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A Year of Historical Moments Presented in The 2008 Collection of Singapore Stamps

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Singapore, 3 December 2008 - Whether you are a stamp collector, a history buff, an art or sport fan, Singapore Post Limited (SingPost) will be releasing a beautiful, boldly colourful coffee table-sized book, *The 2008 Collection of Singapore Stamps* on 5 December 2008 that not only makes a fine gift but also captures Singapore's 2008 historical moments.

Stamps represent so much more than the postage rate to mail a letter. In their own small way, they remind us of what is unique and special about Singapore, highlighting the people, places, and events that are important to us as a nation.

Beautifully designed and illustrated, *The 2008 Collection of Singapore Stamps* encapsulates key events of the year, from the opening of the Singapore Changi Airport Terminal to Singapore's first Formula 1™ Grand Prix to the first-ever joint stamp issue with Viet Nam and Macao.

This exquisite coffee table edition contains 69 pieces of mint stamps and three miniature stamp sheets with a total face value of S\$51.30. Customers who purchase *The 2008 Collection of Singapore Stamps* before 1 January 2009 will enjoy the promotional offer price of S\$59.90. Thereafter, it will be sold at S\$65 (1 January 2009 onwards). All prices are inclusive of 7% GST.

The 2008 Collection of Singapore Stamps is a must-have for both casual and serious collectors. It will be on sale from 5 December 2008 at all post offices and 11 philatelic outlets as well as the Singapore Philatelic Museum. Orders can also be made at SingPost's online shopping portal vPOST, <http://shop.vpost.com.sg>.

The 2008 Collection of Singapore Stamps

Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 3

SingPost began the New Year in early January by issuing the *Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 3* stamps to commemorate the start of flight operations at the new Terminal 3. The colourful stamps depicted Terminal 3's dynamic environment, which integrated nature's wonders with state-of-the-art technology.

Zodiac Series - Rat

Also in January, SingPost issued the Zodiac series – Rat stamp, starting a new cycle on the Chinese zodiac calendar as well as SingPost's new Zodiac Stamp Series. This is the first of 12 designs in the series.

Festivals

Singapore's rich and vibrant multicultural heritage is best reflected in the many colourful and significant festivals celebrated throughout the year. Hence, on 29 February, the main festivals of Singapore's four major races - Chinese New Year, Christmas, Deepavali and Hari Raya Aidilfitri - are depicted together with their other festivals, namely Easter, Hari Raya Haji, Mid-Autumn and Pongal for the first time.

Peranakan Museum Collection

In April, Singapore welcomed a brand new Peranakan attraction as vibrant and eclectic as the fusion culture itself. The new Peranakan Museum is the first in the world to present a pan-Southeast Asian view, covering the centres of Peranakan culture - Singapore, Malacca and Penang - as well as exploring links with other Peranakan communities in the region. Pictured on these stamps are decorative objects associated with celebrations and special occasions of the Peranakan community, such as the phoenix, crane and peony.

Youth Olympic Games

On 25 June, in celebration of Singapore's winning bid for the host city of the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010, SingPost released a set of stamps capturing the mood and jubilation when the decision was announced. Forming one complete picture, these two stamps illustrated the strong and harmonious bond of Singapore youths, through linking of arms to celebrate the victorious moment.

Singapore-Macao, China Joint Issue

In conjunction with Singapore Food Festival 2008, SingPost and Macao Post jointly issued a joint stamp release for the first time, featuring popular local dishes of Singapore and Macao on 4 July. This was also the first major collaboration between SingPost and Macao Post.

Games of XXIX Olympiad

On 8 August, SingPost honoured the spirit of athleticism and international unity inspired by the Olympic Games as it issued the *Game of XXIX Olympiad* stamps, featuring popular Olympic sports in Singapore. The issuance of the *Game of XXIX Olympiad stamps* coincided with the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing, China.

National Day 2008 – Singapore Today

On 9 August, SingPost celebrated Singapore's 43rd birthday by issuing *National Day 2008 - Singapore Today* stamp set to coincide with the National Day. Familiar landmarks in Singapore for example the Victoria Memorial Hall, the Central Business District, a community centre, and the MRT train, appeared on this stamp set. These images are specially reproduced and they are taken by the five Cultural Medallion recipients, who have been great contributors to Singapore's arts development.

40 Years of the Republic of Singapore Air Force

August also saw the issuance of stamps celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF). The stamps' focal point is the RSAF specialists at work, portraying a broad spectrum of RSAF's capabilities.

2008 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix™

On 26 September, SingPost issued the *2008 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix™* stamps that featured the thumbnail drawing of a race car against the Singapore CBD skyline, celebrating an event of many firsts – Singapore's first-ever Formula One Race, the first night race in F1's history, and Asia's first street race.

Singapore Postal Services through the Years

This stamp set traced the changing phases of Singapore Postal Services from 1858 to 2008. On 29 October 1858, the Post Office was separated from the Marine Attendant's office and became an independent postal department funded by postal revenue.

Cash Crops of Early Singapore

In November, SingPost released a set of stamps featuring the commonly found cash crops of early Singapore, namely Pepper, Tapioca, Rubber and Nutmeg. The term, "cash crops" refers to crops grown for money.

Singapore-Viet Nam Joint Issue

Also in November, SingPost together with Vietnam Post launched a joint stamp issue on the fruits of both countries in celebration of the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Viet Nam since 1973. The joint stamp set featured the Durian, King of Fruits, and its equal, Dragon Fruit, with its flower named "Queen of the Night", to represent Singapore and Viet Nam respectively.

Information and enquiries

For more information on this new stamp issue, please call the Singapore Philatelic Bureau at telephone numbers 1800 741 4111 (toll-free within Singapore) or 6845 6756 during office hours or visit <http://www.singpost.com> or email us at sinstamp@singpost.com.

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SingPost, the designated Public Postal Licensee for Singapore, provides efficient and high quality domestic and international postal services. One of the most efficient postal operators in the world, SingPost received global recognition in the World Mail Awards for the Quality category in 2007. SingPost is also the leading logistics provider in the domestic market, with global service offerings to more than 220 territories/countries. It has won the EMS Cooperative Certification Gold Level Award by the Universal Postal Union (UPU) for its *Speedpost* Worldwide courier service and is the only postal administration in the world to win this for seven consecutive years since 2001. SingPost also owns one of the largest retail distribution networks through its tri-channel platform of post offices, Self-service Automated Machines (SAMs) and *vPOST*, its internet portal. With its extensive network, SingPost provides a one-stop convenience to its customers for a wide range of products and services, including agency, postal and financial services.

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