

Special Stamp Issue — “Classical Novels of Chinese Literature – *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*”



Mint Stamps

A set of special stamps on “Classical Novels of Chinese Literature – *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*”, with associated philatelic products, will be released for sale on **16 March 2021 (Tuesday)**.

At the end of the Eastern Han Dynasty, warlords rose to power, resulting in a tripartite division of the land known as the Three Kingdoms era. Novelist LUO Guanzhong of the period from late Yuan to early Ming dynasties drew ideas from this dramatic era and created an epic historical novel in chapters – *the Romance of the Three Kingdoms*. Its well-knit plot with thrilling twists and turns, enriched with domination schemes and strategies and enlivened by characters with distinct personalities, made this a classic Chinese literature of all time. Adopting the paintings created by the renowned artist Mr TUNG Pui-sun for the novel, Hongkong Post issues a set of six stamps and two stamp sheetlets titled “Classical Novels of Chinese Literature – *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*” presenting eight of the popular scenes, namely The Oath of the Peach Garden, A Notion of Heroes over Warm Wine, Escorting Sisters-in-law over a Thousand Miles, Three Visits to the Thatched Cottage, Zhao Yun Saving the Young Lord, Empty Fort Stratagem, The Arrow through the Halberd

and Borrowing Arrows with Straw Boats, enabling us to revel in the appreciation of the remarkable moments of this epic novel in the miniature wonders.

Sales Arrangements

From **2 March 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 **2 to 8 March 2021**.

Information about the sales arrangements is set out below:

Products	Unit Selling Price (HKD)	Sales Period	Maximum Purchase Quantity Per Queuing Customer for the First Two Days of Issue
(A) Products Available at all Post Offices			
First Day Cover	2	2 March to 15 June 2021	No restriction
Mint Stamps (a set of six stamps)	21.6	16 March to 15 June 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
(B) Products Available at 38 Philatelic Offices only			

Products	Unit Selling Price (HKD)	Sales Period	Maximum Purchase Quantity Per Queuing Customer for the First Two Days of Issue
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of six stamps (date-stamped with associated special postmark)	26.1	16 March to 15 June 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
Postage Prepaid Picture Cards (Air Mail) (containing a set of eight cards)	80		5 sets

- 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" (ShophthruPost.hongkongpost.hk) starting from 8:00 a.m. on 16 March 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 **16 March 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:

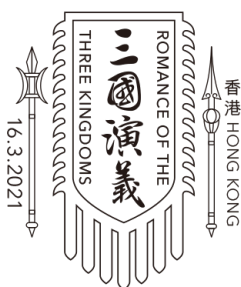
- 1) Ordering of stamp products on the website;

- 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.

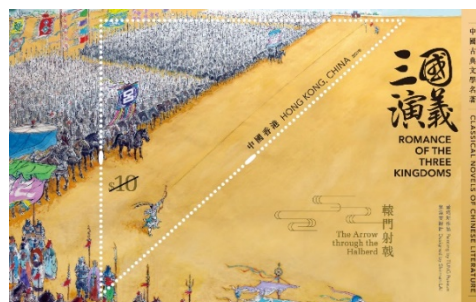
The above arrangements are subject to change in view of the development of the epidemic situation. For enquiry on the latest updates on the arrangements, please visit the Hongkong Post Stamps website at stamps.hongkongpost.hk, or call the Philatelic Bureau hotline at 2785 5711.

Stamp Data

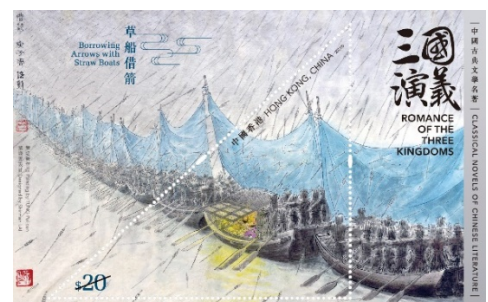
Design:	Shirman LAI
Painting:	TUNG Pui-sun
Printer:	Joh. Enschedé Stamps B.V., the Netherlands
Process:	Stamp Sheet, \$10 Stamp Sheetlet & Collector Card - Lithography \$20 Stamp Sheetlet - Lithography plus 3D embossing
Stamp Size:	Stamp Sheet - 35 mm × 56 mm \$10 & \$20 Stamp Sheetlets - Base - 86 mm, Vertical - 78 mm
Stamp Layout:	Stamp Sheet - Pane of 25 stamps
Stamp Sheetlet Size:	135 mm × 85 mm
Collector Card Size:	120 mm × 185 mm
Perforation:	Stamp Sheet - 13.75 × 13.5 (one elliptical perforation on each vertical) \$10 & \$20 Stamp Sheetlets - Vertical - 13.75, Base & Oblique - 14.25 (one elliptical perforation on each vertical and oblique)
Paper:	Stamp Sheet, \$10 & \$20 Stamp Sheetlets - Paper with security fibres Collector Card - Self-adhesive stamp paper with security fibres
Date of Issue:	16 March 2021



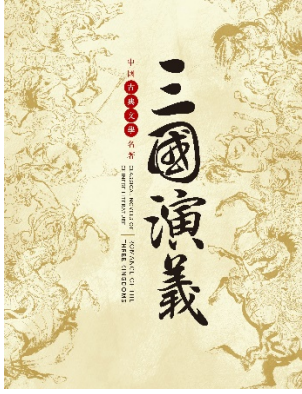
Special Postmark



\$10 Stamp Sheetlet



\$20 Stamp Sheetlet



Presentation Pack (Cover)



Presentation Pack (Inside)



Presentation Pack (Inside)



Collector Card (Front)



Collector Card (Back)



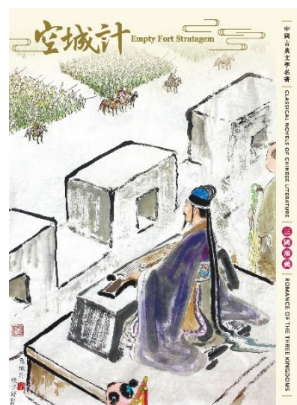
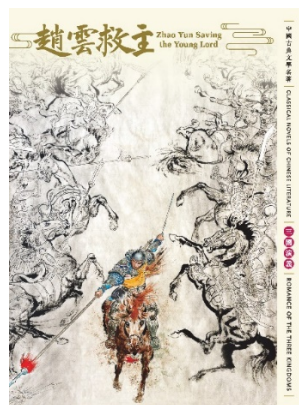
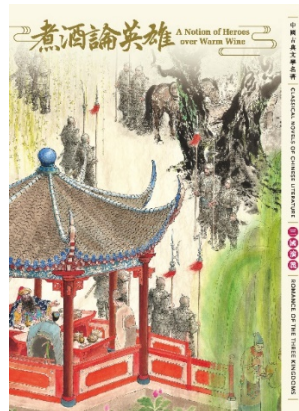
Collector Pack (Cover)

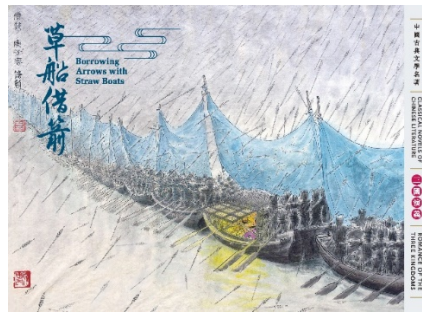
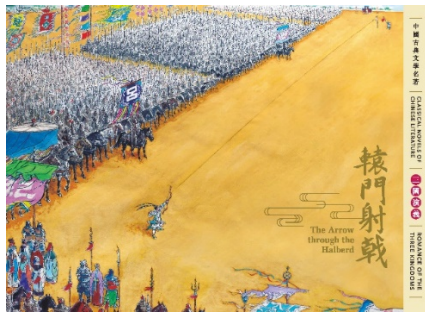


Serviced Collector Cover affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet and date-stamped with the special postmark



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





Postage Prepaid Picture Cards (Air Mail)
(A set of 8 cards)



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