. Details of stamp printer and stamp printing technology of the respective products are provided below:

<b>Products</b>	<b>Printing Technology</b>	<b>Printer</b>
<b>“Year of the Rabbit”</b>		
Mint stamps (a set of four denominations)	Lithography	Cartor Security Printing, France
Stamp sheetlet (containing a \$10 stamp)	Lithography plus hot foil stamping	
Silk Stamp sheetlet (containing a \$50 stamp)	Lithography	
<b>“Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Tiger / Rabbit”</b>		
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a set of two \$50 Gold & Silver stamps, of two designs)	Lithography plus silver hot foil stamping and 22-carat gold-plated lace metal	Cartor Security Printing, France
<b>“Silver Hot Foil Lunar New Year Animal Stamps – Rat / Ox / Tiger / Rabbit”</b>		
Mint Stamp Set (containing a set of four \$10 stamps)	Lithography plus silver hot foil stamping with 3D embossing	Cartor Security Printing, France
Mini-pane (containing four sets of mint stamps)		
<b>“Twelve Animals of the Lunar New Year Cycle Stamp Sheetlet”</b>		
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a set of twelve \$2.20 stamps)	Lithography	Joh. Enschedé Stamps B.V., the Netherlands
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a set of twelve \$4 stamps)		
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a set of twelve \$5.40 stamps)		
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a set of twelve \$5.50 stamps)		
<b>Heartwarming Stamps (2023 Version) “Year of the Rabbit” Mini-panes</b>		
Mini-pane (Local Mail Postage)	Lithography plus spot varnishing	Southern Colour Print, New Zealand
Mini-pane (Air Mail Postage)	Lithography plus embossing with spot varnishing	

Official first day covers of “Year of the Rabbit” and official souvenir covers of the “Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Tiger / Rabbit”, “Silver Hot Foil Lunar New Year Animal Stamps – Rat / Ox / Tiger / Rabbit” and “Twelve Animals of the Lunar New Year Cycle Stamp Sheetlet” will be put on sale at **\$2.5 each at all post offices** from **20 December 2022**. 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 (GPO), Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, Tsuen Wan Post Office, Sha Tin Central Post Office and Tuen Mun Central Post Office from 29 December 2022 for public's view. Advance orders for servicing self-provided covers will be accepted at all philatelic offices from 20 to 28 December 2022.

## Sales Arrangements

Information of the sales arrangements is set out below:

<i>Products</i>	<i>Unit Selling Price (HKD)</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 all Post Offices</i></b>			
<b>“Year of the Rabbit” Special Stamps</b>			
First Day Cover	\$2.50	20 December 2022 to 9 April 2023	No restriction
Mint Stamps (a set of four denominations)	\$17.10	10 January 2023 to 9 April 2023	5 sheets of each denomination (viz. 125 stamps of each denomination)
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a \$10 stamp)	\$10		5 sheets
Silk Stamp Sheetlet (containing a \$50 stamp)	\$50		5 sheets
Presentation Pack (containing a set of mint stamps in four denominations and a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet)	\$47		5 packs
<b>“Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Tiger / Rabbit”</b>			
Souvenir Cover	\$2.50	20 December 2022 to 9 April 2023	No restriction
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a set of two \$50 Gold & Silver stamps, of two designs)	\$100	10 January 2023 to 9 April 2023	5 sheets
Presentation Pack (containing a Stamp Sheetlet of two \$50 Gold & Silver stamps, of two designs)	\$145		5 packs

<b>“Silver Hot Foil Lunar New Year Animal Stamps – Rat / Ox / Tiger / Rabbit”</b>			
Souvenir Cover	\$2.50	20 December 2022 to 9 April 2023	No restriction
Mint Stamp Set (containing a set of four \$10 stamps)	\$40	10 January 2023 to 9 April 2023	20 sets
Mini-pane (containing four sets of mint stamp)	\$160		5 panes
Presentation Pack (containing a set of four stamps)	\$65		5 packs
<b>“Twelve Animals of the Lunar New Year Cycle Stamp Sheetlet”</b>			
Souvenir Cover	\$2.50	20 December 2022 to 9 April 2023	No restriction
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a set of twelve \$2.20 stamps)	\$26.40	10 January 2023 to 9 April 2023	5 sheets
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a set of twelve \$4 stamps)	\$48		5 sheets
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a set of twelve \$5.40 stamps)	\$64.80		5 sheets
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a set of twelve \$5.50 stamps)	\$66		5 sheets
Presentation Pack (containing a set of four stamp sheetlets)	\$288		5 packs
<b><i>(B) Products Available at <u>Philatelic Offices</u> only</i></b>			
<b>“Year of the Rabbit” Special Stamps</b>			
First Day Cover (Prestige Version)	\$10	20 December 2022 to 9 April 2023	No restriction
Postage Prepaid Lunar New Year Greeting Card (Air Mail) (containing a set of four cards)	\$54/ set	10 January 2023 to 9 April 2023	5 sets
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of mint stamps in four denominations (date-stamped with	\$22.10		5 covers

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Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a set of mint stamps in four denominations (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$29.60		5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$15		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)	\$55		5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a Silk Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$62.50		5 covers
<b>“Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Tiger / Rabbit”</b>			
Souvenir Cover (Prestige Version)	\$10	20 December 2022 to 9 April 2023	No restriction
Serviced Souvenir Cover affixed with a Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$105	10 January 2023 to 9 April 2023	5 covers
Serviced Souvenir Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$112.50		5 covers
<b>“Silver Hot Foil Lunar New Year Animal Stamps – Rat / Ox / Tiger / Rabbit”</b>			
Souvenir Cover (Prestige Version)	\$10	20 December 2022 to 9 April 2023	No restriction
Serviced Souvenir Cover affixed with a set of four stamps (date-stamped with special postmark)	\$45	10 January 2023 to 9 April 2023	5 covers
Serviced Souvenir Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a set of four stamps (date-stamped with special postmark)	\$52.50		5 covers

<b>“Twelve Animals of the Lunar New Year Cycle Stamp Sheetlet”</b>			
Souvenir Cover (Prestige Version)	\$10	20 December 2022 to 9 April 2023	No restriction
Serviced Souvenir Cover affixed with a \$26.4 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$31.40	10 January 2023 to 9 April 2023	5 covers
Serviced Souvenir Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a \$26.4 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$38.90		5 covers
Serviced Souvenir Cover affixed with a \$48 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$53		5 covers
Serviced Souvenir Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a \$48 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$60.50		5 covers
Serviced Souvenir Cover affixed with a \$64.8 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$69.80		5 covers
Serviced Souvenir Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a \$64.8 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$77.30		5 covers
Serviced Souvenir Cover affixed with a \$66 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$71		5 covers
Serviced Souvenir Cover (Prestige Version) affixed with a \$66 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	\$78.50		5 covers
<b>Heartwarming Stamps (2023 Version) “Year of the Rabbit” Mini-panes</b>			
Mini-pane (Local Mail Postage) (containing twelve Heartwarming Stamps)	\$49	10 January 2023 to 9 April 2023	5 panes
Mini-pane (Air Mail Postage) (containing twelve Heartwarming Stamps)	\$91		5 panes

**(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 Rabbit” Special Stamps**

Red Packets (A pack of 20 pieces with four designs)	\$25 / pack	from 20 December 2022, while stock lasts	5 packs
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**Date-stamping Arrangements**

A hand-back date-stamping service with options of either the office date-stamp or the special postmarks will be provided on 10 January 2023 at all post offices for official first day covers / souvenir covers / privately made covers bearing the first day of issue indication and a local address. All philatelic offices will also provide choices of “Philatelic Bureau” pictorial postmark and its respective philatelic office pictorial postmark. The GPO-1 date-stamp impression will only be available at the GPO.

**Special Arrangements**

To observe social distancing and prevent crowd gathering, collection points will be set up at all post offices on 10 January 2023 for submission of official first day covers / souvenir covers / privately made covers requesting hand-back date-stamping service.

**II) 2023 Souvenir Cover**

“2023 Souvenir Cover” designed by Mr. Paul LAM Tik-bong will be put on sale at **all philatelic offices**, as well as Hongkong Post’s Online Shopping Mall “ShopThruPost” from 20 December 2022 to 31 December 2023.

**Sales Arrangements**

Information about the sales arrangements is set out below: -

<i>Product</i>	<i>Unit Selling Price (HKD)</i>	<i>Sales Period</i>	<i>Maximum Purchase Quantity Per Queuing Customer for the First Two Days of Issue</i>
2023 Souvenir Cover (Available in 3 sizes. Small size: 220mm x 110mm Medium size: 228mm x 162mm Large size: 265mm x 190mm)	\$2.50	20 December 2022 to 31 December 2023	No restriction

Information about the philatelic products is available on the Hongkong Post Stamps website (stamps.hongkongpost.hk) and in the “ShopThruPost” mobile app.