



JAPAN

POSTAL ISSUES



Without Syllabic Characters

Kiri Tree Branches with Ribbon

1876



Imperial Crest & Kiri Tree Branch

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1876-77

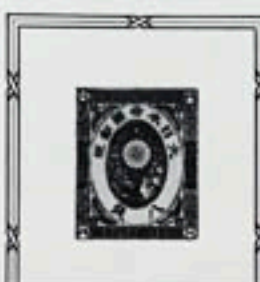
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CANCEL



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest

Imperial Crest, Star & Kiri Branches

Imperial Crest, Star & Kiri Branches



Imperial Crest, Star & Kiri Br

Sun, Kikumon & Kiri Branches

Sun, Kikumon & Kiri Branches



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REGULAR ISSUES OF 1879



Chrysanthemum Crest

68



Chrysanthemum Crest

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Chrysanthemum Crest

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Sun, Kikumon & Kiri Branches

71

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1883



Chrysanthemum Crest

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Chrysanthemum Crest

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Imperial Crest, Star & Kiri Branches

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REGULAR ISSUES OF 1888-92



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Imperial Crest, Star & Kiri Branches



Sun, Kikumon & Kiri Branches



Imperial Crest & Kiri Branches



Sun, Kikumon & Kiri Branches



Kikumon



JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

1894

This is the first commemorative issue released by Japan and marks the 25th wedding anniversary of Emperor Meiji (Mutsuhito) and Empress Haru which took place in 1869.



Cranes and Imperial Crest



Cranes and Imperial Crest

WAR WITH CHINA

1896



General Yoshitisa Kitasbirakkawa



Field Marshall Arisugawa



Released to mark the war with China, the designs feature portraits of Japanese Army Officers.

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1899-1907

TYPOGRAPHED

Perforated 11½ to 14 and Compounded



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Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Japan
Offices In China

1-18



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Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest

WEDDING

1900



Rice Cake & Marriage Certificate Boxes

This stamp commemorates the wedding of the Crown Prince Yoshihito and Princess Sada-Ko.

POSTAL SERVICE

1905



Symbols of Korea & Japan

This stamp was issued in commemoration of the taking over of the Korean postal service by the Japanese.

MILITARY REVIEW

1906



Japanese Flag & Artillery



Japanese Flag & Artillery

The victorious military review of 1906 is marked by this set of two stamps.



Empress Jingo

REGULAR ISSUES

OF 1906

ENGRAVED



Empress Jingo



REGULAR ISSUES OF 1913

Typographed



Chrysanthemum Crest



Unwatermarked



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



REGULAR ISSUES OF 1914-30

Granite Paper
Watermarked Wavy Lines



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest





REGULAR ISSUES OF 1914-30



Chrysanthemum Crest

Watermarked
Wavy Lines



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest

Chrysanthemum Crest

Chrysanthemum Crest

Empress Jingo

Empress Jingo

EMPEROR YOSHIHITO ENTHRONEMENT

1915



Enthronement Hall



Enthronement Hall

Yoshihito, 123rd Emperor of Japan, was born in Tokyo on August 31, 1879. He ascended the throne in 1912, and his reign was declared the era of Righteousness.





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Ceremonial Cap 15

EMPEROR YOSHIHITO ENTHRONEMENT

1915



Imperial Throne 15

EMPEROR HIROHITO NOMINATION

1916



Mandarin Duck



Mandarin Duck



Ceremonial Cap

Hirohito was born on April 29, 1901 to Emperor Yoshihito and Empress Sadako, and became Prince Heir Apparent in 1916. Because of his father's ill health, Hirohito became prince regent in 1921.

PEACE ISSUE

1919



Dove and Olive Branch 18



Dove and Olive Branch 18



Dove and Olive Branch

This series, featuring the dove and olive branch, was issued to celebrate the restoration of peace after World War I.





Chrysanthemum Crest

FIRST AIR MAILS

1919



Chrysanthemum Crest

CENSUS SERIES

1920

Japan's first complete census in 1920 showed a population of 55,963,053. Of this number, 18 million lived in cities and nearly 38 million in rural areas.



Ancient Census Officer



Ancient Census Officer



Meiji Shrine in Tokyo



Meiji Shrine in Tokyo

MEIJI SHRINE

1920

Meiji Tenno, born in 1852, was emperor of Japan from 1868 until he died in Tokyo July 30, 1912. He is credited with having led Japan out of feudalism.

POSTAL SERVICE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

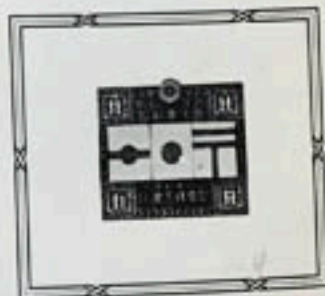
1921



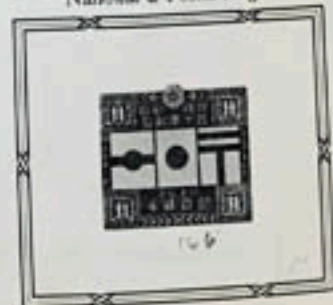
Tokyo Communications Department



Tokyo Communications Department



National & Postal Flags



Japan's modern postal service began in 1871 when a mail route was inaugurated between Tokyo and Osaka. A service for foreign mail started the next year.





EUROPEAN VISIT

1921



Battleships



Battleships



Battleships



Battleships

This trip by Prince Hirohito was epoch-making since it was the first time a prince in direct line of succession to the throne had left Japan. The stamps commemorate his return.

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1922-29



Mt. Fuji



Mt. Fuji

Watermarked Wavy Lines



Mount Fuji



Mount Fuji



Mount Fuji



Mount Fuji

VISIT TO FORMOSA

1923



Mt. Niitaka

Japan gained control of Formosa in 1895 after the China-Japanese War by the treaty of Shimonoseki. She developed the island as a major supplier of rice and sugar.



Mt. Niitaka





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REGULAR ISSUES OF 1923



Cherry Blossoms



Cherry Blossoms



Cherry Blossoms



Cherry Blossoms



Cherry Blossoms



Cherry Blossoms



Cherry Blossoms



Sun & Dragonflies



Sun & Dragonflies



Empress Jingo

EMPRESS

1924

A legendary empress of Japan, she took over the government in 200 upon the death of her husband, Chuai, the 14th mikado. She ruled until 270.



Empress Jingo

SILVER WEDDING

1925



Phoenix



Cranes



Cranes



Phoenix





REGULAR ISSUES OF 1926-37



Mount Fuji



Yomei Gate, Nikko



Nagoya Castle



Nagoya Castle

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

1927



Baron Hisoka Masjima



Baron Hisoka Masjima



Map of World



Map of World

The fiftieth anniversary of membership in the Universal Postal Union is commemorated by this special set released in 1927.

HIROHITO ENTHRONEMENT

1928



Kyoto Enthronement Hall



Phoenix



Phoenix



Kyoto Enthronement Hall





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Great Shrines of Ise

ISE SHRINES

1929

This set of two stamps commemorates the fifty-eighth removal of the Ise Shrines.



Great Shrines of Ise

AIR MAIL SERIES

1929



Plane over Lake



Plane over Lake .90



Plane over Lake



Plane over Lake



Plane over Lake

1934

MEIJI SHRINE

1930



Meiji Shrine in Tokyo



Meiji Shrine in Tokyo

Issued to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the formal dedication of the Meiji Shrine.

SECOND CENSUS

1930



Map of Japanese Empire



Map of Japanese Empire

The second census of Japan was taken in 1930 and this series of two stamps marks the undertaking.





Chrysanthemum Crest

COILS

1933



Chrysanthemum Crest

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

1934



Red Cross Badge



Red Cross Building, Tokyo



Red Cross Building, Tokyo



Red Cross Badge

Picturing Red Cross Headquarters in Tokyo and a Japanese Red Cross Badge, this series was issued in connection with the fifteenth International Red Cross Congress.

KANG TEH VISIT

1935



Tower and Warship



Akasaka Detached Palace in Tokyo



Akasaka Detached Palace in Tokyo



Tower and Warship

The visit of Emperor Kang Teh of Manchukuo (Pu-yi) to Japan, April 6, 1935 is celebrated by this set of four stamps.

NEW YEAR

1935



Mt. Fuji

This stamp, featuring a view of Mt. Fuji, was the first to be issued for use with New Year's card.



FUJI-HAKONE NATIONAL PARK

1936



Mr. Fuji



Mr. Fuji from Lake Ashi-no-ko



Mr. Fuji from Lake Kawaguchi



Mr. Fuji from Misima

Japan is a nation of many National Parks. This set was released to publicize the Fuji-Hakone National Park in which is located the famous peak of Mt. Fuji.

KWANGTUNG LEASED TERRITORY

1936



Port Arthur Shinto Shrine



Dose of Peace



Headquarters of Kwangtung Government

This three-stamp series commemorates the thirtieth anniversary of the Japanese administration of Kwangtung Leased Territory and the South Manchuria Railway Zone.

NEW YEAR

1936



"Wedded Rocks," Ise

This stamp was the second of an annual issue to pay postage on New Year's cards.



DIET BUILDING

1936



Imperial Diet Building

Grand Staircase



Grand Staircase

Imperial Diet Building

The new Imperial Diet Building was opened in Tokyo in 1936. This set of four stamps pictures an exterior and an interior view of the building.

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1937



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Mount Fuji



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Mt. Fuji



Mt. Fuji



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest

Watermarked





Yomei Gate, Nikko



Nagoya Castle



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Empress Jingo



Empress Jingo

SEMI-POSTALS

1937



Airplane



Airplane



Airplane

NEW YEAR

1937



New Year's Emblem

A New Year's Emblem is the design for this stamp issued to pay postage on New Year's cards.





REGULAR ISSUES OF 1937-40



Trading Ship 03



Rice Harvest 02



Gen. Maresuke Nogi 02



Power Plant



Admiral Togo



Mt. Hodaka



Lighthouse 02



Diamond Mountains, Korea 02



Meiji Shrine in Tokyo 02



Yomei Gate, Nikko



Plane & Map of Japan 02



Kasuga Shrine, Nara 02



Mt. Fuji & Cherry Blossoms 02



Horyu Temple, Nara 02



Miyajima Torii, Itukushima Shrine 02



Golden Pavilion, Kyoto 02



Great Buddha, Kamakura



Kamatari Fujiwara 02



Plum Blossoms 02



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COILS

1938



Trading Ship



Gen. Maresuke Nogii



Chrysanthemum Crest



Admiral Togo



Kasuga Shrine, Nara

NIKKO NATIONAL PARK

1938



280 *Mount Nantai* 30



282 *Sacred Bridge, Nikko*



283 *Mount Hiei*



Kegon Falls

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

1939



Globe



Tsunetami Sano



Globe



Tsunetami Sano



DAISEN AND INLAND SEA
NATIONAL PARKS

1939



Mount Daisen



Yashima Plateau



Abuto Kannon Temple



Tomo Bay, Inland Sea

ASO NATIONAL PARK

1939



View from Kuju Village



Mount Naka



Crater of Mount Naka

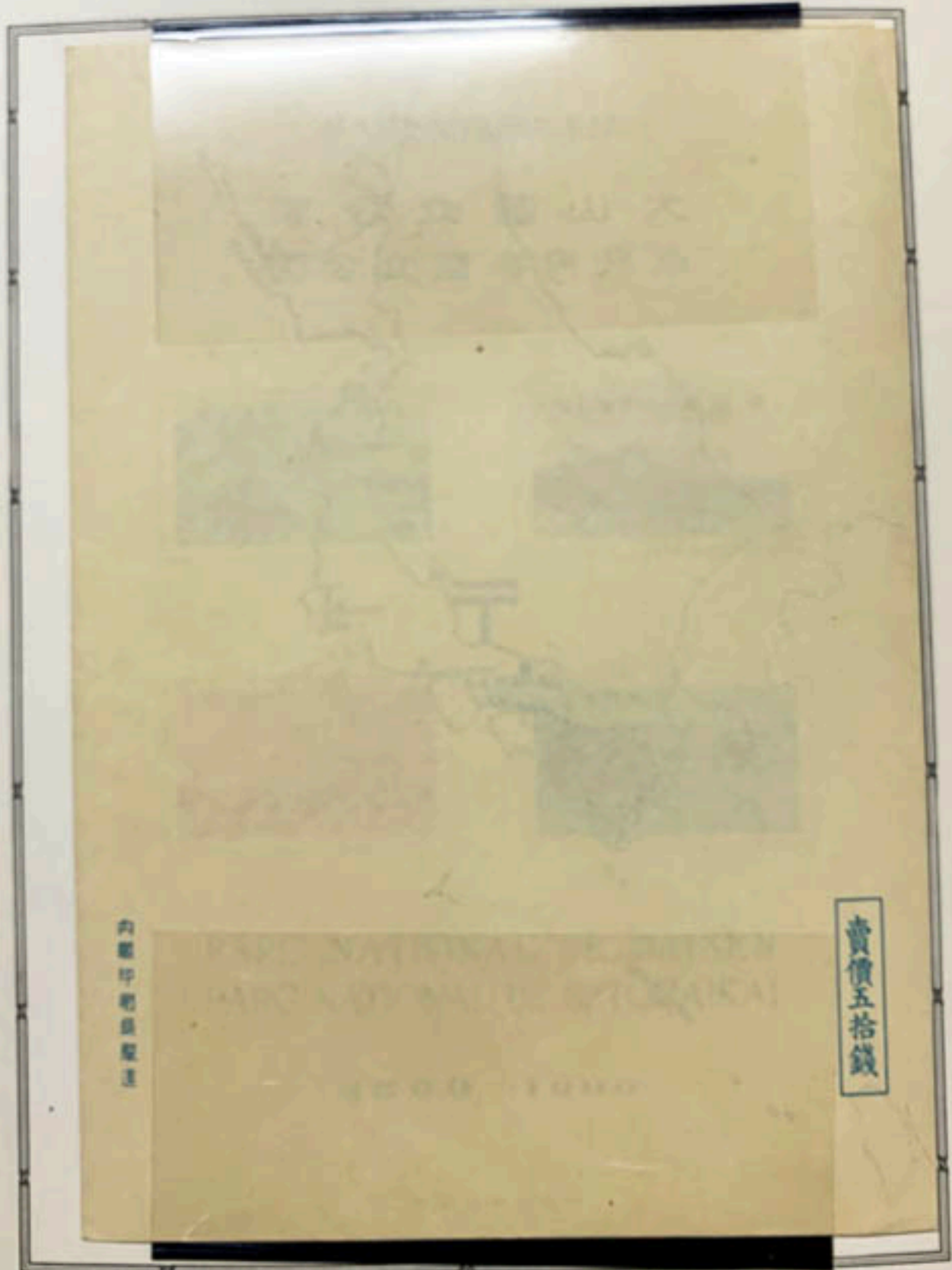


Volcanic Cones of Mt. Aso



DAISEN AND INLAND SEA NATIONAL PARKS

1939





JAPANESE EMPIRE ANNIVERSARY

1940



Sacred Golden Kite



Mount Takachiho



Kashiyara Shrine



Trout and Sake Jar

This set of four stamps was released to mark the 2,600 anniversary of the birth of the Japanese Empire.

DAISETSUZAN NATIONAL PARK

1940



Mt. Asahi



Mt. Hokuchin



Soumkyo Gorge



Mountain Range



EDUCATION

1940

To clarify Japan's educational policy, Emperor Meiji issued an imperial rescript on education. This set of stamps marked the 50th anniversary.



Loyalty Characters





KIRISHIMA NATIONAL PARK

1940



Mount Karakuni



Mount Takachibō



Gateway to Kirishima Shrine



Lake of the Six Kwannon

DAITON AND NIITAKA-ARISAN NATIONAL PARKS

1941



Mount Daiton



Central Peak of Mt. Niitaka



Buddhist Temple on Mt. Kwannon



View from Mt. Niitaka





TSUGITAKA-TAROKO NATIONAL PARK

1941



Seiwa Precipice



Mt. Tsugitaka



Upper River Takikiri District



Taroko Gorge

FOUNDING OF MANCHUKUO

1942



Kenkoku Shrine



Boys of Japan & Manchukuo



Orchid Crest



Kenkoku Shrine

The founding of Manchukuo is commemorated by this set marking the tenth anniversary.

FALL OF SINGAPORE

1942



32 *Gen. Maresuke Nogi*



Admiral Togo

Released in 1942, this set marked the fall of Singapore.

GREATER EAST ASIA WAR

1942



Tank Attack on Batavia



Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor

This set of two stamps was issued to commemorate the first anniversary of the "Greater East Asia War". The designs feature the attacks on Batavia and Pearl Harbor. The Surtax was for national defense.





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REGULAR ISSUES OF 1942-45

This set was issued to publicize the war effort to the people of the nation.



War Factory Girl



Gen. Maresuke Nogi 02



Building of Wooden Ship



Gen. Maresuke Nogi #2



Hyuga Monument 02



Admiral Togo 02



War Worker & Plane 02



Admiral Togo 02



Palms & Map



Enemy Country Surrender



Aviator Saluting 02



Torii of Yasukuni Shrine #2



Mt. Fuji & Cherry Blossoms 02



Torii of Yasukuni Shrine 05



Torii of Miyajima 15



Garambi Lighthouse, Formosa



Garambi Lighthouse, Formosa





Japanese Occupation of Philippines





FIRST RAILROAD

1942



Issued to commemorate the opening of the first railroad in Japan.

YASUKUNI SHRINE

1944



Yasukuni Shrine, Tokyo

Issued to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of Yasukuni Shrine.



Shrine & Map

SHRINE

1944

Issued in commemoration of the completion of the Kanto Shrine, Port Arthur. The shrine is dedicated to the first ancestor of the Imperial House and to Emperor and Empress Meiji.



Shrine & Map

PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

1947





REGULAR ISSUES OF 1945-47

Imperforate



Gen. Marzake Nogi



Sun & Cherry Blossoms 04



Sunrise at Sea & Plane 02



Enemy Country Surrender



Enemy Country Surrender



Mt. Fuji & Cherry Blossoms



Mount Fuji



Torii of Miyajima 02



Coal Miners



Yasukuni Shrine 06



Kamatari Fujiwara



Plum Blossoms

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1946-47

Imperforate



Baron Hisoka Maejima



Horyu Temple Pagoda



"Rain at Foot of Mt. Fuji"



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"First Getse" 03



Kintai Bridge, Iwakuni

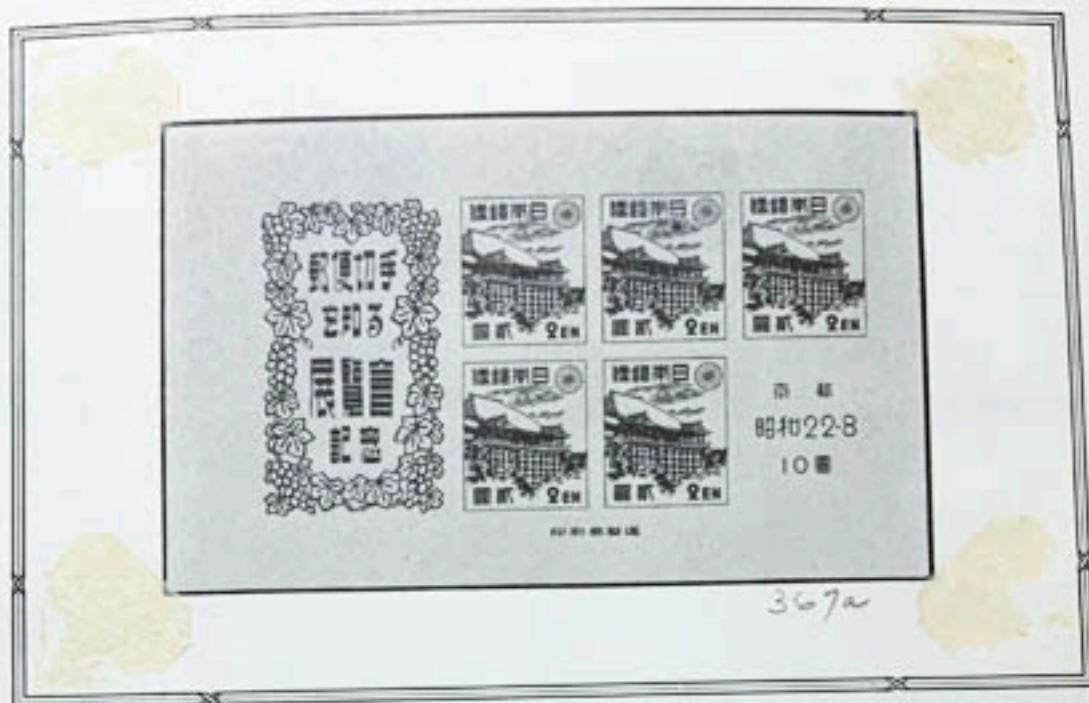


Kiyomizu Temple



Goldfish

"KNOW YOUR STAMPS" EXHIBITION
1947



During May, 1947 a "Know Your Stamps" Exhibition was held in Kyoto and this special souvenir sheet was released and sold to visitors.

Engraved



Nob Mask 05



Plum Blossoms 100

Perforated 13



Nob Mask 03



Plum Blossoms 03

Lithographed



Horyu Temple 15

Typographed—Unwatermarked



Horyu Temple 03

JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES

GOVERNMENT POSTAL SERVICE

1946



Medieval Postman's Bell



Baron Hiroka Maeyima



Design of First Stamp



Japan's modern postal service began in 1871 when a mail route was inaugurated between Tokyo and Osaka. A service for foreign mail started the next year.

COMMUNITY CHEST

1947



Community Chest Emblem

Japan's first Community Chest Drive was launched in 1947. This stamp was released to publicize the undertaking. The surtax went to the Community Chest Fund.

CONSTITUTIONAL INAUGURATION

1947



Mother & Child



Bouquet of Flowers

Issued to commemorate the coming into force of the Constitution of Japan, May 3, 1947.

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1947-48

Redrawn



Horyu Temple Pagoda



Horyu Temple Pagoda



Kiyomizu Temple



"First Geisei"





CONSTITUTIONAL INAUGURATION

1947

日本國憲施行記念

*In Commemoration of the Enforcement
of the Constitution of Japan
May 3, 1947
Ministry of Communication*



The Constitution of Japan restricts

Government, is a sacred trust of the people, the authority for which is derived from the people, the powers of which are exercised by the representatives of the people, and the benefits of which are enjoyed by the people.

We, the Japanese people, desire peace for all time and are deeply conscious of the high ideals controlling human relationship, and we have determined to preserve our security and existence, trusting in the justice and faith of the peace-loving peoples of the world.

(Constitution Popularization Society)

日本國憲法 抜萃
 最も重要の憲法は、國民の眞實な信託によるものである。その權
 威は國民に由來し、その權力は國民の代表者がこれを行使し、その
 福利は國民がこれを享受する。
 日本國民は、恒久の平和を希圖し、人類相互の關係を支配する事
 高き理想を定め、自覺するものである。平和を愛する諸國民の公正と
 信義に信賴して、われらの安全と生存の保持しつゝ、注意した。

憲法普及會

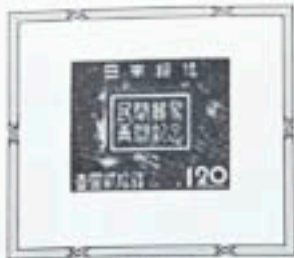
昭和二十二年五月三日 逓信省 青備室圖

印刷部製法



REOPENING OF PRIVATE TRADE

1947



Exportable Products



Exportable Products

Issued August 15, 1947, this set marks the reopening of private foreign trade. Of special interest in this set of stamps is the elimination of the Imperial Crest Chrysanthemum, which had been used in the designs of all Japanese postage stamps since July 1872.

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1947

Imperforate

Perforated 13

Perforated 13

Perforated 13 x 13 1/2

Perforated 13



Flam Blossoms



Numerals



Numerals



Baron Hiroka Marjima



Whaling

JUDICIAL DAY

1947

1947



A National Art Treasure



Plant

This stamp, issued on September 13, 1947, was to impress upon the public the necessity of rehabilitating men who have been released from prison after serving sentences. The date was known as "Memorial Day for Relief of Ex-Convicts."

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETING

1947



Discus Throwing



Diving



Issued in commemoration of the Second National Athletic Meeting held in Kanazawa from October 30th to November 3, 1947.





STAMP HOBBY WEEK

1947



JAPAN'S FIRST RAILROAD

1947



Issued to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of railway service in Japan. The design



OSAKA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
1948



Issued in Souvenir Sheet form to honor the philatelic exhibitions at Osaka and Nagoya.

NAGOYA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
1948



JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES

FORESTATION

1948



Stylized Tree

Issued to emphasize the necessity of afforestation in the worn-torn areas of Japan. It was released on April 1st, opening day of the nationwide tree planting campaign.

1948



Miner

1948



A National Art Treasure

EDUCATION

1948



Students

Placed on Sale May 3, 1948 the stamp points up to the general public the necessity of restoration of education facilities in postwar Japan.

COMMUNITY CHEST & RED CROSS

1948

Released to mark the second Community Chest Drive and the regular Red Cross Drive. The surtax was divided between the two funds.



Nurse



Bird Feeding Young

赤十字募金 共同募金

*Give Your Share to
Community Chest and Red Cross*

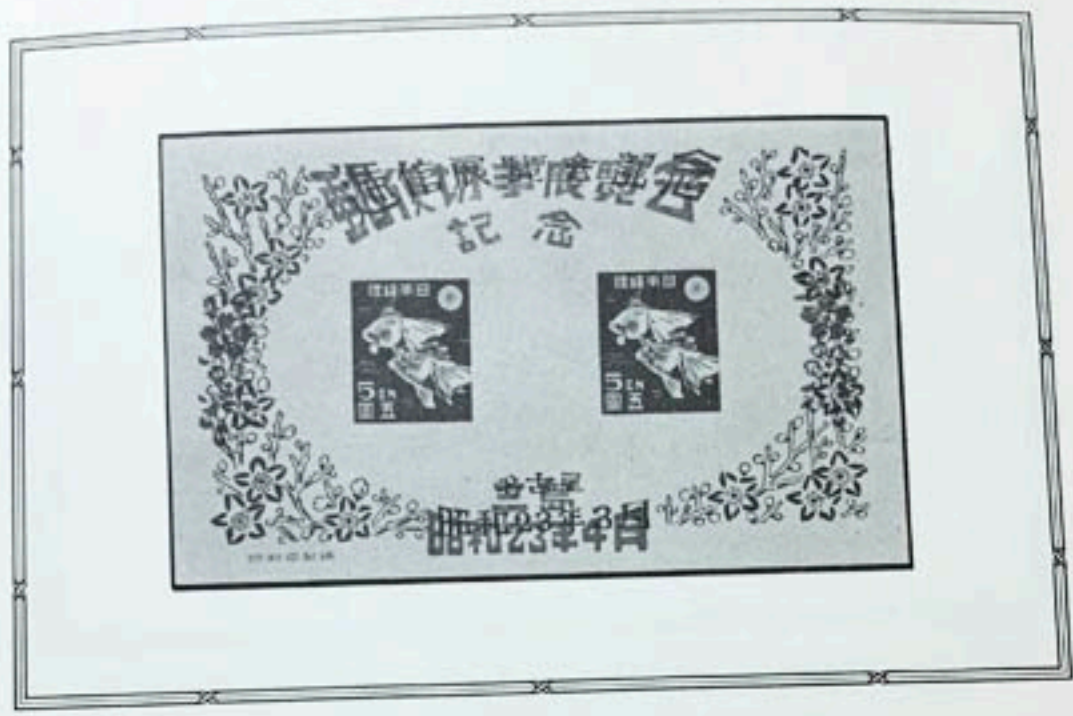
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MISHIMA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
1948



HOKUSAI KATSUSHIKA
1948



This overprint was released as a tribute to the memory of Hokusai Katsushika, the celebrated wood-block painter of the Edo Period.



COMMUNICATIONS EXHIBITION

1948



Issued to commemorate the Communications Exhibition which was held in Tokyo, April 27 to May 3, 1948. The border and inscriptions on this sheet are in green.

FUKUSHIMA PHILATELIC SHOW

1948



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NEWSPAPER & POSTAGE STAMP EXHIBIT

1948



Issued during the Newspaper and Postage Stamp Exhibition at Aomori City, this sheet has a border of apples and apple blossoms in ultramarine.

KUMAMOTO STAMP EXHIBITION

1948





HORSE RACE LAWS 1948



Horse Race

Commemorates the 25th anniversary of the enforcement of Japan's horse race laws.

1948
Perforated 13



Numerals



Numerals

ALCOHOL 1948



Rectifying Tower

Japan ranks high with those nations of the world producing alcohol. This stamp publicizes the Japanese Government's alcohol monopoly.

1948



"Beauty Looking Back"

NEW YEAR'S 1948



Child Playing Game

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET 1948

The third National Athletic Meet took place in 1948. The swimming matches were held at Yamata City, September 16 and the main meet took place at Fukuoka, October 29th.



Swimmer



Runner



High Jumper



Baseball Players



Bicycle Racers

Set
417-401



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KANAZAWA
&
TAKAOKA



STAMP
SHOWS

1948

EXHIBITIONS

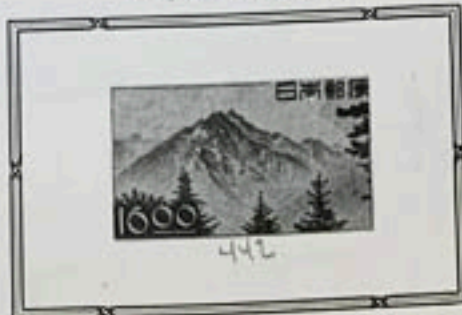
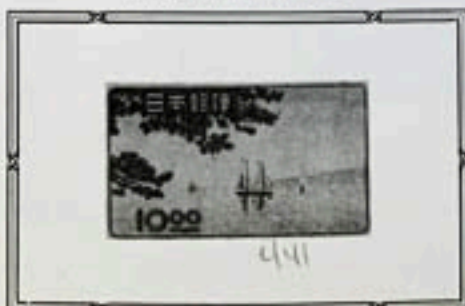
1949



Sampans on Inland Sea



Sampans on Inland Sea





PHILATELIC WEEK
1948



4220



Steamer in Bay

1949



Steamer in Bay

FORESTATION
1949



Stylized Tree

To improve the Japanese forestry situation, this stamp was issued in 1949.





REGULAR ISSUES OF 1948-49



Girl Farmer



Whaling



Miner



Tea Picking 20



Girl Printer



Miner



Factory Girl



Planting



Mt. Hodaka 23



Postman



Blast Furnace



Locomotive Assembly



Ice Skater

NATIONAL
ATHLETIC
MEET

1949



Ski Jumper



Perforated 13



Scene at Fair

FOREIGN TRADE FAIR

1949

Featuring a scene at the Fair, this stamp marked the opening of the Japan Foreign Trade Fair held in Yokohama during 1949.

Imperforate



Scene at Fair



Lion Rock

YOSHINO-KUMANO NATIONAL PARK

1949



Mount Obuse



Doro-kyo



Bridge Pier Rocks

CHILDREN'S DAY

1949



Youth

To commemorate Children's Day, May 5, 1949.

MINISTRY

1949



Communications Symbols

Issued in commemoration of the establishment of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

OBSERVATORY

1949



Meteorological Observatory

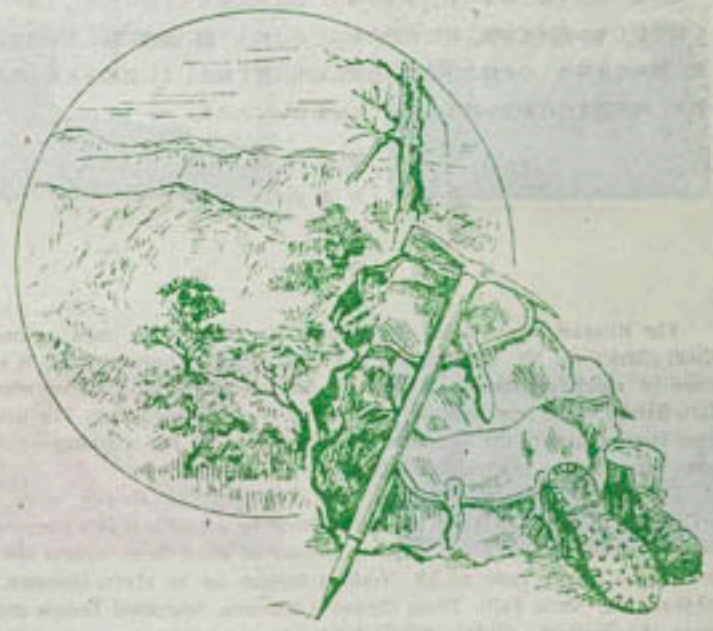
Commemorates the fifty-seventh anniversary of the establishment of the Central Meteorological Observatory.



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YOSHINO-KUMANO NATIONAL PARK
1949

吉野熊野國公園郵便切手



VII

熊野詣





Mount Fuji in Autumn

FUJI HAKONE NATIONAL PARK

1949



Lake Kawaguchi



Mount Fuji from Mount Schichimen



Mount Fuji and Village

CULTURE

1949



Doves of Peace

Issued to mark the establishment of Nagasaki as the International Culture City.

HIROSHIMA

1949



Girl Holding Rose

Issued to mark the establishment of Hiroshima as the Eternal Peace City.

NEWSPAPER WEEK

1949



Pen Point on Newspaper Matrix

In commemoration of 1949 National Newspaper Week.

SCOUT JAMBOREE

1949

To publicize the 1949 National Boy Scout Jamboree, this 8 yen stamp was issued.



Boy Scout



Floating Zenith Telescope

OBSERVATORY

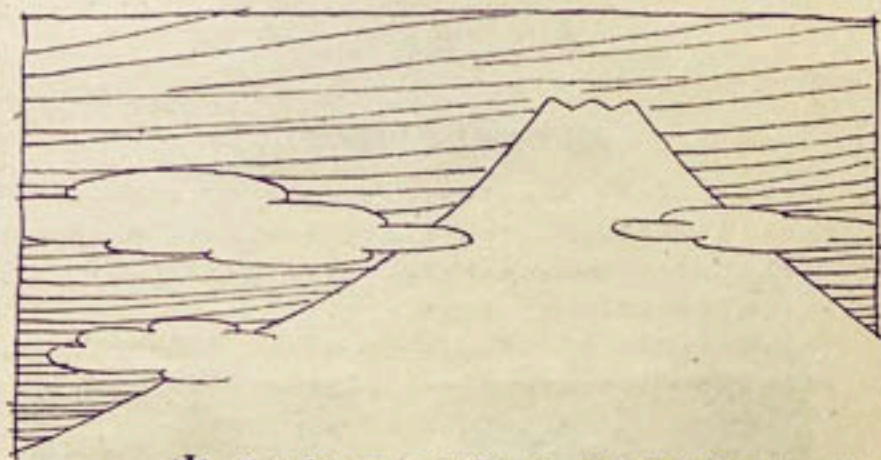
1949

This stamp commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Mizusawa Latitudinal Observatory.



FUJI HAKONE NATIONAL PARK

1949



富士箱根国立公園郵便切手

VIII

郵政省





4TH NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

1949



Swimmer



Javelin Thrower



Yacht Racing

Relay Races

Tennis

The swimming matches for the Fourth National Athletic Meet were held in Yokohama, September 15, 1949, while the main meet took place in Tokyo on October 30th.

Sat
169-23

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

1949



Map & Envelopes



Symbol of U. P. U.



Symbol of U. P. U.



Map & Envelopes

POSTAL WEEK

1949



"Moon and Geese"



UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

1949



POSTAL WEEK

1949





CULTURE SERIES

1949-1952



Dr. Hideyo Noguchi



Yukichi Fukuzawa



Sosaki Natsume



Shoyo Tsubouchi



Danjuro Ichikawa



Joseph Hardy Neesima



Hogaï Kano



Kanzo Uchimura



Ichiyo Higuchi



Ogai Mori



Shiki Masaoka



Shunzo Hisbida



Amane Niishi



Kenjiro Ume



Hisashi Kimura

JAPAN

POSTAL ISSUES

CULTURE SERIES

1949 - 1952



Inazo Nitobe



Torabiko Terada



Tenshin Okakura

The Men of Culture Series was released over a period of four years and honored many of the greats of Japanese Culture: Painters, Authors, Religionists, Educators, Scientists, Actors, etc.

STAMP WEEK 1950



Byodo-in Temple

Issued in compliment to the 1950 celebration of Stamp Week, October 28-Nov. 5.

1951



Himeji Castle



JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES



Pheasant

AIR MAILS 1950



Pheasant



Pheasant



Pheasant



Pheasant

NEW YEAR'S 1950



Tiger

This New Year stamp was issued on February 1, 1950.

BROADCASTING 1950



Microphones

The twenty-fifth anniversary of broadcasting is celebrated by this stamp.

POSTAL 1950



Dove & Olive Branch

Issued to commemorate Postal Day, April 20, 1950.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET 1950



Gymnast on Rings



Pole Vault



Soccer



Horse Race



阿塞国立公園郵便切手

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AKAN NATIONAL PARK

1950



Lake Akan & Mt. Akan



Lake Katcharo, Hokkaido



Mt. Akan-Fuji



Lake Maibara

SHRINE

1950



Byodoin Temple

NEW YEAR

1951



Girl & Rabbit

1951



Hisoka Maejima

1951



Himeji Castle

SCENIC SERIES

1951



65 Skiers and Mt. Zao



Skiers and Mt. Zao



Mount Fuji from Nibon-Daira



Tea Picking

These were the first of the so-called "Sight-Seeing Issues" of Japan.





JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES

AIR MAILS

1951



Pagoda & Plane



Pagoda & Plane



Pagoda & Plane



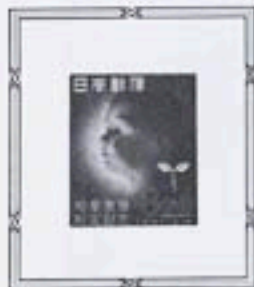
Pagoda & Plane



Pagoda & Plane

CHILDREN'S DAY

1951



Boys Head & Seedling

Issued in commemoration of Children's Day, May 5, 1951.

1951



Nyoirin Kannon

SCENIC TRIO SERIES

1951



Hot Springs, Hakone

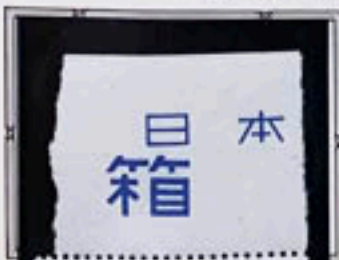


Sensu-no-taki Waterfall



Pavilion, Wakamura Bay

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527-8



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Ninai-no-taki Waterfall



Wakamura Bay





POSTAL SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

1951



This souvenir sheet, composed of four stamps bearing a portrait of Hisaka Maejima, was placed on sale in commemoration of the eightieth anniversary of the establishment of Japan's postal service.

1951





十和田国立公園郵便切手

国立公園法施行二十周年
十和田国立公園指定十五周年
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Oirase River

TOWADA NATIONAL PARK

1951



Lake Towada



View from Kankodai



Mt. Hakkoda from Mt. Yokodake

SCENIC SERIES

1951



Uji River



View from Uji Bridge



Sofuku Temple Gate



Catholic Church, Nagasaki

The general public was asked to vote for the 100 most distinguished places in Japan in 1951. For most beautiful city, Nagasaki was chosen.

JAPAN-UNITED STATES TREATY

1951



Chrysanthemum



National Flag



Chrysanthemum

JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES

REGULAR ISSUES

1951 — 1953



Girl Farmer



Whaling



'First Geese'



Girl Printer



Miner



National Art Treasure



Planting



Postman



Blast Furnace



Locomotive Assembly

SCENIC

1951



Marunuma Lake



Lake Sugenuma



Nagatoro Bridge



Kakuenpo Peak



Putting the Shot

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

1951



Hockey







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POSTAL ISSUES

1951



Ibiyama-dera Pagoda



Long-Tailed Fowl



Goddess Kannon

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

1952



Southern Cross from Ship



Earth & Big Dipper

The 75th anniversary of Japan's admission to the Universal Postal Union was commemorated by this set released February 19, 1952.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

1952



Lilies over Red Cross



Red Cross Nurse

The Japanese Red Cross Society celebrated its 75th anniversary with the issuance of this set of two stamps on May 1, 1952.

NEW YEAR

1952



Okina Mask

1952



Goldfish



Baron Hisoka Maejima



Nyoirin Kannon



Ibiyama-dera Pagoda



Antelope

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1952 AIR MAILS 1952



Plane & Mt. Tsurugi-dake



Plane & Mt. Tsurugi-dake 140



Plane & Mt. Tsurugi-dake 40



Plane & Mt. Tsurugi-dake



Plane & Mt. Tsurugi-dake



Plane & Mt. Tsurugi-dake 85

1952 AIR MAILS 1953



Pagoda & Plane



Pagoda & Plane



Pagoda & Plane



Pagoda & Plane



Plane & Mt. Tsurugi-dake 40



Plane & Mt. Tsurugi-dake 100



Plane & Mt. Tsurugi-dake



Plane & Mt. Tsurugi-dake 45



Plane & Mt. Tsurugi-dake 40



Plane & Mt. Tsurugi-dake 40

中部山岳国立公園郵便切手

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1951



CHUBU SANGAKU NATIONAL PARK

1952



Mount Yariyake



Mt. Shiroumadake



Norikuradake Range



Karobe Valley

TOKYO UNIVERSITY

1952



Yanada Hall, Tokyo University

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

1952



Mountain Climber

Wrestlers

1952



Yomei Gate, Nikko





BANDAI-ASAHI NATIONAL PARK

1952



Mt. Azama



Mt. Asahi



Mt. Bandai



Mt. Gassan

NEW YEAR

1953



Sambaizo Doll



First Electric Lamp

ELECTRIC LAMP

1953

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the introduction of the electric lamp in Japan was marked by the issuance of this stamp.

AIR MAILS

1953



Great Buddha of Kamakura



Great Buddha of Kamakura



Great Buddha of Kamakura



Great Buddha of Kamakura





CROWN PRINCE AKIHITO

1952



Kirin

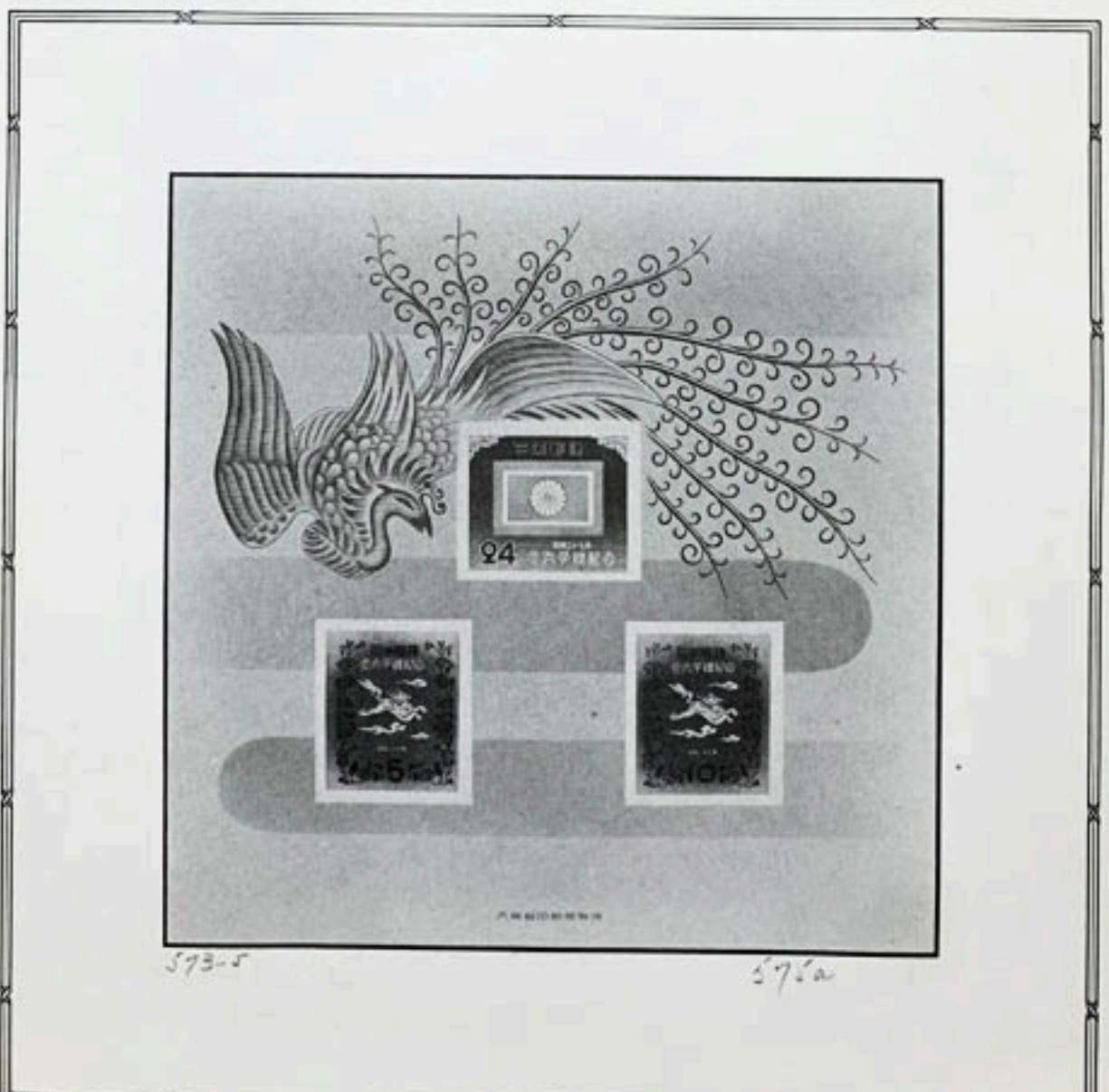


Flag of Crown Prince



Kirin

The souvenir sheet marking the nomination of Crown Prince Akihito as heir apparent was released December 23, 1952—Crown Prince Akihito's birthday.





1953



Goddess Kannon

1953



Akita Dog

1953



Cormorant Fishing



Lake Shikotsu, Hokkaido

SHIKOTSU TOYA
NATIONAL PARK

1953



Mt. Yotei



Shikotsu-Toya National Park, situated in the southwestern part of Hokkaido, is in the heart of the Shiribeshi group of volcanoes, of which Lake Shikotsu occupies the center. The Park extends in the south to Noboribetsu, and in the north to Jozankei, with Lake Toya and Mt. Yotei forming two outlying spots separated from the main group.





STAMP WEEK

1954



AKIHITO VISIT

1953



Phoenix 587-8 Crane

In 1953 Crown Prince Akihito made official visits to the United States and certain European nations. This set was issued on the occasion of his return to Japan.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

1953



Rugby Match Judo

Featuring a Rugby match and a Judo demonstration, these stamps were issued to commemorate the 8th annual National Athletic Meet.

OBSERVATORY

1953



Sky & Top of Observatory

NEW YEAR

1954



Toy Horse

SKATING MATCH

1954



Racing Skaters



FLOWERS

1961



Narcissus



Plum Blossoms



Camelia Japonica



Cherry Blossoms



Peony



Iris



Lily



Morning-glory



Bellflower



Gentian



Chrysanthemum



Camelia Sasanqua

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.



XVIII OLYMPIAD

1964



第18回オリンピック
競技大会記念



大塚製紙印刷製版



Röntgen Rays Treatment



Cobalt-60 Therapy Unit

CANCER CAMPAIGN

1966

The Ninth International Cancer Congress was held in Tokyo October 23-30, 1966. To mark the opening of the Congress and to make the Anti-Cancer Campaign more meaningful and conducive to the dissemination of correct knowledge of the dread disease, this pair of stamps was issued on October 21st.

NEW YEAR

1966



Ittobori Sheep Carving

To mark the New Year 1967, which is the year of the sheep according to the popular 12-animal-cycle calendar, a seven-yen postage stamp was issued. It has for its design the ittobori sheep which traces its origin to the dolls carved in the twelfth century at Nara that were used in the religious rites of the Kasuga Shrine.

ATHLETIC MEETING

1966



Hop, Step & Jump

Clay Pigeon

This set of stamps commemorates the twenty-first National Athletic meeting which was held in Oita Prefecture, October 23, 1966.

RICE

1966



IRY Emblem

International Rice Year in the United Nations Freedom from Hunger Campaign started November 21, 1966. This stamp is the Japanese contribution to publicize the campaign.

NATIONAL THEATER

1966



The National Theater



Banraku Puppet Show



Kabuki Scene

This set was issued to commemorate the opening of the new National Theater on November 1st. Modern engineering skill and Japanese classical architectural design were artfully combined in this imposing structure at a cost of nearly four billion yen. The completed building is shown on the fifteen yen denomination.

ECHIZEN-KAGA-KAIGAN QUASI-NATIONAL PARK

1969



Kochomon Cave

This stamp, issued January 27, 1969, is the 27th of the Quasi National Park Series. The Echizen-Kaga-Kaigan Quasi-National Park, comprises a narrow strip of land along the coast on the Sea of Japan. It was designated a quasi-national park on May 1, 1968.

DEFINITIVE

1969



Kongo-Rikishi

The Statue of Kongo-Rikishi (Deva King) that guards the South Gate of the Todai-ji Temple at Nara, is believed to be a joint work by Unkei and Kaikei; it is a national treasure representative of the Kamakura period. The stamp was issued February 1, 1969.

CHOKAI QUASI-NATIONAL PARK

1969



Mt. Chokai

Mt. Chokai is at the center of the Chokai Quasi-National Park, which is the subject of this 28th issue of the continuing Quasi-National Park Series. The view of Mt. Chokai is from the island of Tobishima in the Japan Sea. The stamp came out Feb. 25, 1969.

NATIONAL ART TREASURES

1969



Octagonal Pagoda



Ginkaku (Silver Edifice)



"Winter Landscape," Sesshu

These three stamps represent the 5th issue of the National Treasure Series. They have for their subjects three of the national treasures of the Muromachi Period (1333-1572). The set was issued February 10, 1969. The Sesshu painting has been named a national property.



Koyasan

KOYA-RYUJIN QUASI-NATIONAL PARK

1969

So designated in 1967, Koya-Ryujin Quasi-National Park consists of a group of mountains around Koyasan in the north, and another group stretching south harboring in it Mt. Gomadan and the Ryujin Spa.



Gomadan & Rhododendron





PHILATELIC WEEK

1972

LETTER WRITING

1972



"View of Eitai Bridge"

A mail carrier of the early Meiji Era (1868-1926), when Japan's modern postal system was initiated, is shown on this reproduction of part of Hiroshige's woodblock print entitled "View of Eitai Bridge."



Rising Balloon

This Philatelic Week stamp shows part of "Rising Balloon," by Gakuryo Nakamura. It features a late-19th century lady in European-type clothes and a woman in traditional Japanese dress. The picture was done in 1950.

ATHLETIC MEET

1972



Fencing

Japan's 27th National Athletic Meeting was held for six days in October 1972 in 21 cities and towns in Kagoshima Prefecture. This stamp was issued to commemorate the event in which 30,000 athletes participated.



Mt. Kurikoma and Doll

NATIONAL PARK

1972

These stamps, the 36th set of the Quasi-National Park Series, depict scenery in the isolated and undeveloped Kurikoma Quasi-National Park. A mountainous park that abounds in hot springs, it also includes volcanic zones.



Naruko-kyo Gorge and Doll

THEATER

1972



Tamara



Aoi-no-ue



Hagoromo

Actors of the Noh Theatre are shown in performance on these three stamps, which were issued September 20, 1972. The purpose of the set was to introduce this Japanese classical public entertainment to people in Japan and overseas. Twenty million sets were printed.

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DEFINITIVE

1973



Golden Eagle

1973



Runner

The twenty-eighth National Athletic Meeting was held in Chiba Prefecture for six days starting October 14, 1973. A runner at the starting block and the Cape of Inubozaki lighthouse in the background are pictured on this stamp commemorating the event.

NEW YEAR

1974



Hanging Lantern

The 1974 New Year's Greeting stamp pictures a hexagonal cast copper hanging lantern with designs of plum trees and bamboos on the doors and panels. The lantern was unearthed from the grounds of the Chiba-dera Temple in Chiba City, near Tokyo, and bears an inscription dated 1550.

KAN-MON BRIDGE

1973



Kan-Man Bridge

The opening of the Kan-Man Bridge is commemorated by this issue. The bridge, which connects Honshu with Kyushu, is 1068 meters long and took five years to construct. The stamp was designed by Saburo Watanobe.

FOLKTALE SERIES

1973



Old Man and Dog



Old Man and Tree



Old Man and Rice Mortar

An old Japanese fable, "The Old Man Who Made Trees Blossom," is the basis for these stamps which are the first of a planned series featuring popular Japanese folktales. Kenkichi Sugimoto painted the original pictures, and Saburo Watanobe adapted these for the stamp designs. The date of issue was November 20, 1973.