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EDITORS COLUMN

Welcome to 2015. Happy New Year and best wishes to all members from the IPDA Directors.

We all hope 2015 is a successful philatelic year for you, and also we hope to hear from you and see your participation in the IPDA.

Looking back on 2014 we did grow our membership, we did achieve a few small steps in getting the Association more widely recognised and we did try to keep activities going for the benefit of members and their philatelic activities. And, I hope the 12 months of the Newsletter provided something of interest and learning for you all.

This coming year we will try to do more of the same, although if you have ideas to help grow the IPDA and help other members please do not hesitate to contribute. All ideas are welcomed and appreciated.

Participation does not really have to be that time consuming. I know many of you write to me telling me you have no spare time and are involved full time with your business activities, fairs, stamp shows and other organisations. I appreciate that, but, perhaps like me, you can find a few minutes a week to think of the IPDA. After all, I believe that time well spent will be to the benefits of all members, if we get the word out to collectors and buyers that buying from an IPDA member is buying from an accredited seller who abides by our code of conduct. Surely that is better than having those collector dollars go on some of the rubbish we all see on some of the auction sites.

As I say, I know everyone is extremely busy. I know the feeling. December just shot by faster than ever. A few weeks with me very busy at work here in Hong Kong, then a few days in Sydney, and back in Hong Kong for Christmas and the New Year. One activity that has kept me on my toes is packing stamp orders. I hope the same can be said for you and if anyone would like to share with me - I won't name names - the sort of volumes you sell from Delcampe, eBay or Bidstart I would really appreciate hearing from you. Some of you have tens of thousands of listings and I often wonder what I have to do to increase sales. Ideas welcomed to help us all. We don't all sell the same material as far I as can see so we would not be compromising ourselves. Your thoughts?

I often ask for ideas for increasing the exposure of your sales and rarely receive anything. Perhaps you feel that would be taking away from your marketing uniqueness. I don't expect that would be the case given the volume of sellers out there on the major auction sites. But I guess unless you tell me I will never know.

Finally, apology for not finishing my research on the Philippine American issues. Next issue. Harder than I thought it would be.

And so, to fill one of the pages, a reader competition I hope you enjoy. Given the January 6th issued from Royal Mail I cannot resist this quote "Where should I go?" - Alice. "That depends on where you want to end up." - The Cheshire Cat." Perhaps that sums it up for us at the IPDA, where do we want to end up at the end of 2015?



Stamp of the Month



New Zealand have an issue on 14th January to celebrate the Year of the Sheep. Also referred to as Year of the Sheep or Ram in other countries

This stamp shows a paper-cut design of a sheep, decorated in traditional Chinese patterns.

Best wishes.. Michael michaelatipda@gmail.com



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UPCOMING AUCTION SALES

A Kenya and Uganda £100 red and black is to headline a sale of East Africa stamps from the Vestey Collection at Spink (London) on January 28 with a £60,000-80,000 (\$94,276-125,702) estimate.

The lot was issued as a revenue stamp between 1922 and 1927.

At first British colonial East Africa stamps were simply labelled "EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA PROTECTORATES". This changed in 1920, when Kenya became a crown colony, and the label was altered to "KENYA AND UGANDA".

Spink describes it as: "A magnificent showpiece and one of the great rarities of the British Commonwealth."

Another lot from the 1922-1927 issue, a £75 purple and gray, is valued at £40,000-50,000 (\$62,851-78,564).

A 1917 Russian Ulankom cover (shown right) is to provide one of the top lots in Spink's January 18 sale in Hong Kong, with a valuation of \$64,450-90,231.



Ulankom is a town in Mongolia that was the site of a Russian post office for less than a year. It was opened in 1917 and closed immediately after the October Revolution on November 7-8.

The cover is the only recorded piece of mail to pass through the office, making it highly desirable to collectors of Russian postal history.

And finally from Spink in New York, for the US collector, there is the January 21-22 auction. If nothing else just enjoy browsing the catalogue.

This lot to right, lot 24 shows the Scott 7, 1c Blue, Ty. II, horizontal strip of three, pos. 63-65L1E, full to large margins virtually all around, just touching left stamp at one point, lovely red grid cancels, sumptuous color and impression, choice very fine; 1980 PF certificate. (photo) Estimate is US \$585.



There are some really interesting auctions in the coming few months. For Spink's look [here](#) In my humble opinion there can be no doubt that the market is strong. (see also page 8) .





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READERS COMPETITION

Something different to start the new year. A competition. First email to me at michaelatipda@gmail.com, with mailing address, correctly naming the author of each of the quotes will receive this beautiful Hong Kong Miniature Sheet



This is the third MS in a series issued by Hong Kong Post to commemorate the amazing natural heritage of China, under the theme of China Danxia. China Danxia was inscribed on the World Heritage List by the World Heritage Committee under the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2010. An image does not really do this MS justice as the stamp is beautifully embossed.

So, who said

1. All science is either Physics or stamp collecting
2. What should I do? I think the best thing is to order a stamp with my face on it.
3. Stamp collecting dispels boredom, enlarges our vision, broadens our knowledge, makes us better citizens and in innumerable ways, enriches our lives
4. It would be hard to conceive of any activity more useless than stamp collecting.
5. But, remember, I wish to have the best collection, not just one of the best collections in England
6. For seventeen years he did nothing at all, but kill animals and stick in stamps
7. As you see gentleman I am but a postman. It is no exaggeration. In the old days it was my job to deliver the mails
8. Next time ask my barber to approve them before you issue stamps with my portrait
9. Designs in connection with postage stamps and coinage may be described, I think, as the silent ambassadors on national taste
10. The postage stamp is a flimsy thing
No thicker than a beetle's wing
And yet it will roam the world for you
Exactly where you tell it to



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IPDA NEWS

New Members: Let me start by welcoming some new members.

The efforts of many on the Board are showing results. We encourage everyone to help promote the IPDA. You all know the reasons why, as I write it time and time again. Lets break the 100 members mark this year.

Welcome Dave Loving from the USA who runs Samstampshop on Bidstart and Mike Girard who runs Riverside Stamps, also from the USA at <http://www.riversidestamps.com/> Mike concentrates on the 19th and early 20th century U.S. And has been a registered seller on eBay since September of 2000. Nice website Mike and thanks for the well place IPDA membership logo.



December Board Meeting: Your Board of Directors met to conduct regular administrative business. All matters discussed, including the Secretary's Report, the Treasurers Report and the proposed changes to the Confidential List By-Laws were passed.

It was noted that the following Board Members are required to stand down at the next Annual General Meeting - Larry Bailey, Allan Oliver and Roger West - and may run for re-election for another 2 years. We sincerely hope they do as all three are very active Directors.

It was also noted that the following offices are up for re-election:

- General Secretary, Treasurer and Honorary Auditor

Also, there are openings for additional Board Members; the suggestion was tabled that we seek Regional Directors for

- North America
- UK
- Europe
- Asia-Pacific

Do we have members who would like to get involved and work to help grow the IPDA? Please consider spending a few hours a month helping promote and contribute to the success of the IPDA activities.

All nominations can be made by contacting Bill Lehr our General Secretary at secretary@ipdastamps.org

2014 Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting for fiscal 2014 will be held in March 2015. Please note this and, as we publish more details and dates, please try to block your diary to attend. We will be voting on applications for Regional Directors and I encourage you to get in touch with Bill Lehr as noted above.

The Confidential List: as noted above amendments have been made to the by-laws pertaining to the CLO. Details are available on the IPDA website.

The IPDA Website; How about promoting this site to colleagues. www.ipdastamps.org The site clearly represents who we are and what we stand for. Stating; The IPDA is a non-profit organization which was formed by a group of individuals with the main intention to allow stamp collectors to safely trade and interact with confidence. By becoming a member of the Association and trading under a set code of ethics we are strengthening the bond between the internet stamp collecting and dealing community.

Application is easy using the online application form. You can encourage colleagues to compare our services and our membership rate against other associations using our quick guide table

And, please don't forget, you can easily pay your membership fees online through the link on the home page.



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SINGAPORE 2015

August 2015. Far too way off to be planning your diary? I think not. The dates of 14th -19th August are already in my diary as I certainly plan to attend. It does help that I live a short flight away, and that I love visiting Singapore.

SINGAPORE 2015 is the 3rd World Stamp Exhibition to be held in Singapore. It is to be held in conjunction with Singapore's 50th Year of Independence, with the full support and patronage of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP) and under the auspices of the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP).

Singapore last hosted the World Stamp Exhibition in 1995 and the inaugural World Stamp Championship in 2004. Gathering the experience of both exhibitions and with effort to commemorate Singapore's Golden Jubilee in 2015, Singapore managed to bid for the hosting rights of this event successfully. Singpex Pte Ltd is the appointed organiser for this event.

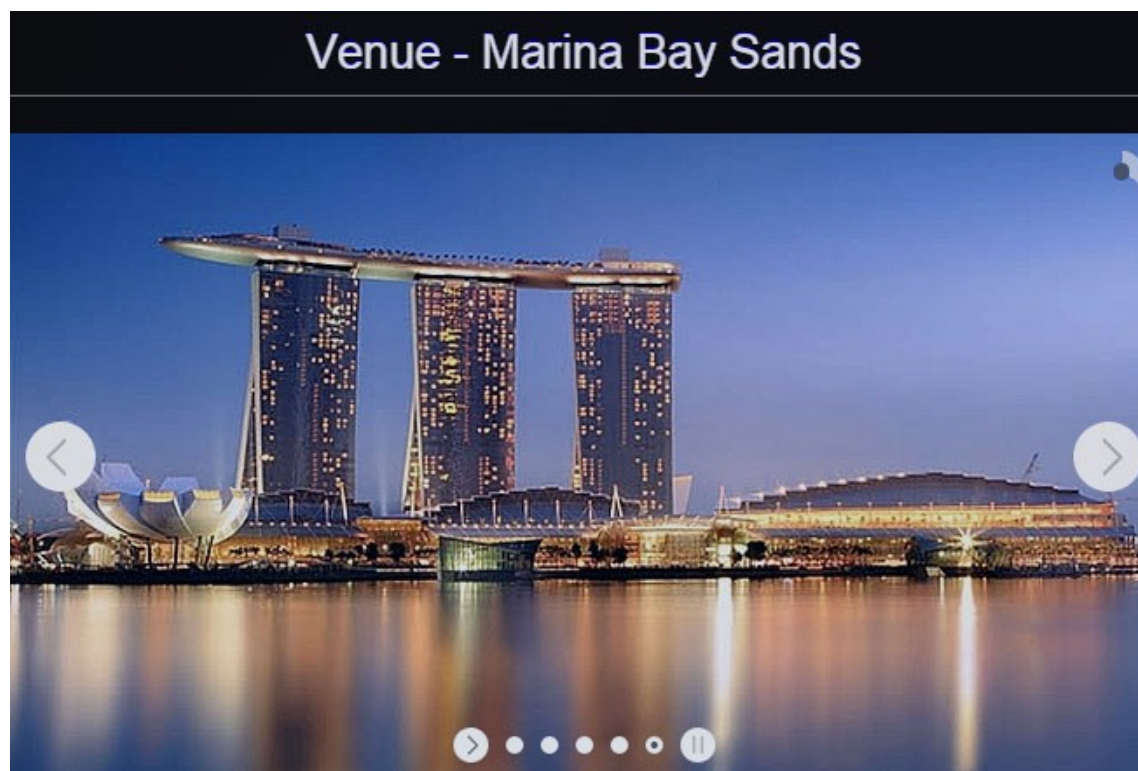


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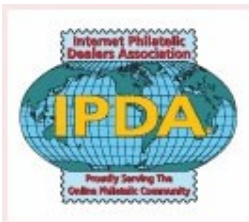
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The venue is the Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre. If you have never been to Singapore, or the Marina Bay Sands, those are two very good reasons for a visit. And, to have an International Stamp expo, well what more could you ask for.



Your Editor is in touch with the organisers as I am hoping to get some exposure for the IPDA. I will be reporting more on this Expo in coming issues. Do have a look at their website <http://www.singapore2015.com/>



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NEW YORK 2016

Looking a bit further out than August 2015, your Editor saw another Press Release. This for the World Stamp Show in New York which will be held between May 28 and June 4th 2016.



December 15, 2014

For Immediate Release

Sixth WSS-NY 2016 Newsletter Focuses on Societies

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 (WSS-NY 2016) has issued another in its series of quarterly international exhibition newsletters, this one focusing on society participation, with 18 months before its doors open. It is available for viewing and downloading online at <http://www.ny2016.org/images/ny2016newsletters/2014-12-newsletter6.pdf>

As exhibition President Wade Saadi mentions, "This is the first special newsletter we've ever produced, and it focuses on Societies! From the very beginning we at World Stamp Show-NY 2016 have understood that members of philatelic societies of all kinds would make up the backbone of this great once-a-decade event in so many ways."

The newsletter lists the 50 philatelic organizations that have already committed to participate in the once-a-decade U.S. philatelic event by manning a booth, holding a national convention and/or seminar on their specialty. More are readying their plans and will be announced when finalized. A few society booths remain unreserved.

Of special note is that philatelic societies and organizations may reserve meeting rooms on an availability basis free of charge, however priority will be given to those groups that have donated to WSS-NY 2016 in one of three membership levels. The schedule of society meetings, seminars and events will be announced in May 2015

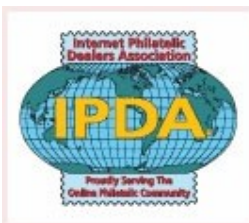
A variety of customizable ads publicizing a society's attendance and events are now available for downloading at <http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Participation.aspx?id=499> The page also outlines additional ways groups may take part in the show.

Other major articles deal with sponsoring special exhibit prizes, a plan to promote philately to the general public in the New York region, and a request for donated philatelic items for use during the show.

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 takes place over eight days from May 28-June 4, 2016 at the Javits Center in New York City. Full show information is online at <http://www.ny2016.org>

- end of press release.

Now here is an opportunity to plan ahead - yes it can take that much lead time to plan for such an event - for the IPDA to get some presence. We have a good many members based in the USA so perhaps we can do something? What do members think? I for one wouldn't mind a visit to New York. It has been many years since I was there. Maybe one of you already has a booth booked.. I must check the listing. Please write to me if you have.



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FAKE STAMPS

This piece with full credit and acknowledgement to StampNews.com who recently published this warning to philatelists about buying stamps online. Editors comment: Sad that someone uses this sad event in this way.

According to recent information a private issue of souvenir stamps on the MH17 crash in the 'Fakes and Reproductions' section on eBay is receiving a lukewarm response since they were first put on sale about five days ago. The souvenir sheets headlined under 'UKRAINE MALAYSIA AIRLINES BOEING 777 CRASH SHEET OF 6 STAMPS' depicts images of a Boeing 777, and what is believed to be the site where it crashed including a missile launcher.

The seller clarified that this souvenir set is fake, and a quick check with the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society in an email confirmed that these are not official Ukraine postal service issues.

They are believed to be labels or 'cinderellas' created by private individuals. They added that all the stamps on eBay showing the Luhansk Peoples Republic and Donetsk Peoples Republic are also not Ukraine issues. "These stamps are issued by the occupiers of these Ukrainian provinces".



MATHEMATICS, LOGIC AND PHILATELY

This lovely piece of information and rational thinking from Roger West. Thanks Roger.

In the 12 October 1989 Weill Brothers Auction held by Christies of New York, an inverted Jenny block of 4 (lot 316) sold for \$528,000 (including 10% buyer's premium).

In the same sale, the previous lot (315) was a marginal block of 4 showing the famous error and this sold for \$1,100,000 (including 10% buyer's premium)

Now to my logical mind, if you subtract the block of 4 from the marginal block of 4, you get left with the margin $(\$1,100,000 - \$528,000 = \$572,000$.

In other words: the Margin is valued at \$572,000 !!!!!



Maybe I should have taken up accountancy.





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PHILATELIC INVESTMENT

Just something your Editor found while browsing the internet.

Many of you ask about investment potential for stamps and in addition to recent articles I have shown from Stanley Gibbons Keith Heddle I thought I would show you this.

Of course, it does refer to the higher valued philatelic material as far as I can tell, but perhaps it is suggestive of what has been happening in the philatelic world.

For more, if this interests, you can download the Report from [here](#)

THE KNIGHT FRANK LUXURY INVESTMENT INDEX (KFLII)

Collectable	12-month	5-year	10-year
Furniture	-2%	-16%	-19%
Chinese ceramics	3%	45%	77%
Watches	4%	32%	82%
Jewellery	3%	49%	156%
Wine	3%	5%	176%
Art	-3%	2%	193%
Coins	10%	91%	227%
Stamps	5%	50%	250%
Cars	28%	121%	456%
KFLII	8%	38%	179%

YEAR OF THE GOAT / SHEEP / RAM

The Philippine Postal Corporation has issued its "2015 Year of the Goat" special stamp in anticipation of the coming New Year. The issue consists of two stamps that have been already put into circulation.

On top of the P10 stamp is the greeting "Manigong Bagong Taon" while the P30 stamp bears the English translation "Happy New Year". At the bottom of the stamps are Chinese characters and the words "2015 Year of the Goat".

According to the Chinese zodiac, 2015 is the year of the green wooden goat. The goat or sheep is the eighth animal to heed Buddha's call. It is believed that those born in a goat year are creative, intelligent, dependable, and calm.

China Post will issue their New Year stamp, themed after the Chinese zodiac goat in Guangzhou, the capital of Guangdong province, on the 5th of January.

Guangzhou, historically known as the city of the goat, will be the right city for the premiere of the goat-themed stamps, the local post authority said.

Your Editor has a friend visiting Guangzhou this weekend and is hoping to get some of the Miniature sheets. Beautiful issue I think.

Source: StampNews.com



CLOSING REMARKS

Well that is it for this issue. Sorry I did not get around to finishing my research for the second article on Philippine stamps under the American administration. I will complete it during January for the February issue. It has been an extremely busy month for me over the Christmas / New Year period as I am sure it has been for you all.

If you liked something in this issue, or perhaps didn't like something, please write to me. If you have material for the next issue, or ideas for articles please let me know. And perhaps I will get a winner to the members competition!!!!

I hope 2015 is a brilliant year for you, your family and friends and of course your philatelic activities.
Best wishes.. Michael michaelatipda@gmail.com

