

## Special Stamp Issue — “Intangible Cultural Heritage – Dragon & Lion Dance”



Mint Stamps

A set of special stamps on “Intangible Cultural Heritage – Dragon & Lion Dance”, with associated philatelic products, will be released for sale on **23 February 2021 (Tuesday)**.

Hong Kong is home to a variety of cultural essences passed down from generations that are rich in connotations, and some are inscribed as intangible cultural heritage. In various local communities and groups, these heritage items have unique historical, cultural and art significances. Hongkong Post selects five intangible cultural heritage items of Hong Kong – lion dance, pixiu dance, unicorn dance, dragon dance and the Tai Hang fire dragon dance for issuing a set of four stamps and two stamp sheetlets in the theme of “Intangible Cultural Heritage – Dragon and Lion Dance”. With vivid brushstrokes, the illustrations on the stamps exude the charm of these local customs, aiming to promote awareness and preservation of our priceless intangible cultural heritage.

Acknowledgements: Intangible Cultural Heritage Office, Hong Kong Lion House Dragon Lion Sports Association, Hung C Lau, Joint Association of Traditional Hakka Unicorn in Sai Kung and Hang Hau Hong Kong, Tai Hang Residents’ Welfare Association

### **Sales Arrangements**

From **4 February 2021**, Official First Day Covers will be put on sale at **\$2 each at all post offices** and the stamps and the associated philatelic products will be displayed 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. Advance orders for servicing self-provided covers will be accepted at 38 philatelic offices from **4 to 10 February 2021**.

Information about the sales arrangements is set out below:

Products	<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>(A) Products Available at all Post Offices</b>			

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First Day Cover	2	4 February 2021 to 22 May 2021	No restriction
Mint Stamps (a set of four stamps)	15.6	23 February 2021 to 22 May 2021	5 sheets of each denomination (viz. 125 stamps of each denomination)
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a \$10 stamp)	10		10 sheets
Stamp Sheetlet (Hot foil stamping, containing a \$20 stamp)	20		10 sheets
Mini-pane (containing two sets of stamps)	31.2		5 panes
Presentation Pack (containing a set of four stamps, a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet and a \$20 Stamp Sheetlet)	70		5 packs
<b>(B) Products Available at 38 Philatelic Offices only</b>			
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of 4 stamps (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	20.1	23 February 2021 to 22 May 2021	5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a \$10 stamp sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	14.5		5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a \$20 stamp sheetlet (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	24.5		5 covers

- Remarks:
- (1) The above philatelic products **are included** in the “2021 Advance Order Service”.
  - (2) For overseas and Mainland customers, please ensure that there is sufficient balance in your account to settle the payment of your advance order. Otherwise, your order will be processed only when stock is still available after all orders with payments settled have been fulfilled.
  - (3) The above philatelic products are limited in supply and will be available for sale for three months while stock lasts.
  - (4) All images are for reference only.
  - (5) Stamp products should be kept in cool and dry places and avoid placing them under direct sunlight or in hot environment.
  - (6) The above philatelic products (except First Day Cover) will be put on sale at "ShopThruPost" (Shopthrupost.hongkongpost.hk) starting from 8:00 a.m. on 23 February 2021 (Tuesday).

## **Date-stamping Arrangements**

A hand-back date-stamping service using the office steel date-stamp and the special postmark will be provided on **23 February 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 General Post Office.

## **Special Arrangements under the Epidemic**

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.

The above arrangements are subject to change in view of the development of the epidemic situation. For enquiry on the latest updates on the arrangements, please visit the Hongkong Post Stamps website at [stamps.hongkongpost.hk](http://stamps.hongkongpost.hk), or call the Philatelic Bureau hotline at 2785 5711.

## **Stamp Data**

Design:	Eric CHAN
Printer:	Stamp Sheet, \$10 & \$20 Stamp Sheetlets - Cartor Security Printing, France Mini-pane - Southern Colour Print, New Zealand
Process:	Stamp Sheet & \$10 Stamp Sheetlet - Lithography \$20 Stamp Sheetlet & Mini-pane - Lithography plus hot foil stamping
Stamp Size:	Stamp Sheet - 28 mm × 45 mm \$10 & \$20 Stamp Sheetlets - 112 mm × 48 mm
Stamp Layout:	Stamp Sheet - Pane of 25 stamps
Stamp Sheetlet Size:	135 mm × 85 mm
Mini-pane Size:	175 mm × 136 mm
Perforation:	Stamp Sheet - 13.25 × 13.5 (one elliptical perforation on each vertical) \$10, \$20 Stamp Sheetlets & Mini-pane - 14.25 (one elliptical perforation on each vertical)
Paper:	Paper with security fibres
Date of Issue:	23 February 2021



Special Postmark



Mini-pane



\$10 Stamp Sheetlet



\$20 Stamp Sheetlet



Presentation Pack (Cover)



Presentation Pack (Inside)



Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of four stamps and date-stamped with the special postmark



Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet and date-stamped with the special postmark



Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a \$20 Stamp Sheetlet and date-stamped with the special postmark

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