



JAPAN

POSTAL ISSUES

CHICHIBU-TAMA NATIONAL PARK

1955



Mountains Stream, Tama Gorge



Chichibu Mountains

2.25



国立公園郵便切手

秩父多摩



CHICHIBU-TAMA NATIONAL PARK

1955



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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

1955



Bridge and Iris

1955



Paper Carp as Flows on Boys' Day

The 15th congress of the International Chamber of Commerce was held in Tokyo, May 16-21, 1955.

1955



Mandarin Ducks

ATHLETIC MEETING

1955



Girl Athletes

Designs featuring Girl Athletes and Runners were used on stamps marking the 10th annual National Athletic Meeting.



Runners

NEW YEAR

1955



Kokeshi Dolls

The famous Kokeshi Doll is featured on the New Year's stamp for 1956.

TABLE TENNIS

1956



Table Tennis Players

This stamp was issued to publicize the International Table Tennis Championships, Tokyo, April 2nd through 11th, 1956.

JUDO

1956



Judo

Picturing a Judo match, this stamp commemorates the first World Judo Championship Meet held in Tokyo, May 3, 1956.

STAMP WEEK

1955

This stamp commemorates the 150th anniversary of the death of Utamaro, the famous Japanese woodcut artist, and was released for Philatelic Week, 1955.



"A Girl Blowing a Glass Toy"





RIKUCHU-KAIGAN NATIONAL PARK

1955



Bentenzaki Cape



Judogahama Beach



陸中海岸国立公園郵便切手

The Rikuchū Kaigan National Park comprises the indented littoral area forming the Pacific slope of Iwate Prefecture, with the City of Miyako for its center, the Fudai River for its northern limits, and Cape Ōhne marking its southern extremity. It extends over ninety kilometers as the crow flies and its outstanding feature is the grand coastal scenery formed by the erosive action of the Pacific on the projecting rocky landmasses.



RIKUCHU-KAIGAN NATIONAL PARK

1955



Bentenzaki Cope



Iodogahama Beach



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1956



Water Plants, Lake Akan

1956



Himeji Castle

1956



Big Purple Butterfly



Osezaki Promontory

SAIKAI NATIONAL PARK

1956



Kujukushima

国立公園郵便切手



SAIKAI NATIONAL PARK

1956

大蔵省印刷局製

The Saikai (Western Sea) National Park comprises the archipelago and marine landscape forming the western extremity of Japan, extending in a northeast to southwest direction over a sea bounded in the north by Genkai Sea and in the west by the East China Sea. It constitutes the northwestern half of the Nagasaki Prefecture.



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WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

1956



Boy and Girl with Paper Carp

Issued to commemorate the establishment of World Children's Day, May 5, 1956.

SAKUMA DAM

1956



Sakuma Dam

A great engineering feat, this stamp marked the completion of Sakuma Dam.

FOUNDING OF TOKYO

1956



Palace Moat & Modern Tokyo

The year 1956 marked the 500th anniversary of the founding of Tokyo for which this stamp was issued.



Broad Jump

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETING

1956

The 11th annual National Athletic Meeting was held at Hyogo Prefecture.



Basketball

STAMP WEEK

1956

MOUNT MANASLU

1956



Mount Manaslu

On May 9th and 11th, 1956, a Japanese expedition successfully climbed Mount Manaslu in the Himalayas. This stamp commemorates the great feat.



Actor Ichikawa Ebizo

A painting of a famous Japanese Actor, Ichikawa Ebizo, was featured in the stamp design for Stamp Week 1956.

ELECTRIFICATION

1956



Electric Locomotive and Hiroshige Plant

This stamp commemorates the completion of the electrification of the Tokaido Line.



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MACHINERY FAIR

1956



Cogwheel, Vacuum Tube & Ship

Issued to publicize the Japanese Machinery Floating Fair - a ship equipped with a large assortment of Japanese-made machines for demonstration purposes.

NEW YEAR

1957



Toy Whale

For the 1957 New Year, a Toy Whale was featured in the stamp design.

ADMISSION TO UN

1957



United Nations Emblem

Japan was admitted to the United Nations in 1956. This stamp was issued on the first anniversary.

GEOPHYSICAL YEAR

1957



Phoenix Hall, Byodo-in Temple

1957



I. G. Y. Emblem, Penguin & Boat

Issued to commemorate the International Geophysical Year.

1957



Phoenix Hall, Byodo-in Temple

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETING

1957



Girl on Parallel Bar



Boxers

The 12th annual National Athletic Meet was held at Shizuoka Prefecture. Two stamps were issued for the occasion picturing a girl on parallel bars and a boxing match.

ATOMIC REACTOR

1957



Atomic Reactor

The completion of Japan's atomic reactor at Tokai-Mura, Ibaraki Prefecture, is pictured on this stamp released in 1957.

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STAMP WEEK

1957

IRON INDUSTRY

1957



Ancient & Modern Blast Furnaces

The centenary of the Japanese iron industry was commemorated by the issue of this 10 yen stamp.



"Girl Bouncing Ball"

This stamp, featuring the print "Girl Bouncing Ball," was released for Stamp Week 1957.

OGOCHI DAM

1957



Lake Okutama & Ogochi Dam

Issued to commemorate the completion of the Ogochi Dam, which is part of the Tokyo system of water supply.

TUNNEL

1958



Sbimonoseki-Moji Tunnel

This stamp commemorates the completion of the Kan-Mon Underwater Highway connecting Honshu and Kyushu Islands.

NEW YEAR

1958



Toy Dog

Issued for New Year 1958, this stamp features a Toy Dog.

OPENING OF PORTS

1958



Statue and Harbor

Issued to commemorate the centenary of the opening of the ports of Yokohama, Nagasaki and Hakodate to foreign nations.

ASIAN GAMES

1958



National Stadium



Torch and Emblem



Runner



Woman Diver

Issued to commemorate the Third Asian Games held in Tokyo May 24, 1958.



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1958 STAMP WEEK

CONGRESS

1958



Stethoscope

Released for the fifth International Congress of Diseases of the Chest and the seventh International Congress of Bronchoesophology.



"Woman with Umbrella"

A woodcut by Kiyonaga, "Woman with Umbrella", appears on the stamp for 1958 Stamp Week.

LETTER WEEK

1958



"Kyoto," Print by Hiroshige

Commemorating International Letter Writing Week, October 5-11, 1958.

EMIGRATION

1958



Ship, Map and Brazilian Flag

This stamp commemorates fifty years of Japanese emigration to Brazil.

SADO-YAHIKO NATIONAL PARK

1958



Sado Island & Local Dancer



Mt. Yabiko & Echigo Plain

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETING

1958



Weight Lifter



Girl Badminton Player

This set was issued to mark the 13th annual National Athletic Meeting at Toyama Prefecture.

UNIVERSITY

1958



Keio University & Yukichi Fukuzawa

Issued to commemorate the centenary of the founding of Keio University.

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NEW YEAR

1958



Toy of Takamatsu

Released in December, 1958, this stamp commemorated the New Year 1959. Designed by artist Masaru Kimura, the central design features a native toy.

CONFERENCES

1958



Globe and Playing Children

Issued to commemorate the Second International Study Conference on Child Welfare, November 23-27, 1958 and the Ninth International Conference of Social Workers, November 30th through December 6, 1958.

RECLAMATION

1959



Tractor & Map of Kojima Bay

The creation of an embankment to reclaim Kojima Bay, Okayama Prefecture for farmland, was the subject for this stamp marking the completion of work. It was placed on sale February 1, 1959.

HUMAN RIGHTS

1958



Flame: Symbol of Human Rights

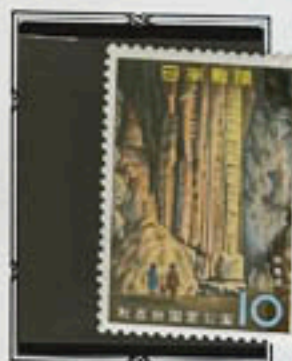
This stamp was placed on sale December 10, 1958 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

AKIYOSHIDAI QUASI-NATIONAL PARK

1959



Koryu Plateau



Akiyoshi Cave

This was the second of the quasi-national park series. The stamps were designed by Hitoshi Otsuka and feature landscapes within the area.

NAGOYA

1959



Golden Dolphin, Nagoya Castle

Issued for the 350th anniversary of the founding of Nagoya, Nagoya is identified with its castle. From the beginning it was famed for the pair of golden dolphins which adorn the roof ridge of its central tower.

The 15th meeting of the International Air Transport Association was held at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, beginning October 12, 1959. This stamp, featuring a crane and the IATA emblem, commemorates the meeting.

AIR TRANSPORT

1959



Crane and IATA Emblem



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WEDDING OF CROWN PRINCE AKIHITO

1959



Ceremonial Fan



Prince Akihito & Princess Michiko



Ceremonial Fan



Prince Akihito & Princess Michiko

This set was issued to mark the wedding of H. I. H. Crown Prince Akihito and Miss Michiko Shoda and was released on April 10, 1959, the wedding day.



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YABA-HITA-HIKOSAN NATIONAL PARK

1959



Ao Cave Area of Yabakei

Cormorant, Hita & Mt. Hiko

Yaba-Hita-Hikosan Quasi National Park, so designated on July 21, 1950, is an eroded lava plateau of the largest scale in Japan, extending over the three prefectures of Oita, Fukuoka and Kumamoto.

NATIONAL PARK DAY

1959



Mt. Fuji and Lake Motosu

This stamp was released during the National Park Convention which was held at Yumoto, Nikko, on July 21, 1959.

STAMP WEEK

1959



"Women Reading Poetry"

To mark Philatelic Week, 1959, which began on May 20, this stamp was issued. The design features ladies reading a poem and is the work of Eishi Hosoda (1756-1829), a Ukiyoe artist of the Edo period.

RED CROSS

1959



Nurses Carrying Stretcher

Issued to mark the 100th anniversary of the philanthropic work of Henri Dunant. It was on June 24, 1859, on the battlefield of Solferino, that he conceived the idea of an International Red Cross.

CULTURAL CONGRESS

1959



Map of South-East Asia

To improve friendly relations with Asian countries and thereby contribute to world peace an Asian Cultural Congress was held in March, 1959. The Congress also marked the 2,500th anniversary of Buddha's Death.

METRIC SYSTEM

1959



Measuring Glass, Tape Measure & Scales

The Japanese adopted the metric system on January 9, 1959 and to celebrate the event, this stamp was released on June 5, 1959.

COIL STAMP

1959



Goddess Kannon

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LETTER WRITING WEEK

1959



"Kuwana"

This stamp commemorates International Letter Writing Week and features woodcut art. Used for the design is the print, "KUWANA" from the series by Hiroshige Ando (1797-1858), artist of the later Edo period.

PTA MEETING

1959



Shoin Yoshida & PTA Symbol

Issued for the National PTA Convention and for the 100th anniversary of the death of Shoin Yoshida, the great educator and forerunner of Meiji Restoration. The convention was attended by 7,000 teachers.

SESSION OF GATT

1959



Globe

The Fifteenth Session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade was held in Tokyo October 12, 1959. GATT was organized in Geneva in 1947. The globe design is the work of Saburo Watanabe.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETING

1959



Throwing the Hammer

The National Athletic Meetings are held for the purpose of popularizing sports, promoting the spirit of amateur sportsmanship and elevating the health of the nation. This set was issued for the 14th Meeting.



Woman Fencer

NEW YEAR

1959



Toy Mouse of Kanazawa

Komekui-nezumi, the rice-eating mouse, is featured in the design of this New Year Stamp.

YUKIO OZAKI

1960



Yukio Ozaki & Clock Tower

Issued to commemorate the completion of Ozaki Memorial Hall to perpetuate the memory of Yukio Ozaki (1858-1954), famous for his work with parliamentary government in Japan.

NARA

1960



Nara Period Artwork

This stamp marked the 1250th anniversary of the transfer of the capital of Japan to Nara. In 710, Empress Genmyo transferred the seat of her government from Kashiwara to Nara.



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SCENIC SERIES

1960



Bay of Matsushima



Ama-no-hashidate



Torii of Itsukushima Shrine

This Scenic Trio set features three of Japan's breathtaking natural beauty spots: Bay of Matsushima, the Bay and shrine at Miyajima, and the Bridge of Heaven (Amano-Hashidate).



Kanrin Maru

JAPAN- UNITED STATES TREATY

1960



Pres. Buchanan Receives Japanese Mission



The year 1960 marked the 100th anniversary of the first Japanese Mission to the United States headed by Foreign Secretary Masaaki Shimni. They reached there in May of 1860 and were received by President Buchanan on the 17th. Both nations celebrated the anniversary by issuing stamps.

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BIRD CONGRESS

1960



Crested Ibis

The Twelfth Congress of the International Council for Bird Preservation was held May 24, 1960, in Tokyo, to discuss the problem of preventing the decrease of bird life . . . more especially in Asian regions.

STAMP WEEK

1960



Poetess Ise, 13th Century Painting

Issued for Philatelic Week, 1960, this stamp was released on April 20, and has for its design the portrait of poetess Ise, reproduced from the "thirty-six-poet series" of paintings ascribed to Nobuzane Fujiwara, who flourished in the mid-13th century.

JAPANESE AVIATION

1960



Biplane & Jet

December 19, 1960 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the first successful airplane flight in Japan conducted by Captains Yoshinshi Tokugawa and Kumazo Hino.

PROGRAM

1960



Radio Waves Around Globe

The year 1960 marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of JBC overseas broadcasting. It was on June 1, 1935 that service was inaugurated in English and Japanese.

CONFERENCE

1960



Seating Plan of Diet



"Red Fuji" by Hokusai

The 49th Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union took place in the Diet Building, Tokyo, September 29 through October 7, 1960. The first such conference was held in Paris in 1889.

EMIGRATION

1960



Cherry Blossoms, Pineapples and Rainbow

Issued to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Japanese immigration to Hawaii pursuant to a contract concluded between the Royal Hawaiian Government and the Japanese Government.

MIKAWA BAY

1960



Takeshima, off Gamagori

The Mikawa Bay National Park consists of an expanse of waters embraced within the two arms of Chita and Atsumi peninsulas together with its surrounding land strips.

ASHIZURI

1960



Cape Ashizuri

Designated as a quasi-national park on April 1, 1955, Ashizuri Quasi-National Park occupies the southwestern end of the island of Shikoku.

ABASHIRI

1960



Flower Garden

Stretching along the northeastern shores of Hokkaido facing the Sea of Okhotsk, Abashiri Quasi-National Park occupies a tract of land, 37,000 hectares in area.

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NEW YEAR

1960



Red Calf and Gold Calf

The Golden Bekokko (bull or cow) is a local toy of Iwate Prefecture made in the likeness of the beast of burden. The Red Beka, a similar toy produced in Fukushima Prefecture, is prized as a charm. Both appear on the 1961 New Year stamp.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

1960



Japanese Fencing (Kendo)

The 15th National Athletic Meeting had its winter contests in Nagano prefecture and the summer contests in Kumamoto.



Girl Gymnast - Vaulting Horse

OBSERVATORY

1960



Okayama Astrophysical Observatory

The Okayama Astrophysical Observatory completed a 74-inch reflecting telescope during the year 1960. This stamp was issued in celebration.

LETTER WEEK

1960



"Kambara," Print by Hiroshige

Issued October 9, 1960, this stamp commemorates International Letter Writing Week. The design features woodcut art . . . the print "Kambara" from the "Fifty-three States of Tokaido" series by Hiroshige Ando.

ANTARCTIC

1960



Explorer and Map of Antarctica

Issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Lieutenant Shirase's Antarctic Expedition. It was on November 10, 1910 that the sailing vessel *Kainan Maru* started on its trip . . . the first Japanese expedition to the Antarctic.

JAPANESE DIET

1960



Diet Building by Night



Opening of First Session

The first session of the Imperial Japanese Diet was opened on November 29, 1960. In commemoration of the seventieth anniversary, this set of two stamps was released December 24, 1960.

SOUTH BOSO PARK

1961



Nojima Cape Lighthouse & Fisherwomen

The Minami-Boso National Park comprises a narrow strip of land along the seashore of the southern half of



FLOWERS

1961



Narcissus



Plum Blossoms



Camellia Japonica



Cherry Blossoms



Peony



Iris



Lily



Morning-gloxy



Bellflower



Gentian



Chrysanthemum



Camellia Sasangua

This series, devoted to the more popular flowers found in Japan, was released during the period January 30, 1961 to December 1, 1961. Each design features one specific plant with its flower in full color.

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LAKE BIWA

1961



Lake Biwa

Lake Biwa, in the heart of Shiga Prefecture, is the largest body of fresh water in Japan. Many sites of historical and tourist interest are within its bounds.

COIL STAMP

1961



Cherry Blossoms 5^{yen}



Cherry Blossoms

SANIN KAIGAN

1961



Parasol Dance on Dunes

The San'in Kaigan Quasi-National Park consists of a strip of landscape along the Sea of Japan extending over the three prefectures of Kyoto, Hyogo and Tottori.

STAMP WEEK

1961



Dancing Girl

The design, "A Dancing Girl", used on this stamp was taken from a panel of a six-leaf screen of early seventeenth century art. The work is by an anonymous painter.

TIME

1961



Sun, Earth and Meridian

The 75th anniversary of the institution of Standard Time in Japan is commemorated by this stamp released on July 12, 1961.

ROTARY

1961



Rotary Emblem & People

This stamp commemorates the 52nd Rotary International Convention held in Tokyo in May, 1961.

COIL STAMP

1961



Pagoda & Plane

IRRIGATION

1961



Faucet, Wheat, Insulator & Cogwheel

Released July 7, 1961, this stamp commemorates the completion of the Aichi Irrigation System.

POSTAL SERVICE

1961



Hisoka Moejima

This stamp marks the 90th anniversary of the modern postal service inaugurated by Deputy Postmaster General Hisoka Moejima.



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ONUMA PARK

1961



Onuma Lake and Volcano

The Onuma Quasi-national Park occupies the southeastern part of Oshima Peninsula, Hokkaido and comprises, within its bounds, the active Komagatake volcano and the three barrier lakes of Onuma, Konuma and Junsai-numa.

LETTER WEEK

1961



"Hakone," Print by Hiroshige

This stamp marks International Letter Writing Week 1961 and features woodcut art. For its design the print, "Hakone" was used . . . from the "Fifty-three Stages of Tokaido" series by Hiroshige Ando (1797-1858), ukiyo-e artist of the later Edo period.

NATIONAL DIET

1961



Diet Library and Book

Issued to commemorate the opening of the new modern building of the National Diet Library. Located on a site near the Diet Building at Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, it is considered the third largest library in the world.



Gymnast on Horizontal Bar

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETING

1961

The sixteenth National Athletic Meeting was held at Akita Prefecture from October 8th through 13th, 1961.



Women Rowing

1964 OLYMPIC GAMES

1961



Javelin Thrower



Wrestlers



Diver

Issued to raise funds for the Olympic Games to be played in Tokyo, 1964.

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COIL
1961



Mandarin Ducks

NEW YEAR
1961



Papier Mache Tiger

This stamp marks the year of the Tiger and pictures a papier-maché toy tiger. In Izumo, Shimane Prefecture, there is an old custom of decorating houses with the form of a tiger as a charm against evil spirits.

AIR MAIL
1962



Pagoda and Douglas Plane

Picturing a Douglas plane and a five story pagoda, this stamp was released to cover a revision in foreign mail postage rates on April 2, 1962.

FUJI-HAKONE-IZU NATIONAL PARK

1962



Mt. Fuji from Lake Ashi

Minokake-Iwa at Irozaki

Mt. Fuji from Mitsu Pass

Mt. Fuji from Cape of Ose

The region around Mt. Fuji extending over the two prefectures of Shizuoka and Yamanashi, together with the Hakone area in Kanagawa prefecture and a long strip of land along the coast of Izu peninsula, is known as the Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park.

KINKOWAN PARK

1962



Sakurajima Volcano & Bay

The Kinkowan Quasi-National Park consists of three regions around Kagoshima Bay. Favored with sunshine and a superb view, it is said to be the most beautiful bay in Japan.

DOLL FESTIVAL

1962



Hinamatsuri, Doll Festival

Hinamatsuri (Doll Festival) is an occasion celebrated by parents on March 3rd with dolls, rice cakes, peach blossoms and unfiltered sake to wish their young girls blissful growth to happy womanhood.

KONGO-IKOMA PARK

1962



Mount Kongo

The Kongo-Ikoma Quasi-National Park comprises an area of 15,625 hectares consisting largely of a series of low mountains running north and south and then west in a fishhook form.

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KITANAGATO-KAIGAN PARK

1962



Sacred Bamboo

This stamp pictures the Nanten, an evergreen shrub that grows wild in glades in the warmer part of Japan and is much prized as a garden plant because of its little bright red berries.

1962



Omishima Island

The northern coast of Yamaguchi prefecture facing the Sea of Japan from Susa Bay to Yuya Bay for about 90 kilometers was designated as Kitanagato-Kaigan Quasi-National Park in 1955.

1962



Yomeimon Gate

The Yomeimon is a national treasure and the most elaborate and gorgeous structure within the shrine precinct. It is often called Higurashimon (Twilight Gate) from the illusion that one could spend a whole day admiring its beauty without realizing the arrival of twilight.

TUNNEL

1962



Train Emerging from Tunnel

This stamp commemorates the completion of the Tunnel between Tsuruga and Imajo on the Kokuriku Line of the Japanese National Railways. It was designed to speed up and augment the capacity of the Line.

PHILATELIC WEEK

1962



"Flower Viewing Party"

For Philatelic Week 1962, this stamp picturing a portion of the painting, "Flower Viewing Party", was released. The work of Naganobu Kono (1577-1654) the original painting is a six-panel folding screen depicting an outdoor merrymaking carnival of the feudal age.

SUIGO PARK

1962



Suigo Landscape

Dedicated March 3, 1959, the Suigo Quasi-National Park consists of a cluster of lakes. Eighty-six percent of the total park area is composed of water surface.

1962



Engaku-ji Temple

The Shori-den stamp, released on June 15, 1962, features the shrine in which is preserved a part of Buddha's ashes. The building was erected in 1285.

1962



"The Wind God"

Released July 2nd, this design features the "The Wind God" by Sotatsu Tawaraya. It is considered one of his greatest masterpieces.



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1964 OLYMPIC GAMES

1962 1962



Rowing



Fencing



Basketball



Water Polo



Girl Gymnast



Judo

BRIDGE

1962

JAMBOREE

1962



Hat & Map of Southeast Asia

More than 25,000 Boy Scouts from various Asian nations gathered on the gentle slopes of Mt. Fuji for a four-day Jamboree, August 3, 1962.



Suspension Bridge

Spanning the entrance to Dakai Bay in North Kyushu and linking the two cities of Wakamatsu and Tobata, the Wakato Suspension Bridge is the largest of its type in the Orient.

FESTIVAL

1962



Tanabata

Tanabata or Star Festival is celebrated on the evening of July 7th with bamboo trees on which are hung poems and other paper things as signs of children's prayers for high-grade penmanship and other arts.

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Ozeegahara Swamp & Mt. Shibutsu

NIKKO NATIONAL PARK

1962



Smoke from Mt. Chausu



Lake Chuzenji & Mt. Nantai



Senryu-kyo Narrows

The Nikko National Park extends over the four prefectures of Tochigi, Gunma, Niigata and Fukushima, and was first designated as a national park on December 4, 1934.

SHICHIGOSAN

1962

The 15th of November is called Shichigosan. On that day Japanese boys of five and girls of three and seven years of age are taken to shrines to pray for their unhindered growth to blessed manhood.



Children in Party Dress



"Nihonbashi"

LETTER WEEK

1962

PEOPLE'S ATHLETIC MEET

1962



Rifle Shooting



Softball

Issued for the seventeenth National Athletic Meeting held in Okayama Prefecture, October 21st through 26th, 1962.

1962



Ornamental Bird

Featuring the kemon this stamp was released November 1, 1962. It is an ornamental piece adorned with openwork of flowers, birds or celestial beings and hung in Buddhist temples for decorative purposes.

NEW YEAR

1962



"Rabbit Bell"

The year 1963 being the year of the rabbit, a pictorial representation of the "rabbit bell" out of the clay-bell series was chosen to form the design for this stamp.

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ISHIZUCHI

1963



Mt. Ishizuchi

The Ishizuchi Quasi-National Park comprises the Ishizuchi Mountain Range of Shikoku, which, running east and west, separates Kochi Prefecture from Ehime Prefecture. The set was issued on January 11, 1963.

UNZEN-AMAKUSA NATIONAL PARK

1963



"Frost Flowers" on Mt. Fugen

Originally designated as Unzen National Park on March 16, 1934, its bounds were enlarged on July 20, 1956 to include part of Amakusa Islands under the new name of Unzen-Amakusa National Park. It covers an area of 25,600 hectares and is one of Japan's most beautiful.



Amakusa Island and Mt. Unzen

HAKUSAN NATIONAL PARK

1963



Green Pond, Midorigaike

The Hakusan National Park extends over the four prefectures of Ishikawa, Fukui, Toyama and Gifu, and covers an area of 47,402 hectares. It is a superb natural mountain park. The set of two stamps was placed on sale March 1, 1963.



Hakusan Range

GENKAI QUASI PARK

1963



Keya-no-Oto Rock

The Portal of Keya, which is familiar to those visiting the Genkai Quasi-National Park, is featured in the design of this stamp. Genkai Park extends over the two prefectures of Fukuoka and Saga.

CONSOLIDATION

1963



City Map, Birds, Ship Factory

This stamp commemorates the merging of the five cities of Moji, Kokura, Wakamatsu and Tabata in Fukuoka Prefecture. With a population of one million, the new merged city is known as Kito-Kyushu City.

SETSUBUN

1963



Spring Festival

Setsubun, the parting of the season, comes on the eve of Risshun (first day of Spring), and usually falls on the 3rd and 4th of February. It marks the end of winter and is popularly observed with the rite of scattering parched soybeans.

HUNGER

1963



Wheat Emblem and Globe

To free the world from hunger and poverty, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) conducted a campaign known as FREEDOM FROM HUNGER for which this stamp was released.



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PHILATELIC WEEK

1963

RED CROSS

1963



Map & Centenary Emblem

Issued to mark the founding of the International Red Cross at Geneva in 1863. This design, by Saburo Watanabe of Tokyo, features the World Map and the Red Cross Centenary emblem.



"Portrait of Heibachiro Honda"

This Philatelic Week stamp has for its design an adaptation from a portion of an anonymous painting on a two-leaf folding screen in the collection of Tokugawa Art Museum.

EXPRESSWAY

1963



Intersection at Ritto, Shiga

Issued to mark the official opening of the Nagoya-Kobe Expressway that links the Kyoto - Osaka - Kobe region with Nagoya. It is a superhighway of the finest in the history of Japan's road program.

1963



Beniokinaebisu — Shell

This regular issue 4-yen stamp, used mostly for fourth class mail, features a beniokinaebisu found in the Bay of Tosa and off Goto Islands. It is much sought after for its beauty.

1963



Shari-den

A regular issue coil stamp, it features the Shari-den of Engokuji Temple.

1963



Red-Crested Crane

This regular issue 100-yen stamp features cormorant fishing.

BANDAI-ASAHI NATIONAL PARK

1963



Ito-dake

The Bandai-Asahi National National Park, so designed on Sept. 5, 1950, extends over the three prefectures of Yamagata, Fukushima and Niigata, and consists of four regions — the so-called Three-Mountains of Dewa, the Iide mountain range, and the Azuma mountain range.



Lake Hibara and Mt. Bandai

DRAINAGE

1963



Globe and Leaf

The Fifth International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage was held in Tokyo May 13 through May 21, 1963 under the auspices of the Japanese Government.



TOKYO OLYMPIC GAMES

1963



Volleyball



Sailing



Boxing

Issued to raise funds for the Olympic Games in Tokyo - 1964, the set features sports of sailing, boxing and volleyball.

GIRL SCOUT

1963



Girl Scout and Flag

An assemblage of girl guides and girl scouts from our around the world took place in Japan on August 1st at Togakushi Heights, Nagano Prefecture.

INLAND SEA NATIONAL PARK

1963



View of Wasbu



Whirlpool at Naruto

The Inland Sea of Japan is an enticing stretch of landlocked waters studded with some 600 islands of various sizes and shapes and connecting with the outside seas by the four straits of Kitan, Naruto, Bunyo and Kanmon.

DAISETSUZAN NATIONAL PARK

1963



Lake Shikaribetsu, Hokkaido



Mt. Kurodake from Sounkyo Valley

The Daisetsuzan National Park occupies the central heights, the mountainous region commonly called the roof of Hokkaido. With an aggregate area of 231,929 hectares, it is the largest national park in Japan. It was designated a National Park on December 4, 1934.

RADIO UNION

1963



Parabolic Antenna

The International Scientific Radio Union is an international research co-operative organization set up in 1913 for the advancement of radio science. This stamp marks the 14th assembly which was held in Tokyo.



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BIRD STAMP SERIES

1963



Kijibato

The Kijibato, also known as Yamabato, is a wild pigeon of the family of Columbidae which may be found throughout Japan. Living on the plains and low mountains, it is dear to the Japanese people for its characteristic cooing note.



Rurikakesu

The Rurikakesu belongs to the Corvidae family and is found only on the islands of Amami-Oshima and Tokunoshima. It has beautiful plumage and a gar-rulous voice.



Raicho

The Raicho is a species of the ptarmigan and is now localized in the alpine heights of the Japan Alps and the Hakusan range of mountains. Like its cousins in other cold regions of the earth, it changes its plumage to white in winter.

TOKYO OLYMPIC GAMES

1963



Shooting



Hockey



Equestrian Sports



Cycling



EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETING

1963



Gymnastics



Japanese Wrestling

This set commemorates the 18th National Athletic Meeting at Yamaguchi Prefecture from October 27th through November 1, 1963. It features Japanese wrestling and gymnastics.

IZU ISLANDS

1963



View of Hachijojima

The Izu Island Quasi-National Park, which forms part of Greater Tokyo, consists of seven islands that extend north and south in the Pacific Ocean. This stamp features a view of Hachijojima with a phoenix tree in the foreground.

SPORTS WEEK

1963



Diving, Pole Vaulting and Relay Running

The Tokyo International Sports Week, which served as a rehearsal for, and covers all 20 events of the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, opened at 23 stadiums on October 11, 1963. This stamp was issued in commemoration of the event.

NEW YEAR

1963



Dragon Toys

Japan's customary new year stamp for the year 1964, which is the year of the dragon, has for its design two locally-sold toys, both fashioned after the likeness of a dragon. It was placed on sale December 16, 1963.

LETTER WRITING WEEK

1963



Waves off Kanagawa by Hokusai

Commemorating International Letter Writing Week, this stamp pictures a piece of Japan's unique art of wood-block printing. This one is taken from the "Thirty-six Views of Mt. Fuji" by Hokusai Katsushika (1760-1849).

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BIRD STAMP SERIES

1964



Konatori

The konatori, or Japanese white stork, was formerly more numerous in Japan. It has now become scarce, being found in very small numbers only. This stamp was released January 10, 1964.



Uguisu

The subject of many poems over the years, the Uguisu bird is widely scattered all over Japan. It is noted for its melodious song which is greeted as the harbinger of Spring. Fifth in the Bird Stamp Series, it was placed on sale February 10th.



Hoojira

Like the sparrow in general appearance, the Hoojira is widely distributed in Eastern Asia and all of Japan. It is characterized by the white spots on its cheeks — hence its name which means, "white-cheeked." It is a popular cage bird.



Uji Bridge

ISE-SHIMA NATIONAL PARK

1964

The Ise-Shima National Park occupies that part of Miye Prefecture which projects eastward into the sea. It abounds in scenic inlets and islets, and is known for the Grand Shrines of Ise. Pearl culture is practiced in its bays and coves.



View of Toba

TAKAYAMA

1964



Festival Float

During the Takayama Festival of Takayama City the houses along the streets are decorated with curtains and paper lanterns through which floats of various designs parade with pomp and music. The festival is held April 15th.

WAKASA BAY

1964



Aoba-Yama

Comprising a land area of 20,462 hectares, The Wakasa Bay Quasi-National Park was so designated on June 1, 1955. This stamp is the first in the Quasi-National Park series.

NICHINAN-KAIGAN

1964



View from Horikiri Pass

The Nichinan-Kaigan Quasi-National Park extends over the two prefectures of Miyazaki and Kagoshima, and consists of two sections — one from Aoshima to Cape Toi and the other from Cape Toi to Cape Shikoku Bay.

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PHILATELIC WEEK

1964



"Yadorigi"

The stamp marking Philatelic Week 1964 has for its design and adaptation from a portrait in the Genji-Monogatari Picture Scroll, the oldest extant scroll dating back to the 13th century.

HIMEJI

1964



Himeji Castle

Of all the castles in Japan, Himeji Castle is the one best preserved. After 30 years of continuous work begun in 1934, its renovation was completed in 1964 and this stamp commemorates the completion.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETING

1964



Handball



Balancing Beam

The 19th National Athletic Meeting was held in Niigata City from the 6th through the 11th of June.

JAPAN-US CABLE

1964



Cable on Pacific Map

This stamp was released on June 19th to mark the completion of the laying of a transpacific cable . . . a joint venture of Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co., Ltd. and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

GION FESTIVAL

1964



Yamaboko Floats

The Gion Festival of Kyoto is celebrated for twenty days beginning July 10th each year and on the 17th and the 24th a number of imposing floats called Yamaboko parade through the streets.

TOKAIDO LINE

1964



Super Express Electric Train

The opening of the new Tokaido Line took place on October 1st. It was built to alleviate the mounting traffic problem on the old Tokaido Line of the Japanese National Railways which links the three great industrial and cultural centers of Tokyo-Yokohama, Nagoya, and Kyoto-Osaka-Kobe.



TOKYO OLYMPIC GAMES

1964



OLYMPIC TORCH

1964



Olympic Caldron & Athletes

The stamp commemorates the Eighteenth Olympics and was released the day the sacred torch arrived in Japan to start a relay journey through the country. It was placed on sale September 9th.

IMF MEETING

1964



Images of Five Coins

Issued to commemorate the meeting of the International Monetary Fund which was held in Tokyo September 7-11, 1964. The gathering was the largest to ever attend on IMF general meeting.

LAGOON DRAINING

1964



Ears of Grain, Fruits and a Cow

The reclamation of Hachirogato lagoon was the largest of its kind in Japan and showed the general trend of Japan's modern agriculture. This stamp was issued September 15th when a draining ceremony was held to mark the completion of the work.

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オリンピック東京大会にちなむ寄附金つき郵便切手 1



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オリンピック東京大会にちなむ寄附金つき郵便切手 2



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オリンピック東京大会にちなむ寄附金つき郵便切手 6



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XVIII OLYMPIAD

1964



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第18回オリンピック
競技大会記念



大塚製印刷製版

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TOKYO OLYMPIC GAMES

1964



National Stadium

Released on October 10th, this set of four stamps marks the opening of the XVIII Olympiad in Tokyo. In addition to the stamps in sheet form, a special souvenir sheet was released.



Nippon Budokan Hall



National Gymnasium



Komazawa Gymnasium

LETTER WRITING WEEK

1964



Mt. Fuji from Tokaido Highway

Issued to commemorate International Letter Writing Week 1964 which began on October 4th. The stamp reproduces a print from the "Thirty-six Views of Mt. Fuji" by Hokusai Katsushika (1760-1849) — Japan's unique art of woodblock painting.

EXPRESSWAY

1964

This stamp marks the completion of approximately one-third of the four-lane non-stop expressway system of Tokyo which was five years in the making. It was opened to traffic on August 1st.



Expressway



"Straw Snake"

NEW YEAR

1964

The mascot known as the "straw snake" was chosen to provide the design for the 1965 New Year Stamp . . . popularly known as the year of the snake.