

Special Stamp Issue — “Hong Kong Museums Collection – 19th Century China Trade Paintings”



Mint Stamps

A set of special stamps on “Hong Kong Museums Collection – 19th Century China Trade Paintings”, with associated philatelic products, will be released for sale on **25 May 2021 (Tuesday)**.

China trade paintings, which emerged in the 18th century and flourished in the 19th century, portrayed the local customs, lifestyle, landscapes and scenery of China in that era. Painters of these works of art included Western artists who travelled to China, as well as native Chinese artists who mastered Western painting techniques. This extraordinary genre of art has become an invaluable resource for historical study and bears witness to the artistic achievements of both Chinese and Western artists of the time. Hongkong Post is continuing its Hong Kong Museums Collection by issuing a set of six stamps and two stamp sheetlets on the theme of “19th Century China Trade Paintings”. With the eight selected paintings that documented the varied facets of the market at the time, the issue brings back the century-old shopping paradise in South China captured in the China trade paintings in miniature.

Acknowledgement: Hong Kong Museum of Art

Sales Arrangements

Official First Day Covers will be put on sale at **\$2 each at all post offices** from **10 May 2021**. Display of the special stamps on 10 May 2021 and associated philatelic products on 15 May 2021 will be put up at 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 **10 to 15 May 2021**.

Information about the sales arrangements is set out below:

Products	Unit Selling Price (HKD)	Sales Period	Maximum Purchase Quantity Per Queuing Customer on the First Day of Issue and the following day
(A) Products Available at all Post Offices			
First Day Cover	2	10 May 2021 to 24 August 2021	No restriction
Mint Stamps (a set of six denominations)	21.6	25 May 2021 to 24 August 2021	5 sheets of each denomination (viz. 125 pieces of each denomination)
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a \$10 mint stamp)	10		10 sheets
Stamp Sheetlet (containing a \$20 mint stamp)	20		10 sheets
Mini-pane (containing 2 sets of mint stamps)	43.2		5 panes
Presentation Pack (containing a set of mint stamps in six denominations)	40		5 packs
Collector Pack (containing a set of mint stamps in six denominations, a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet, a \$20 Stamp Sheetlet, a Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of mint stamps in six denominations, 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			
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of mint stamps in six denominations (date-stamped with special postmark)	26.1	25 May 2021 to 24 August 2021	5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with special postmark)	14.5		5 covers
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a \$20 Stamp Sheetlet (date-stamped with 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*" (Shophtrupost.hongkongpost.hk) starting from 8:00 a.m. on 25 May 2021 (Tuesday).

Date-stamping Arrangements

A hand-back date-stamping service with options of the office steel date-stamp or the special postmark will be provided on **25 May 2021** at all post offices for official First Day Cover/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 the philatelic office pictorial postmark. The GPO-1 date-stamp impression will only be available at the General Post Office.

Special Arrangements under the Epidemic

For the stamp issue to be launched while the pandemic of COVID-19 prevails, Hongkong Post will implement a special sales arrangement to achieve social distancing and prevent crowds. The arrangements for this issue include:

- 1) Pre-ordering of stamp products on the *ShopThruPost* website (shophtrupost.hongkongpost.hk) until 8:00am of 25 May 2021;
- 2) Collection points to be set up at all post offices on 25 May 2021 for submission of order forms as well as official First Day Cover/privately-made 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
Printer:	Cartor Security Printing, France
Process:	Stamp Sheet & \$10 Stamp Sheetlet - Lithography \$20 Stamp Sheetlet - Lithography with a screen of 800 lines per inch plus 3D embossing
Stamp Size:	Stamp Sheet - \$2, \$3.70, \$4.90 & \$5 - 50 mm × 30 mm - \$2.60 & \$3.40 - 30 mm × 50 mm \$10 Stamp Sheetlet - 73 mm × 52 mm

\$20 Stamp Sheetlet - 48 mm × 66 mm

Stamp Layout: Stamp Sheet - Pane of 25 stamps

Stamp Sheetlet Size: 138 mm × 80 mm

Mini-pane Size: 250 mm × 160 mm

Perforation: Stamp Sheet - \$2, \$3.70, \$4.90 & \$5 - 14 × 13.25 (one elliptical perforation on each vertical)
 - \$2.60 & \$3.40 - 14 × 13.5 (one elliptical perforation on each vertical)

\$10 Stamp Sheetlet - 14.25 × 13.75 (one elliptical perforation on each vertical)

\$20 Stamp Sheetlet - 14.25 × 14 (one elliptical perforation on each vertical)

Paper: Paper with security fibres

Date of Issue: 25 May 2021



Special Postmark



Mini-pane



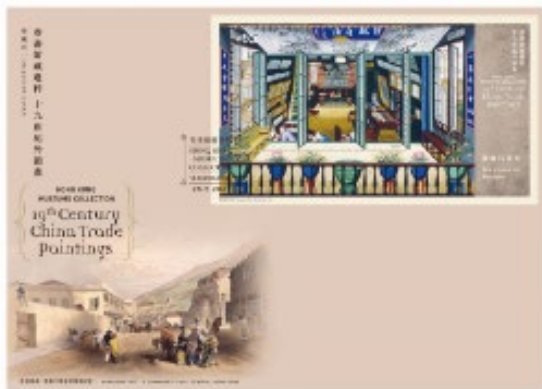
\$10 Stamp Sheetlet



\$20 Stamp Sheetlet



Collector Pack (Cover)



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



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



Postage Prepaid Picture Cards (Air Mail) (containing a set of eight cards)



Presentation Pack (Cover)



Presentation Pack (Back)



Presentation Pack (Inside)



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



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