

**Special Stamp Issue – “Year of the Snake” (5 January 2025) and
“2025 Souvenir Cover” (18 December 2024)**

I) “Year of the Snake” Special Stamp Issue

Stamps in this series are designed by Mr. WONG Chun-hong. Details of stamp printer and stamp printing technology of the respective products are provided below:

Products	Printing Technology	Printer
“Year of the Snake”		
Mint stamps (a set of 4 denominations)	Lithography	Cartor Security Printing, France
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a \$10 stamp)	Lithography plus hot foil stamping	
\$50 Laser-cut Paper Art Stamp Sheetlet (containing a \$50 stamp)	Lithography plus hot foil stamping and laser cutting	
“Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Dragon/Snake”		
Stamp Sheetlet (containing 2 designs of \$50 stamp)	Lithography plus 22-carat gold hot foil stamping, embossing and silver hot foil stamping	Cartor Security Printing, France
Heartwarming Stamps (2025 Version) “Year of the Snake” Mini-panes		
Mini-pane (Local Mail Postage)	Lithography plus spot varnishing	Brebner Print, New Zealand
Mini-pane (Air Mail Postage)	Lithography plus embossing with spot varnishing	

Official first day covers of “Year of the Snake” and official souvenir covers of the “Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Dragon/Snake” will be put on sale at **\$2.5 each at all post offices from 18 December 2024**. Prestige version of the first day covers of “Year of the Snake” and souvenir covers of the “Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals – Dragon/Snake” 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, Tuen Mun Central Post Office and Kowloon Bay Post Office from 28 December 2024 for public's view. Advance orders for servicing self-provided covers will be accepted at all philatelic offices from 18 to 24 December 2024.

Sales Arrangements

Information about 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>
<i>(A) Products Available at all 37 Philatelic Offices from 5 January 2025 and Products Available at all Post Offices from 6 January 2025</i>			
“Year of the Snake” Special Stamps			
First Day Cover	\$2.50	18 December 2024 to 4 April 2025	No restriction
Mint Stamps (a set of 4 denominations: \$2.20, \$4, \$5.40 & \$5.50)	\$17.10	5 January / 6 January 2025* to 4 April 2025	5 sheets of each denomination (viz. 125 stamps of each denomination)
Stamp Sheetlet (hot foil stamping) (containing a \$10 stamp)	\$10		5 sheets
Laser-cut Paper Art Stamp Sheetlet (hot foil stamping and laser cutting) (containing a \$50 stamp)	\$50		5 sheets
Presentation Pack (containing a set of 4 stamps and a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet)	\$47		5 packs

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“Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals –Dragon/Snake”			
Souvenir Cover	\$2.50	18 December 2024 to 4 April 2025	No restriction
Stamp Sheetlet (22-carat gold hot foil stamping, embossing and silver hot foil stamping) (containing 2 designs of \$50 stamp)	\$100	5 January / 6 January 2025* to	5 sheets
Presentation Pack (containing a stamp sheetlet)	\$145	4 April 2025	5 packs

<i>(B) Products Available at <u>Philatelic Offices</u> only</i>			
“Year of the Snake” Special Stamps			
First Day Cover (Prestige)	\$10	18 December 2024 to 4 April 2025	No restriction
Postage Prepaid Lunar New Year Greeting Cards (Air Mail) (a set of 4 cards)	\$54	5 January 2025* to 4 April 2025	5 sets
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of 4 stamps (date-stamped with special postmark)	\$22.10		5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige) affixed with a set of 4 stamps (date-stamped with special postmark)	\$29.60		5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet (hot foil stamping) (date-stamped with special postmark)	\$15		5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige) affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet (hot foil stamping) (date-stamped with special postmark)	\$22.50		5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a Laser-cut Paper Art Stamp Sheetlet (hot foil stamping and laser cutting) (date-stamped with special postmark)	\$55	5 January 2025* to 4 April 2025	5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover (Prestige) affixed with a Laser-cut Paper Art Stamp Sheetlet (hot foil stamping and laser cutting) (date-stamped with special postmark)	\$62.50		5 covers

Joint Souvenir Pack (containing a joint souvenir sheet with two sets of two imperforated stamps each issued by China Post, a set of 4 stamps issued by Hongkong Post and a set of 4 stamps issued by Macao Post and Telecommunications)	\$60	5 January 2025* to 4 April 2025	5 packs
Joint Souvenir Pack (Prestige) (containing a joint souvenir sheet and a serviced joint souvenir cover affixed with 3 stamps issued by China Post, Hongkong Post and Macao Post and Telecommunications respectively and date-stamped with special postmark)	\$78		5 packs
Red Packets (A pack of 20 pieces with four designs)	\$25	from 18 December 2024, while stock lasts	5 packs
“Gold and Silver Stamp Sheetlet on Lunar New Year Animals –Dragon/Snake”			
Souvenir Cover (Prestige)	\$10	18 December 2024 to 4 April 2025	No restriction
Serviced Souvenir Cover affixed with a Stamp Sheetlet (22-carat gold hot foil stamping, embossing and silver hot foil stamping) (date-stamped with special postmark)	\$105	5 January 2025* to 4 April 2025	5 covers
Serviced Souvenir Cover (Prestige) affixed with a Stamp Sheetlet (22-carat gold hot foil stamping, embossing and silver hot foil stamping) (date-stamped with special postmark)	\$112.50		5 covers
Heartwarming Stamps (2025 Version) “Year of the Snake” Mini-panes			
Mini-pane (Local Mail Postage) (containing 12 Heartwarming Stamps in Local Mail Postage)	\$49	5 January 2025* to 4 April 2025	5 panes

Mini-pane (Air Mail Postage) (containing 12 Heartwarming Stamps in Air Mail Postage)	\$91	5 January 2025* to 4 April 2025	5 panes
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* Please refer to the below for the special sales arrangements on 5 January 2025.

Special Sales Arrangements on the Stamp Issue Date, 5 January 2025

All philatelic offices will open on 5 January 2025 (Sunday) from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, while among which, GPO, Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, Tsuen Wan Post Office, Sha Tin Central Post Office and Tuen Mun Central Post Office will open from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Date-stamping Arrangements

A hand-back date-stamping service with the office date-stamp and the special postmarks will be provided on 5 January 2025 at all philatelic 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 “Philatelic Bureau” pictorial postmark and its respective philatelic office pictorial postmark. The GPO-1 date-stamp impression will only be available at the GPO.

II) 2025 Souvenir Cover

“2025 Souvenir Cover” designed by Mr. Colin TILLYER will be put on sale at **all philatelic offices**, as well as Hongkong Post’s Online Shopping Mall “ShopThruPost” from 18 December 2024 to 31 December 2025.

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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>
2025 Souvenir Cover (Available in 3 sizes: Small size: 220mm x 110mm Medium size: 228mm x 162mm Large size: 265mm x 190mm)	\$2.50	18 December 2024 to 31 December 2025	No restriction

Information about this set of special stamps and associated philatelic products is available on the Hongkong Post Stamps website (stamps.hongkongpost.hk).