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Hello, One month closer to the London Festival of Stamps. And all my plans have changed and for those of you who I had hoped to meet there, my sincere apology but I will not be able to get there.

The reason is a very good one as far as I am concerned. I have just landed a new job. Well a contract actually and I will be leaving for a three month assignment in Hong Kong in the morning. In fact this month has been busier than ever for me. Partly because I spent two weeks on a consulting engagement in Manila, partly because the grass grew something awful while I was away and therefore I had to cut it (it is quite a few acres so it is not an afternoons work, and partly because I have been listing stamps for sale and keeping busy packing and posting winning bids.

One auction list I would like to mention - as I write there are three days to go before the auction closes — is on eBay under my userid of michaelatcddstamps see listing [250600365435](https://www.ebay.com/itm/250600365435) I am telling you about this because it is a Charity Auction. Have a look. 4 inaugural Qantas A380 first flight covers, and even if you are not interested for yourself maybe you can promote to anyone you know who is an aerophilatelist.

All proceeds, and note I will pay all costs and the postage is Free I might add, will go the Qantas Pathfinders — Pathfinders is a committee based in the Qantas community which raises funds for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. I am doing this as a thank you to the Qantas pilots and Cabin Crew who have helped me with the flight covers, both on the flights I have flown and others where the crew have been really helpful, especially Pilots and Cabin Crew who have signed the covers.

Quick tangential comment here. Recently I saw an eBay listing for ten cards said to have been carried on an inaugural flight - very recent large aircraft flight :- ) — Now let me pose a question to you. If you were carrying— or getting someone to carry cards — Ok, so not envelopes but some people still think of these as aerophilatelic - which they are of course — anyway wouldn't you try to get a crew signature or two, or at least a photograph? for proof or being flown. Or would you question the authenticity of the seller? I wrote and asked a question about the cards and got quite a brush off by the seller...hmmm I thought . I checked with a good friend of mine and he is all knowing about aerophilately here in Australia and he was of the same opinion as me... especially when his emails were ignored. I am not going to say these are frauds and not really flown as I cannot prove it. And neither can anyone substantiate they were flown.

But my covers are flown and in very limited numbers and with certificates and accompanying proof of carriage. One of my covers is shown here — not an A380 one I might add but am showing this because I really like the postal franking . This for a B747 flight to Antarctica on Valentines day this year.

As I write I have covers on the inaugural Singapore Airlines A380 flying Singapore to Zurich. And for those of you thinking I should get a life :- ) I guess you are right. But as from tomorrow I will. Maybe time to see some stamp shops in Hong Kong once get settled. All recommendations grateful accepted of course.

Another event that happened this past week — My computer crashed — something to do with a corrupt boot file — and yes that is bad. My local computer man is working on it but not too confident it can be fixed. What will it mean !!! Well I will lose everything on the hard drive. Am I worried? No. Why? because I have backups.

Thankfully. I mention this because all of you will have your catalogues, client listings etc on your computer. Have you got it backed up? I back up daily on some folders and weekly on others. All automatic. Thus I was able to hook the backup drive to this laptop and bring up the Newsletter template.

Anyway enough of ramblings, not very philatelic or Association related I do agree but really I don't have much to comment on. Finally this is a short and not much in it issue. Sorry about that. Really not had much time for stamp research this past month and little from members to test me with :- ) As always I look forward to hearing from you  
Best wishes and I hope you enjoy this issue  
.....Michael



**ACE STAMP AUCTIONS**

Something you all might like to know about: one of our members, Ian Boulton, runs a regular auction. The current one I saw advertised — too late for this edition but am telling about the auction so you can hear about one very attractive feature, that being **NO Buyer's Premium**.

Also in the email that is sent to his Client list, Ian says there can be postal bid and bids by telephone, fax or email

He attaches the Opening Prices as of the date the email was issued as a guide to bidding. More details, obviously the entire catalogue, including illustrations and with a search facility, can be viewed on his website. [www.cestampauctions.com](http://www.cestampauctions.com)

Ian notes that they are still one of the very few auction houses with **NO BUYER'S Premium** or any other costs involved in the bidding process. Good luck with the business model Ian

**USE OF THE IPDA LOGO**

Are you showing the IPDA logo on your sites?, your auction listings and other for sale places. I have often written about this and although there was no reaction to my closing remarks last month I am sure it was not because you had nothing to say. Anyway I saw this from a two of our members in Portugal during the month. Good promo for IPDA and thanks to you for showing the logo on your sites.

Mr. ANTONIO AUGUSTO FERREIRA LEAL e CRÓ, IPDA#160

Mrs. ROSALINA de JESUS de MATOS CARDOSO, IPDA#161!

Please look our sites (our auctions) in Europe and where your "coat of arms" (logo IPDA) is published in parameters of each item .

[www.delcampe.net/stores/leiloes50](http://www.delcampe.net/stores/leiloes50)

[www.delcampe.net/stores/leaacro](http://www.delcampe.net/stores/leaacro)

[www.delcampe.net/boutique/scorpionpt](http://www.delcampe.net/boutique/scorpionpt)

## PROMOTION OF YOUTH PHILATELY IN INDIA

His from our colleague in India Vinod Sabharwal, New Delhi

Philately undoubtedly is one of the most popular, informative and educative hobbies. It has involved millions and millions of People all around the World. It is instrumental in forging bonds between people irrespective of Nationality, caste, colour, creed or religion. It is a language onto itself which requires no script. In fact the script is common all across the Globe.

It is perhaps the only hobby which gives joy and happiness to people at all ages – be it a child of 10, a young person of 25, a middle aged person of 40, a mature adult at 55 or an old person at 75. The pleasure derived by each one of them from this hobby is immense.

It is thus a duty of all those at the helm of affairs related to this hobby to ensure the hobby survives and reaches new Pinnacles of glory. Like every Plant requires water, sunlight and fertilizers to grow similarly Indian Philately requires more and more young people for this hobby to grow in India.

In order to lure Youth to take on this hobby the controlling agencies viz India Post and PCI need to take some steps. Few suggested steps in this direction have been discussed by me in succeeding paragraphs which could perhaps generate some brain storming at a suitable forum.

**Youth Wing in PCI** Philatelic Congress of India must have a working Youth wing to oversee the development of Youth Philately I the Country. The elected members must be Young renowned Philatelists who have achieved laurels in Philately at National/ International Level.

**Revitalize the Countrywide Network** This Youth Wing at PCI must revitalize the countrywide network of similar Youth Wings at State/Region? Zone levels. The state Philatelic bodies ? organizations must promote and encourage Young Philatelists to take charge of Philatelic activities and promotion of Youth Philately.

**Interaction with Ministry of Youth Affairs** The PCI and especially its Youth Wing must have more interaction with Dept Of Posts to devise ways and means to promote this hobby among the youth of the country. The Ministry of Youth Affairs could be approached to include Philately as afield which requires youth involvement and more so for allocation of funds .A lesson on Philately could be included in CBSE syllabus at secondary school level.

**Grass root level Promotion.** The promotion has to start at grass root levels for Youth Philately to flourish and take roots. The most important aspect is ' Catch them Young ' i,e school level children be involved to participate and take on this hobby.

**Nodal Philatelic Centers** The PCI and State Philatelic bodies should identify active school / cities wherein this hobby is already having a base . To start with even 10 Tier II (satellite town/Cities) cities of the country and about 20 Schools / colleges could be identified and developed as ' Nodal Philatelic Centers'.

**Youth Philatelic Festivals / Stamp shows** Youth Philatelic Festivals , State Youthstamp shows and one frame exhibit shows should be organized during the months of May/ June and December (vacation season ) to promote this hobby . Youth icons in different fields should be invited for such shows.

**Young Jury Apprentices** Apprentice Jury at National level and below exhibitions should have Young apprentice jury as it will give exposure to Judging and seeing exhibits from a different angle thereby making them mature Philatelists. PCI should have even Youth National Commissioners for International Youth Exhibitions.

**Sponsoring Young achievers** Once Young philatelists are identified and they achieve laurels at National/ International level they must be sponsored ( financially , Guidance from experts in the field etc ) by PCI / state level bodies and their entries for higher level of competition must be fully supported and ensured.

**Youth Stamps** India Post can issue at least two sets of stamps every year on Youth Philately/ Themes wherein a surcharge could be levied which could be used for promotion of Youth Philately in the country.

**PROMOTION OF YOUTH PHILATELY IN INDIA ...CONT'D**

**Stamp collecting be made affordable** The Dept Of Posts and Philatelic advisory Committee needs to ponder that in order to attract youth to this hobby the number of stamps per year must be restricted to 35- 40 to make this hobby affordable. The flooding of issues mean that a school and college going Youth cannot afford to buy stamps from his/her pocket money or savings and hence loses interest in the hobby.

**Stamps on Youth Icons** We as a nation must bring out stamps on Youth icons like Sachin , Dhoni, Rathore Sania Mirza , Saina Nehwal , Abhinav Bindra etc to attract you to this hobby. These icons are their idols and definitely they get attracted to this hobby. These icons can be great motivators.

**Philatelic Dealers and Phila boutiques** I believe that this hobby strives on three pillars – Firstly The Dept of Posts and PCI, secondly collectors or philatelists and thirdly the Philatelic dealers. The third Pillar i.e the philatelic dealers must make available genuine material to young philatelists at affordable prices and must not misguide them or overcharge them. That must be taken as a social responsibility and duty rather than making fast bucks. It is estimated that India has 40 million collectors , over 1500 Philatelic Clubs and Societies., 1.75 lakh Philatelic deposit account holders , 68 Philatelic Bureaus and 1138 Philatelic counters. The infrastructure and main ingredients are in place it only requires guidance, effort , push and channelization.

“HUM HONGE KAMYAAB EK DIN MAN MEIN HAI VISHWAS “

**Contributed By Vinod Sabharwal, New Delhi**

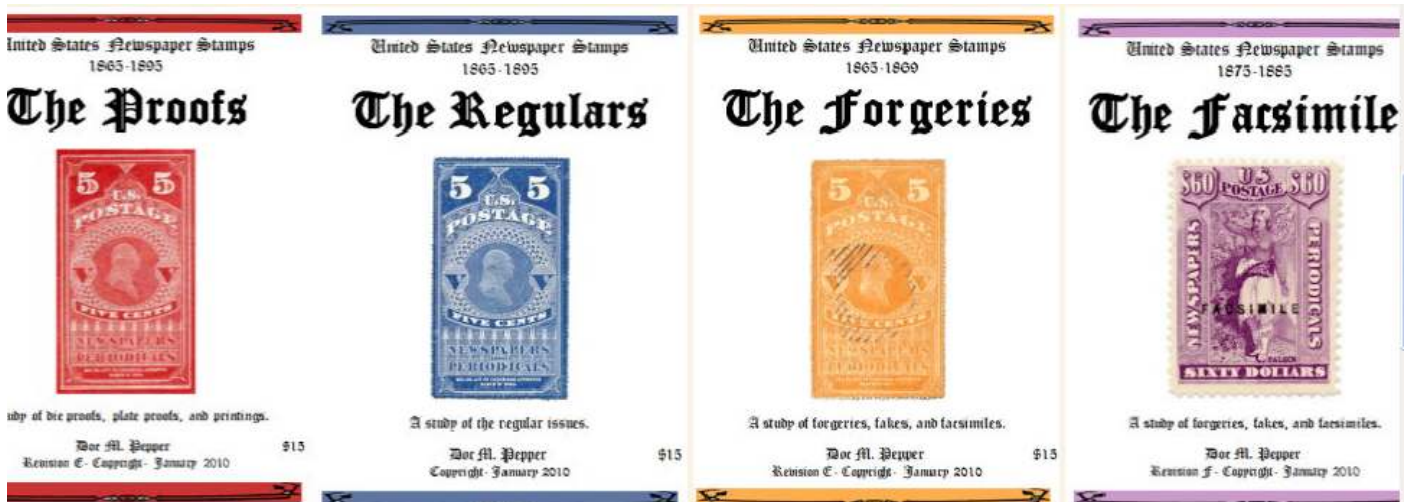
**DID YOU KNOW**

What is a Newspaper Stamp ? Now honestly did you know?. I did not and found it quite interesting.

This from a website I will show ... **ACT OF MARCH 3, 1863. (editors footnote....USA I might add)**

"And be it further enacted that the Postmaster General may from time to time provide by order the rates and terms by which route agents may receive and deliver, at the mail car or steamer, packages of newspapers and periodicals delivered to them for that purpose by the publishers or news agents in charge thereof, and not received from or designated for delivery at any post office."

Have a look at <http://home.comcast.net/~pepperclan/> it makes for very interesting reading I think.



**CLOSING REMARKS**

To be perfectly honest with you I really have nothing extra to say. I would ask again for contribution and ideas, ye at the same time apologise for not being as focused I would like to be on the content of this issue. Time has not been my friend this past month. Will try harder for May issue. :-) All feedback always welcome. .... Michael