



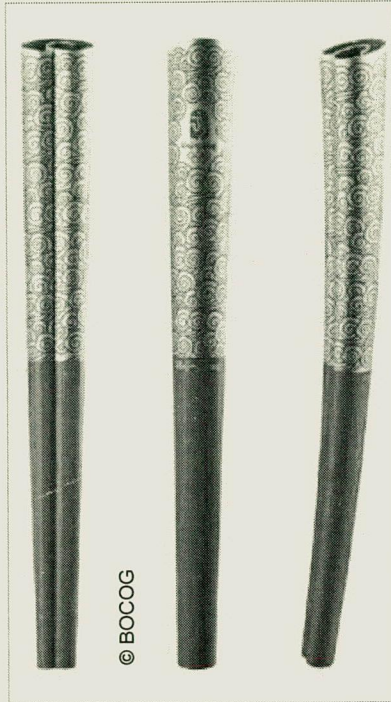
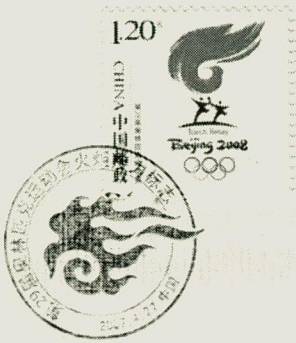
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FRONT PAGE

Welcome to the current issue of Torch Bearer. Hopefully when you receive this issue, we will have managed to return to our intended month of publication, as we fully appreciate that missing expected publication dates causes both concern and annoyance for members.

There are however a number of factors that influence our ability to produce Torch Bearer in a timely manner, the three main of which are: Availability of material for publication; Availability of the Editors time; Availability of our printer.

The second and third of these are linked, and if we miss anticipated 'slots', Torch Bearer can slide to the end of a waiting list. Generally however, the intended times of preparing copy and printing are known, so the main factor is availability of material for publication.

Torch Bearer has relied on a small number of contributors for many years, and it follows that contributors produce articles on the topics / subjects in which they have an interest. We have been fortunate that those who contribute have relatively diverse collecting fields, which reflects in what we publish. The interest created by the articles on Tokyo 1940 are an example of how the wider membership have contributed to Torch Bearer, but over the last five years this is the exception to the rule. Contributions to future issues are **always** required, and are the only way to ensure that we can produce a regular journal.

Please take the time to submit items. Imagine how regular contributors feel when they receive their copy of Torch Bearer - a high proportion of the content is not new to them - they share their knowledge / research and receive little in return!

The Women's Olympics and Olympiad Feminin

Laurentz Jonker responded to the article on page 38, The Women's Olympics by providing copies of three postcards from his collection, that appeared to conflict in a number of ways with the article.

- Dates for Monte Carlo, 1921 appeared to be in March;
- The meetings held in Monte Carlo during 1921 and 1922 are mentioned as 'Olympiads'.

Postcard number 1, is published in Aix les Bains, so must pre-date the message (and the 1921 Women's Olympiad).

Postcards numbers 1 and 3, are both views taken at the same venue (building to the left is common to both). The track may be at Aix les Bains as postcard number 1 has the photographers details.

Academie Geneve was a very successful institution, and by the 1920's enjoyed both an international reputation and international attendance - the uniforms worn by the women have the Swiss cross, but this relates to the Academie, and not necessarily the nationality of the women.

It can be deduced that the women of the Academie Geneve took part in / attended relatively local events (such as Aix les Bains), and that the cards with messages represent souvenirs of a visit to the '**Olympiad Feminin de 1921**' by the members of the Academie - using cards produced elsewhere.

By comparing the signatures on the cards with a list of the Swiss competitors at the **Women's Olympics, Paris 1922**, only one appears to be a 'match' (the same signature actually appears on all three cards).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mlle Piazoletta'. The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script with a large initial 'M'.

Whilst purely speculation, it would seem that Mlle Piazoletta was certainly an athlete of international stature, selected to represent Switzerland, and winning a Gold Medal at Paris in 1922. Her teammates from Academie Geneve undertook the trip to the 'Olympiad Feminin de 1921 and 1922' held in Monte Carlo, possibly as competitors, or possibly as supporters.

The apparent discrepancy of date between reports and the dating of the postcards seems to support this hypothesis, as when enhanced, the message on postcard number 1 seems to read:

"Monte Carlo 28-3-21 / {Peu?} souvenir des / Olympiads feminine / de 1921, Avril"

Monte Carlo 28-3-21 / Little souvenir of the Women's Olympiad / of April 1921.



Monte Carlo 28.3.21
Je te salue des
Olympiades Amicalement
de 1921. Amicalement

Postcard number 1: 28.3.1921

Photographers imprint
 PHOTO YANK'S, AIX LES BAINS;

Monte Carlo 'Olympiad' text;

Multiple signatures / autographs.



Monte Carlo 29.3.21

Postcard number 2: 29.3.1921
 No photographers imprint:
 Monte Carlo text; Multiple signatures.



*Souvenir des élèves
 de Monte Carlo 1922*

Postcard number 3: No photographers
 imprint: Monte Carlo text (1922);
 Multiple signatures.

The chronology of the development of women's athletics 1917 - 1938:

FFSF, FSFI, 'Olympiad Feminin', 'Olympiades de Monte Carlo', 'Women's Olympics',

1917	December	Formation of Federation Feminine Sportive de France (FFSF) - first sports governing body for women.
1921	28-29/03 ² (Avril 1921)	International track and field competition, Monte Carlo 'Olympiad Feminin de 1921' Five nations: Great Britain, <i>Switzerland</i> , Italy, Norway, France.
1921	(31/10)	Formation of Federation Sportive Feminine International (FSFI) FSFI members - France, Great Britain, Italy, Czechoslovakia, U.S.A.
1922		International track and field competition, Monte Carlo 'Olympiades de Monte Carlo 1922' Seven nations: Great Britain, <i>Switzerland</i> , Italy, Norway, France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia.
1922		New FSFI member - Switzerland
1922	(20/8)	First FSFI Women's Olympics, Paris Pershing Stadium. Five nations: United States, Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia
1923		International track and field competition, Monte Carlo
1924		New FSFI members - Belgium, Yugoslavia, Canada, Lithuania.
1925		New FSFI members - Latvia, Sweden
1926		New FSFI members - Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, Austria, <i>Poland</i>
1926		Second FSFI Women's Olympics, Gothenburg, Sweden (Name changed to Women's World Games due to IOC) Ten nations: Japan, France, <i>Great Britain</i> , Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Poland {+4}
1928		New FSFI members - Argentina, Estonia, Greece, Netherlands, Rumania, South Africa
1928		Great Britain - women absent from Amsterdam because of minimisation of the women's programme.
1930		New FSFI members - Australia, New Zealand, Palestine, <i>Poland¹</i> , Hungary
1930		Women's World Games, Prague Ten nations: Germany, Poland, Great Britain, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Japan, Netherlands, Austria, Italy {+1} {France?}
1934		Women's World Games, London Seventeen nations: Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Great Britain, Canada, South Africa, Sweden, Japan, {+9}
1936		New FSFI members - Ireland, Norway, Rhodesia
1938		End of the FSFI after accepting the proposed expansion of olympic events proposed by the IAAF.

¹ Poland is listed in 1926 and 1930, however the FSFI is noted as having 30 members (which is correct with Poland only counted once).

² LJ postcards dated 28 - 29 March 1921, reports state Avril (April) 1921.
(Postcards mailed on arrival in advance of the event?)

Gold Medal Winners - Women's Olympics (Women's World Games) 1922 - 1934.

	1922	1926	1930	1934
	Women's Olympics Paris	Women's Olympics Gothenburg	Women's World Games - Prague	Women's World Games - London
60 metres	Meizlikova (Cz)	Radideau (Fr)	Walasiewicz (Pol)	Wash (Pol) (<i>nee Walasiewicz</i>)
100 yards	Collebout (GB)	Radideau (Fr)		
100 metres			Walasiewicz (Pol)	Krauss (Ger)
200 metres			Walasiewicz (Pol)	Krauss (Ger)
250 metres		Edward (GB)		
300 metres	Lines (GB)			
1000 metres	Breard (Fr)	Trickey (GB)		
800 metres			Lunn (GB)	Kubkova (Cz)
100 yd hurdles	Sabie (USA)	Schryrova (Cz)		
80 m hurdles			Jacobsen (Swe)	Engelhardt (Ger)
4 x 100 m relay	G B	G B	Germany	Germany
1000 m walk		Crosseley (GB)		
High jump	Vorhees (USA) Hatt (GB)	Bons (Fr)	Braumueller (Ger)	Griemme (Ger)
Long jump standing	Sabie (USA)	Hitomi (Jap)		
Long jump	Lines (GB)	Hitomi (Jap)	Hitomi (Jap)	Gobbner (Ger)
Shot both hands	Gobbold (US)	Vidlakova (Cz)		
Shot			Heublein (Ger)	Mauermeyer (Ger)
Discus		Konopacka (Cz)	Konopacka (Cz)	Wajs (Pol)
Javelin both hands	Pianzola (CH)	Adelskold (Swe)		
Javelin			Schumann (Ger)	Gelius (Ger)
Pentathlon				Mauermeyer (Ger)
Triathlon			Braumueller (Ger)	
Total events	10	9	12	11

Resources:

<http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/FSFI>

<http://home.nordnet.fr/scharlet/alice.htm>

<http://colacoll.edu/edenslibrary/jane/team.htm>

<http://home.nordnet.fr/scharlet/feminin.htm>

<http://www.gbrathletics.com/bm/fsfi.htm>

<http://www.gbrathletics.com/ic/fsfi.htm>

Laurenz is particularly interested in the influence of these events on the attendance of womens teams at the Olympic Games, Amsterdam 1928.

Dates of members joining FSFI

Alice Milliat, chronology

Pershing Stadium, Paris August 20, 1922

Links to competitors list, results.

Chronology of women's athletics

British medallists at FSFI Games

Full results for FSFI Games

Can anyone help to fill gaps in the preceding information?

ROYAL MAIL 'OLYMPIC' ISSUES

On 17 May, 2007 Royal Mail issued a miniature sheet to commemorate the New Wembley Stadium.

The postal value of the miniature sheet - £2.38, is provided by five stamps:

- 1 x Crowned lion 1st class (34p.);
- 2 x 'Three lions' 2nd class (2 x 24p.);
- 2 x 'Rose' (2 x 78p.).



The stadium will of course be used as a venue for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

A number of special handstamps were announced, but none had been advised that provide any link to the 2012 Games.



Wembley Generic Sheet

20 Crowned Lion stamps are combined with snap shots of some of Wembley's most magical moments on this brilliant Generic Sheet. The 1948 Olympics, Henry Cooper v Cassius Clay and Live Aid are just a few of the events featured.



The sheet is priced at £7.35.

Olympic stamps in 2008!

Royal Mail have announced an issue of Olympic stamps for August 2008.

No further information is available at present.

This certainly indicates a change in previously announced intentions, presumably as a direct result of the London 2012 Olympic Games - it will be interesting to see if the theme of the issue will be London 1908, London 2012 - or all 'London' Olympiads.

HUNGARIAN COMMEMORATION OF THE 1956 GAMES

Magyar Posta, the Hungarian postal authority announced the issue of an Olympic miniature sheet which makes innovative use of ultra-violet sensitive printing.

The issue also marks the commencement of a series of Olympic issues. {see: <http://www.posta.hu/index.ivy>}.


Magyar Posta



On 13 November 2006 Magyar Posta issued a stamp block to commemorate the medal-winning sportsmen and women of the Summer Olympic Games, Melbourne 1956.

The theme "Olympic History" will be expanded biennially and in a similar way to this issue, the medal winners from the Summer Olympics held prior to 1956 will also feature on future stamp issues.

The 1956 Summer Olympiad was held in two parts. Australia won the right to organise the games but the strict quarantine laws forbade the import of horses, so the equestrian events were staged separately in Stockholm between 10-17 June 1956. The games were officially held in Melbourne between 22 November and 8 December 1956. Hungarian sportsmen and women had to prepare for and travel to the games in an exceptionally difficult period of history. Indeed as a consequence of the events of the uprising in Hungary several athletes were prevented from travelling and the form of others suffered, while all who lined up at the start were emotionally jaded. The Hungarian delegation was in a testing situation; an undeclared war was being waged in their homeland, and thousands were dying and fleeing abroad. Despite these events, the Hungarian sportsmen and women performed brilliantly.

Gold medallists: László Fábián, János Urányi (canoe/kayak) - men's fencing, sabre team: Aladár Gerevich, Jenő Hámori, Rudolf Kárpáti, Attila Keresztes, Pál Ádám Kovács, Dániel Magay - men's waterpolo team: Antal Bolvári, Ottó Boros, Dezső Gyarmati, István Hevesi, László Jeney, Tivadar Kanizsa, Dr György Kárpáti, Kálmán Markovits, Mihály Mayer, István Szívós Snr., Ervin Zádor - Rudolf Kárpáti (fencing) - Ágnes Keleti (gymnastics) - women's gymnastics, portable apparatus team: Andrea Bodó, Ágnes Keleti, Alice Kertész, Margit Korondi, Erzsébet Köteles, Olga Tass - László Papp (boxing).

Silver medallists: men's fencing, épée team: Dr Lajos Balthazár, Barnabás Berzsényi, József Marosi, Dr Ambrus Nagy, Dr Béla Rerrich, József Sákovics - Ferenc Hatlaczky (canoe/kayak) - István Hernek (canoe/kayak) - Ágnes Keleti (gymnastics) - József Kovács (athletics) - women's gymnastics team: Andrea Bodó, Ágnes Keleti, Alice Kertész, Margit Korondi, Erzsébet Köteles, Olga Tass - Lajos Parti (canoe/kayak) - Imre Polyák (wrestling) - Sándor Rozsnyói (athletics) - Éva Székely (swimming).

Bronze medallists: Imre Farkas, József Hunics (canoe/kayak) - men's fencing, foil team: Mihály Fülöp, József Gyuricza, József Marosi, József Sákovics, Lajos Somodi Snr, Endre Tilli - Lajos Kiss (canoe/kayak) - Ferenc Mohácsi, Károly Wieland (canoe/kayak) - Olga Tass (gymnastics) - Gyula Tóth (wrestling) - György Tumpek (swimming).

The design of the numbered block's stamp shows a portrait of László Papp while in the surrounding frame there are the Hungarian Olympic gold medallists from Melbourne.

A special feature of the jubilee block is that the names of the gold, silver, and bronze medallists and their disciplines are visible under UV light, as is the legend "1956 Melbourne". The names of the medal winners also feature on the first day cover. The design of the commemorative postmark is a stylised depiction of the badge of Hungary's Olympic athletes.

The issue of the stamp block was made possible by the co-operation of the Hungarian Olympic Committee and the photographs for the graphic design were provided by the archives of the Hungarian Museum of Sport.

Source: Hungarians at the Olympic Games, 1896-2004

Order code: 2006244030011 (block) 2006244060012 (FDC)

Date of issue: 13 November 2006 Face value: HUF 500

Number of copies: 120,000 Printing method: offset Perforated size: 30 x 40 mm

Trimmed size: 100 x 65 mm Printed by Pénzjegynyomda Zrt. Designed by Attila Elekes

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1956 Melbourne Publicity Slogans: Canberra

Bob Wilcock & Tom D'Arcy

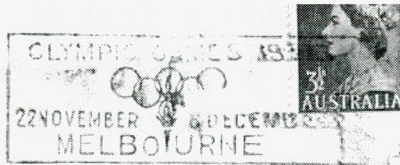
Only 1 die was allocated to Canberra, and it has been seen with just the one dater. It seems likely that there was just one machine. In particular no example has come to light of the slogan used (in red) with a 'PAID' dater. There will have been pre-paid mail, but it seems the Olympic slogan was never used to frank it.



This is one of the scarcer slogans, and fewer than 20 examples have been seen in the course of preparing these articles. However it can be confirmed that Canberra did not adhere to the official dates (examples seen include 10 JUL 55 and 27 AUG 56)



Interestingly, the Olympic die was inverted on 21 November 1955, and the Canberra dater was inverted on 17 April 1956.



1956 Melbourne Publicity Slogans: Hobart

Bob Wilcock &
Tom D'Arcy



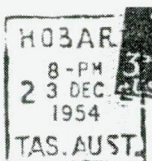
Four dies were allocated to Hobart, Tasmania. Surviving examples are scarce, but fortunately the four dies are easily distinguished. There are inevitably some differences from strike to strike, but these differences seem to be normal variations according to inking, and paper absorbency and thickness.

Examples have been seen from only two or three machines: Hobart 2, Hobart 3, and Hobart Paid. The dater die in the Hobart 2 machine changed towards the end of 1955, and we have not established whether there was a separate machine for pre-paid mail or whether the PAID die was simply placed in a regular machine.

The Olympic dies move from machine to machine for the different periods of use, as they do in the other cities. Elsewhere, the number of dies matches the number of machines, but it seems that if there were four machines, one of them was a reserve machine, rarely if ever brought into use.

The table shows the combinations seen. Hobart did not stick to the 'official' dates of use. Of particular interest is the fact that the Olympic slogan was in use in at least 1 machine on 30 November 1955, making a striking first day postmark for the 2/- green stamp.

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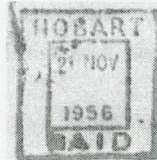
H2A
HOBART
2/2 (smaller)
TAS.AUST
[1954 to late 1955]



H2B
HOBART
2/2 (larger)
TAS.AUST(smaller;
short stroke on 1st 'T')



H3



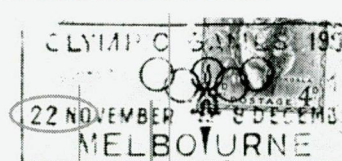
HP1 (red)

The Olympic Dies

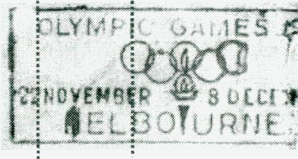
Only key differences are mentioned, closer inspection will soon reveal others.



HB-1
O above 2; I above BE and LB; Low 8



HB-2
22 space N; M below O; Kink in bottom frame

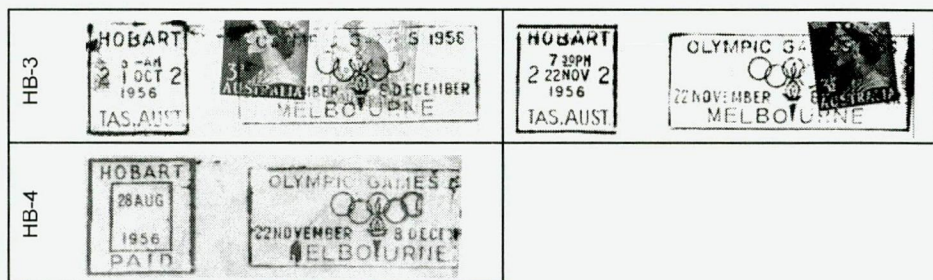


HB-3
22 tall; M below OV

HB-4
O right of 22; I above E and start of B

Hobart: Reference Slogans

<p>HB-1</p>	<p>EDC</p>
<p>HB-1</p>	<p>HB-1</p>
<p>HB-1</p>	<p>HB-1</p>
<p>HB-2 V285-07/5535</p>	
<p>HB-2</p>	<p>HB-2</p>
<p>HB-3</p>	



Hobart slogans

Year	Official dates of use	Actual known dates	Time	Dater	Olympic Die
1954	1-4 December	3 DEC	8-PM	2	HB-1
1955	2-8 January or 9-16 January				
	20-26 February				
	3-9 April	7 APR	8-PM	3	HB-2
	15-21 May				
	26 June – 2 July	29 JNE	5-AM	2	HB-1
		29 JNE	3-45 PM	3	HB-2
		1 JLY	5-AM	2	HB-1
		1 JLY	8-PM	3	HB-2
	21-27 August	16 AUG	1-PM	2	HB-2
	24-30 September				
	20-26 November	23 NOV	3-PM	2	HB-1
		23 NOV	7-30 PM	2	HB-1
		25 NOV	3-PM	2	HB-1
		28 NOV	7-30 PM	2	HB-1
30 NOV		3-PM	2	HB-1	
1 DEC		5-AM	2	HB-1	
1956	21-27 February	16 JAN	1-PM	2	HB-1
		16 JAN		PAID	HB-3
		18 JAN	7-30 PM	2	HB-1
		1 FEB	1-PM	2	HB-1
		4 FEB	7-30 PM	2	HB-1
	4-10 April	5 APR		PAID	HB-1
		9 APR	5-AM	2	HB-1
		9 APR	5-PM	2	HB-1
		10 APR	7-30 PM	2	HB-2 (?)
	16-22 May	21 MAY	4-PM	2	HB-1
	26 June – 3 July	29 JNE	5-AM	2	HB-3
	8-14 August	6 AUG	7-30 PM	2	HB-1
		7 AUG	7-30 PM	2	HB-1
			8-PM	3	HB-3
8 AUG		4-PM	2	HB-1	

Year	Official dates of use	Actual known dates	Time	Dater	Olympic Die
1956	8-14 August	28 AUG		PAID	HB-4
		30 AUG	7-30 PM	2	HB-3
	25 Sept. – 1 October	1 OCT	3-AM	2	HB-3
		2 NOV		PAID	HB-3
	21-27 November	21 NOV	8-PM	3	HB-2
		21 NOV		PAID	HB-1
		22 NOV	5-AM	2	HB-3
		22 NOV	7-30 PM	2	HB-1
		22 NOV	8-PM	3	HB-2
		23 NOV	7-30 PM	2	HB-3
		23 NOV	8-PM	3	HB-2
		26 NOV	7-30 PM	2	HB-1

1956 Melbourne Publicity Slogans: Launceston

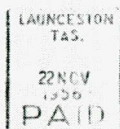
Bob Wilcock &
Tom D'Arcy



Launceston, also in Tasmania, had 3 dies allocated. Virtually all copies come with a 'LAUNCESTON /

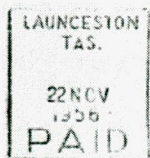
TAS.AUST' circular date-stamp. This appears to come from just one machine and later dated examples look a little worn.

One example of a 'PAID' die is known, a particularly nice copy dated 22 November 1956, the opening day of the Games (Die LT 1).



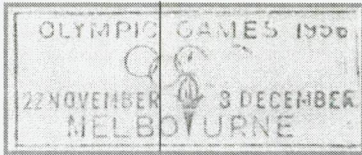
Too few examples have been seen to enable a meaningful table of use to be created.

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The Olympic Dies

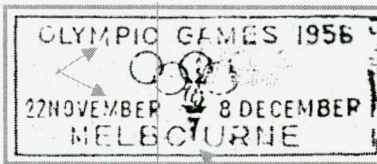
The dies are very easy to distinguish by the relationship between the 'R' of NOVEMBER AND THE 'B' of MELBOURNE:



LT-1:
the 'R' goes well beyond the 'B'



LT-2:
the 'R' ends parallel with the 'B'



LT-3:
the 'R' ends just ahead of the 'B'.
In addition the 'M' of OLYMPIC has a short central stalk, and the 'M' of NOVEMBER is higher than the 'E'.
The Torch is short.

LT-1				
LT-2				
LT-3				

1956 Melbourne Publicity Slogans: Newcastle

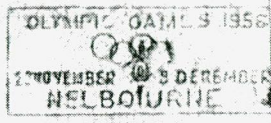
Bob Wilcock & Tom D'Arcy

Two dies were allocated to Newcastle. One, **NW-1**, appears to have been used for ordinary mail, with two different daters succeeding one another, a circular dater until sometime between the end of February and early April 1955, and a rectangular dater thereafter.

The die is easily identified: **R** ends above **O**. Note that right from the start the right-hand rings are starting to fail. Most impressions show only 3 clear rings.

Mail with the Olympic die is not too hard to find: we have examined more than 50 examples.

By contrast, Die **NW-2** has only been seen used, in red, on just one example of PAID mail, and is thus extremely hard to find. A second example is known but this appears to have been hand-rolled and applied by favour – it is not linked to a dater). The principal difference between the dies is that die **NW-2** has **R** ending above **B**.



The table right, sets out known dates of use. The dates include 30 November 1955, the date of issue of the 2/- green.



Year	Official Dates	Actual known	
1954	1-4 December	1, 2, 3 DEC (cds)	
1955	2-8 January or 9-16 January	5, 6, 7 JAN	
	20-26 February	23, 25 FEB	
	3-9 April	5, 11 APR (rect)	
1955	15-21 May	---	
	26 June -2 July	29 JNE PAID	
	21-27 August	18 AUG	
	24-30 September	---	
	20-26 November	30 NOV 7, 9 DEC	
	1956		3, 4, 7 JAN
		21-27 February	21, 24 FEB
4-10 April		4, 7, 9, 10 APR 9 APR PAID	
16-22 May		17, 18, 21, 22 MAY	
		19, 20, 21, 22 JNE	
26 June - 3 July		2, 3 JULY	
8-14 August		8, 9, 10, 11, 14 AUG	
25 Sept. - 1 Oct.		25, 26, 27 SEP	
21-27 November	21, 22, 23, 25, 27 NOV		

Vth OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES, St MORITZ

In February, whilst looking through a dealers stock, the cover illustrated below attracted my attention - mainly because the envelope was printed to commemorate the Vth Olympic Winter Games, but with the imprint of the Office of Tourism from Grisons, not St. Moritz, although it was cancelled with the St. Moritz handstamp.

Having purchased the cover, an hour spent on the internet revealed my appalling lack of knowledge of the geography of Switzerland!

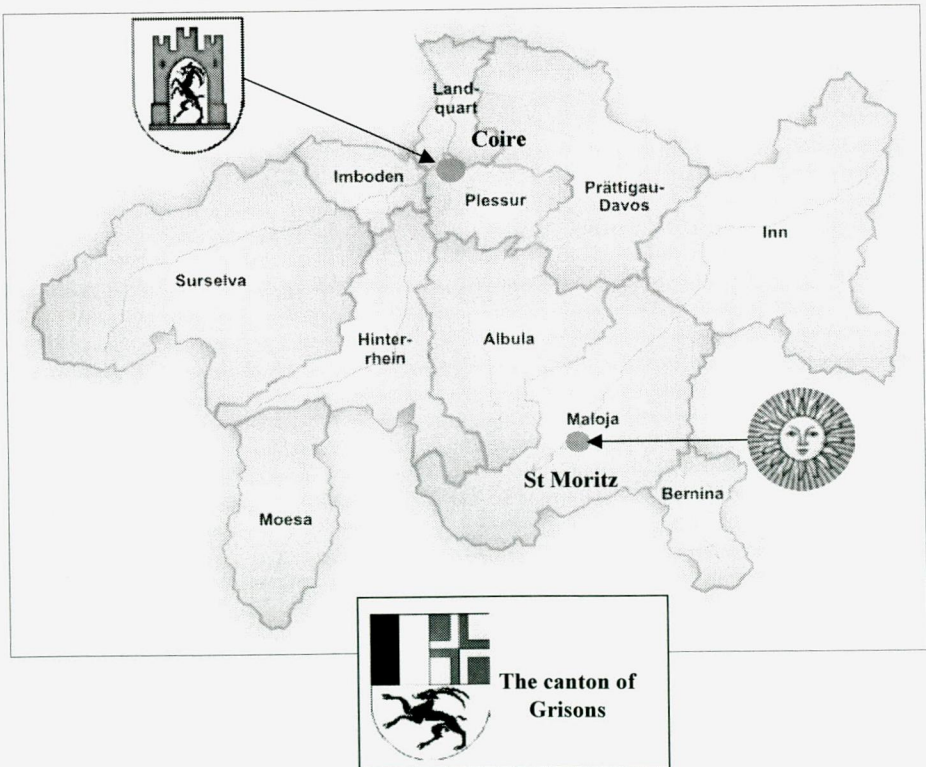
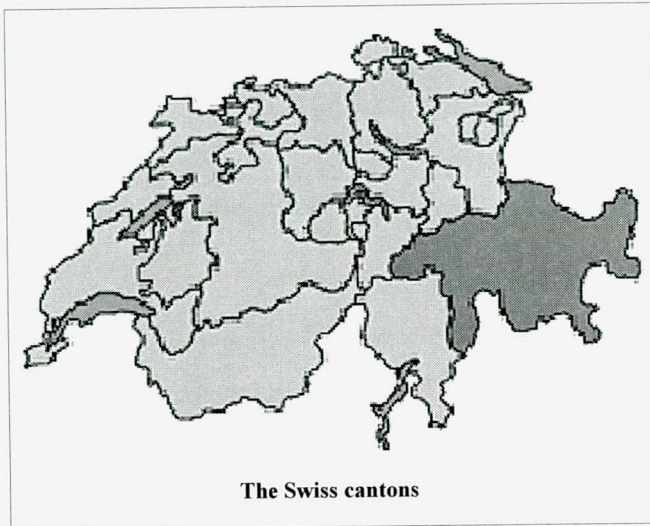


First day of use (30.1.1948) of the Vth Olympic Winter Games handstamp, on a commemorative cover from the Office du Tourisme des Grisons.
Bureau officiel de renseignements Coire (Suisse).

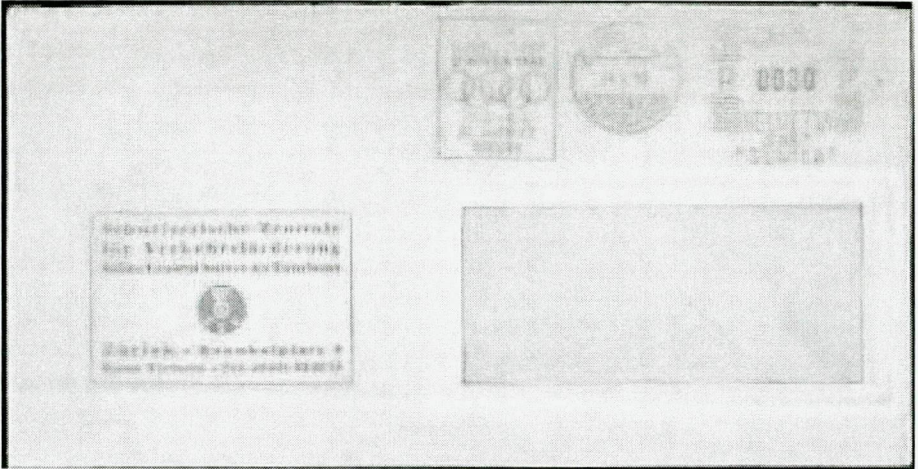
Grisons (Fr.) Graubunden (Ger) Grigioni (It) is the largest and easternmost canton of Switzerland.

Coire (Fr) Chur (Ger) Coira (It) is the capital of the canton.

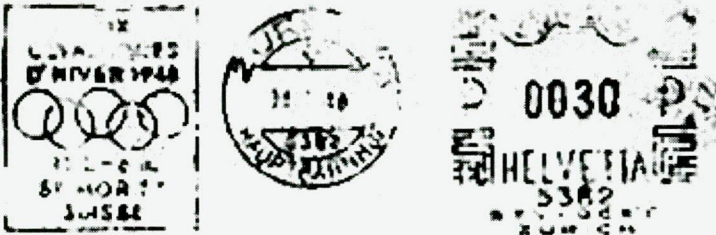
Maps of the Swiss Cantons and a detail of the Canton of Grisons that appear on the following page clearly illustrate the background to this cover, and confirm that the Vth Olympic Winter Games were certainly considered to be an event of regional importance for the tourism industry.



Another 1948 St. Moritz cover



Enhanced illustration of the meter:



The cover illustrated above appeared on ebay in February, with a very brief description:

Switzerland Window Cover CH - 1948, WINDOW ENVELOPE,
 2 Olympic Seals : " St Moritz Olympic Winter Games 1948 ",
 Metered stamp, Tourism Office,
 Postmark {meter imprint} : " ZURICH HAUPTBAHNHOF 14.1.48 ",
 " Olympiques D'Hiver 1948 St Moritz Suisse".

This proved sufficient for a number of collectors to find the listing because it achieved a sale price of: US \$585.55

The cover appears to have been opened a little roughly at the top, but the price achieved does reflect the scarcity.

I obviously looked through the wrong dealers box!

Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay

The plans and route of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay were announced in Beijing on 26th April 2007.

The Torch Relay is unusual in the way that it has been routed, and four distinct phases are clearly identifiable:

Phase 1: Lighting and Torch Relay within Greece incorporating the lighting and hand-over ceremonies.

Phase 2: Transport direct from Athens, Greece to Beijing.

Phase 3: The despatch of the Olympic Flame from Beijing on an International / Global tour (including London).

Phase 4: Domestic Torch Relay within China, culminating in the return to Beijing.

A full schedule of the dates and cities to be visited appears on following pages.

The announcement was posted on the I.O.C. website http://www.olympic.org/uk/games/beijing/full_story_uk.asp?id=2147 and includes the following reports.

“Journey of Harmony”

The relay is expected to last 130 days and cover a distance of 137,000 kilometres, passing through five continents and visiting some of the principal points of the ancient Silk Road. With its theme, “Journey of Harmony”, and its slogan “Light the Passion, Share the Dream”, the 2008 Olympic Torch Relay will be an opportunity for BOCOG to share its Olympic message with the world.

“Lucky Cloud”

Also unveiled at the ceremony was the Olympic Torch that will be used to transport the flame across the globe from Olympia to the National Stadium in Beijing. The design of the Torch takes into account Chinese artistic heritage and technological expertise. The design of the aluminum Torch features traditional scrolls and a traditional Chinese design called “Lucky Cloud”. It stands 72 centimeters high and weighs 985 grams.

An Official Torch Relay website is also available: <http://torchrelay.beijing2008.cn/en/>



Date	Arrival	Date	Arrival
25/03	Lighting Ceremony, Olympia	17-19/05	Zhejiang Shaoxing Jiaxing
25-29/03	Torch Relay in Greece		
30/03	Greece Hand-over Ceremony	20-21/05	Shanghai
31/03	Beijing	22-24/05	Jiangsu Suzhou Nantong Taizhou Yangzhou Nanjing
1/04-3/05	Heading to Almaty Almaty Istanbul St. Petersburg London Paris San Francisco Buenos Aires Dar es Salaam Muscat Islamabad Mumbai Bangkok Kuala Lumpur Jakarta Canberra Nagano Seoul Pyongyang Ho Chi Minh City Taipei Hong Kong Macao	26-28/05	Anhui Hefei Huainan Wuhu Jixi Huangshan
		29-31/05	Hubei Wuhan Yichang Jingzhou
		1-3/06	Hunan Yueyang Changsha Shaoshan
		4-6/06	Guangxi Guilin Nanning Baise
		7-9/06	Yunnan Kunming Lijiang Xamgyi'nyilha
		10-12/06	Guizhou Guiyang Kaili Zunyi
4-6/05	Hainan Sanya Wuzhishan Wanning Haikou	13-14/06	Chongqing
		15-18/06	Sichuan Guang'an Mianyang Guanghan Leshan Zigong Yibin Chengdu
7-10/05	Guangdong Guangzhou Shenzhen Huizhou Shantou		
11-13/05	Fujian Fuzhou Quanzhou Xiamen Longyan	19-21/06	Tibet Shannan Diqu Lhasa
14-16/05	Jiangxi Ruijin Jinggangshan Nanchang	22-24/06	Qinghai Golmud Qinghai Hu Xining
17-19/05	Zhejiang Wenzhou Ningbo Hangzhou	25-27/06	Xinjiang Urumqi Kashi Shihezi Changji

Date	Arrival	Date	Arrival
28-30/06	Gansu Dunhuang Jiayuguan Jiuquan Tianshui Lanzhou	17-19/07	Jilin Jilin Yanji
		20-22/07	Liaoning Shenyang Benxi Liaoyang Anshan Dalian
2-4/07	Ningxia Zhongwei Wuzhong Yinchuan	23-26/07	Shandong Yantai Weihai Qingdao Rizhao Linyi Qufu Taian Jinan
5-7/07	Shaanxi Yan'an Yangling Xianyang Xi'an		
8-10/07	Shanxi Yuncheng Pingyao Taiyuan Datong	28-31/07	Henan Shangqiu Kaifeng Zhengzhou Luoyang Anyang
11-13/07	Inner Mongolia Hohhot Ordos Baotou Chifeng		
14-16/07	Heilongjiang Qiqihar Daqing Harbin	1-3/08	Hebei Shijiazhuang Qinhuangdao Tangshan
17-19/07	Jilin Songyuan Changchun	4-5/08	Tianjin
		6-8/08	Beijing



On April 27, 2007 a stamp 'Torch Relay Logo of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad' with a face value of 1.20 yuan was issued. The stamp is specially designed for personalized use, and is printed with a blank tab.

A separate printing of the stamp with a commemorative tab 'Light the Passion. Share the Dream' was issued for use on the first day of issue {illustrated above}.

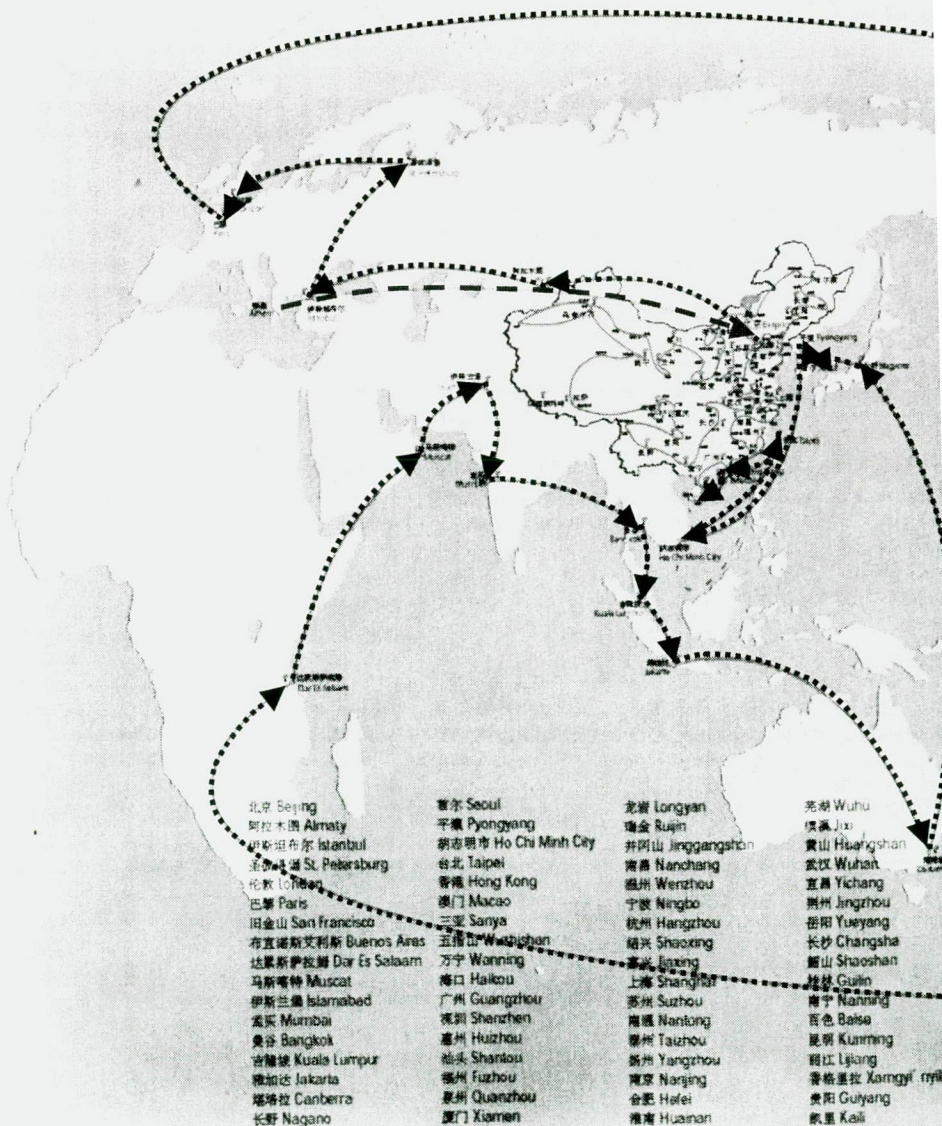
China National Philatelic Corporation produced two covers, one as a 'first day' of the stamp with tab, the second to commemorate the unveiling of the Torch and Torch Relay Logo using the handstamp illustrated lower left.



The Torch Relay Logo design was inspired by the 'Lucky Cloud' pattern and the legend of the rising of the phoenix. The Logo represents two runners holding the Olympic Flame aloft.

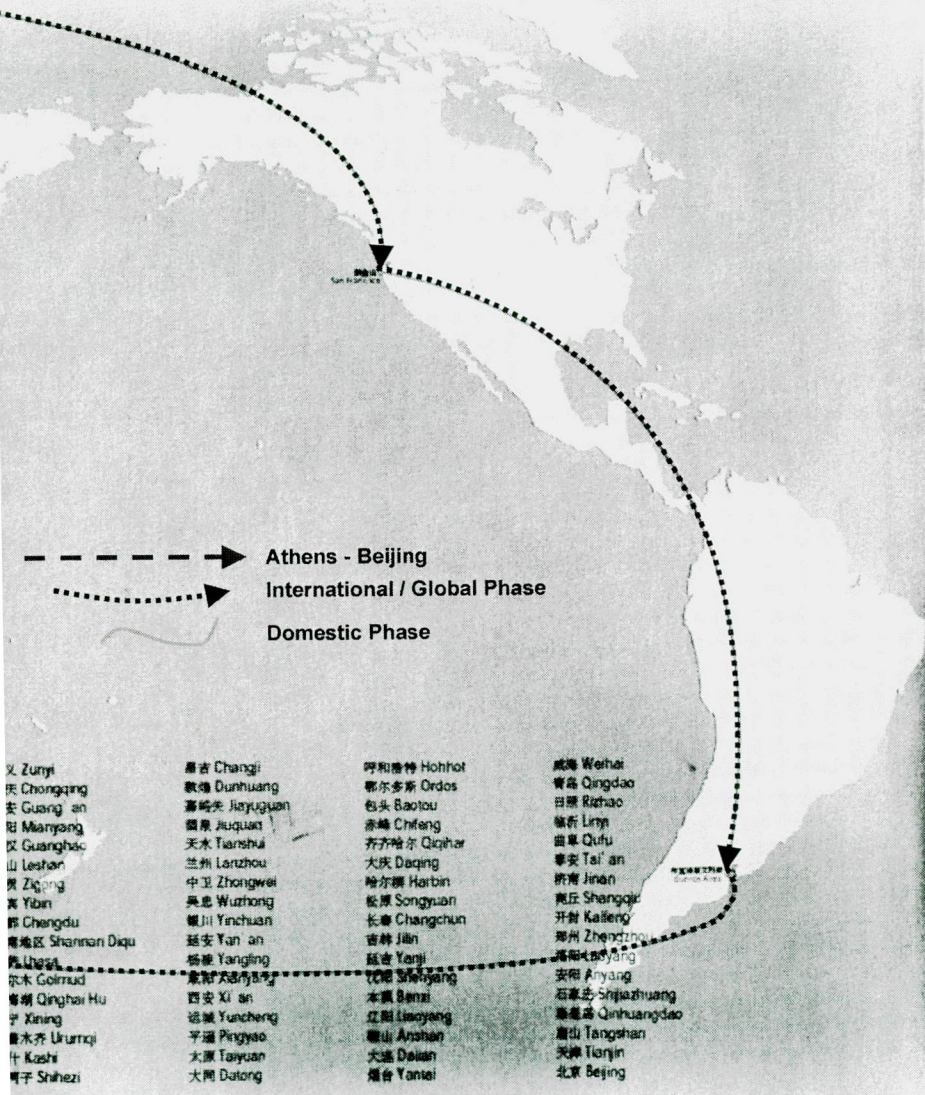


北京2008年第29届奥运会 The Planned Route Map for the



火炬接力传递计划路线图

Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay



BEIJING 2008 - A CATALOGUE OF POSTAL STATIONERY

The issue of postal and philatelic material by the Chinese Postal Authorities is very difficult to record, often the first indication that an item exists is the result of an example being discovered by a collector, either as a physical copy or as a result of a copy being advertised for sale.

Amongst the range of postal material, postal stationery is particularly difficult to record because of the added complications of regional issues, and the use of generic designs onto which sponsored / advertising pictures / designs can be printed by the State Printers for bulk orders.

The following pages catalogue items known to exist - all images are taken from actual copies.

It has not been possible to place the issues in a definite chronological order, but dates of use or the subject have been used to place them in an indicative order, with the exception of the items that use the Beijing 2008 'knot' logo as a postal indicia - these have been grouped together.

Reports of unlisted issues, or further information about those illustrated would be very welcome to assist in extending this catalogue.

Stationery with Beijing 'knot' logo postal indicia



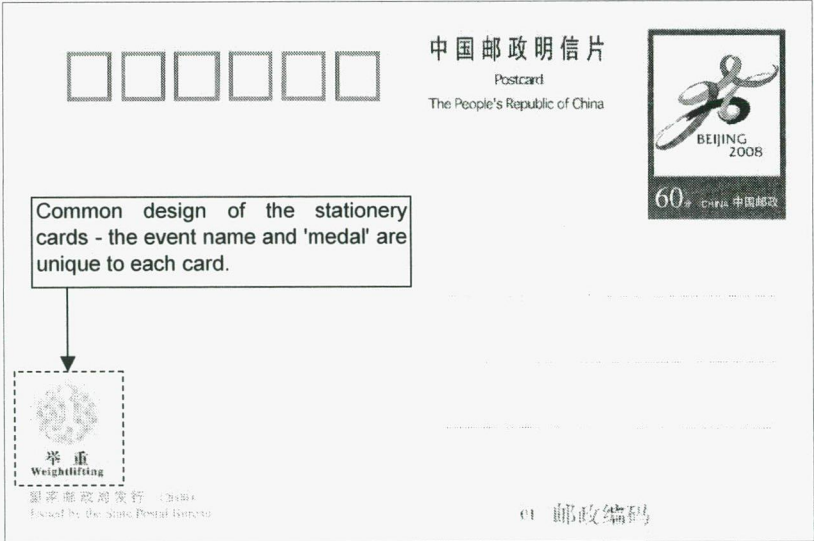
60 Plain postal stationery card with Beijing 2008 'knot' logo design for postal indicia.
Back is plain for message.

Chinese Medal Winners at the 27th Olympic Games, Sydney 2000.

Series of 28 postal stationery cards issued in a folder.



Front cover of the folder.





Sydney Opera House vignette, with silhouette as listed below:

- Gymnastics
- Shooting
- Judo
- Badminton (mixed doubles)
- Weightlifting
- Weightlifting
- Weightlifting
- Shooting



Designs and subjects
Sydney Harbour Bridge vignette,
with silhouette as listed below:

- Aquatics
- Gymnastics
- Gymnastics
- Aquatics women's diving
- Athletics walking
- Table tennis
- Table tennis
- Table tennis



Homebush Olympic Stadium
vignette, with silhouette as listed
below:

- Judo
- Badminton (women's doubles)
- Badminton (singles)
- Badminton (singles)
- Weightlifting
- Shooting
- Table tennis
- Weightlifting

Great Wall of China vignette,
with silhouette as listed below:

- Aquatics men's diving
- Aquatics women's diving
- Aquatics diving
- Taekwondo

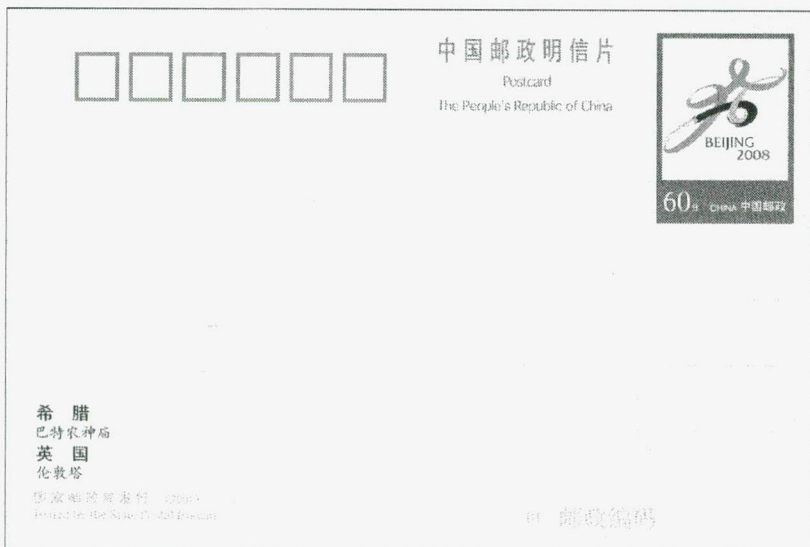


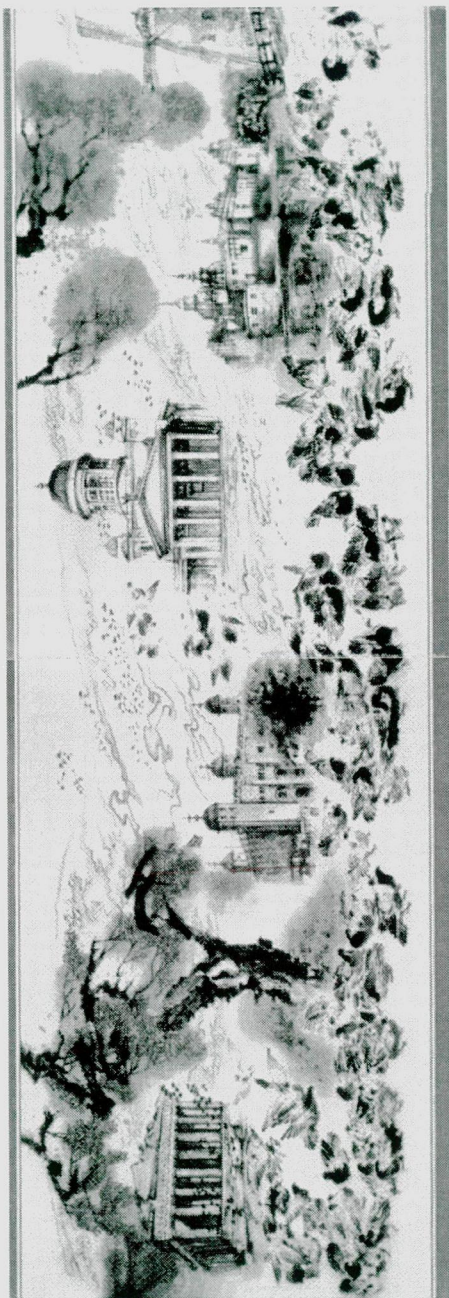
Olympic History (host cities)

Folder of 8 postal stationery cards, with a composite design (cards are joined by short edge, and folded 'concertina style' within the folder).



Front cover of the folder.





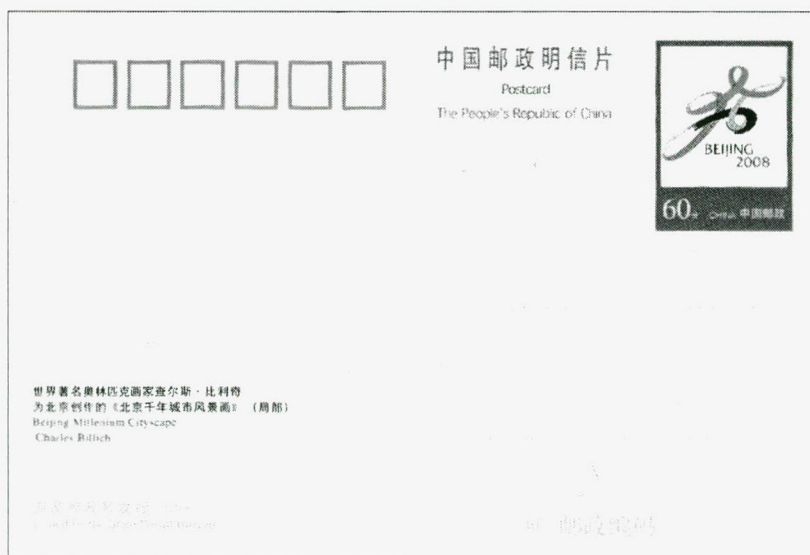
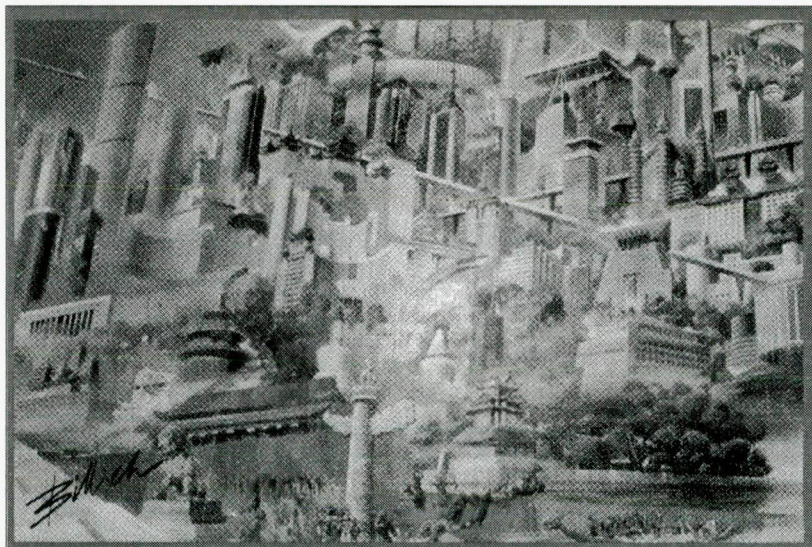
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Cards 1 - 4

Beijing Millenium Cityscape, Charles Billich

60 postal stationery card with Beijing 2008 'knot' logo design for postal indicia.
Design features a signed painting by Charles Billich depicting elements of Beijing architecture as part of a futuristic cityscape view.

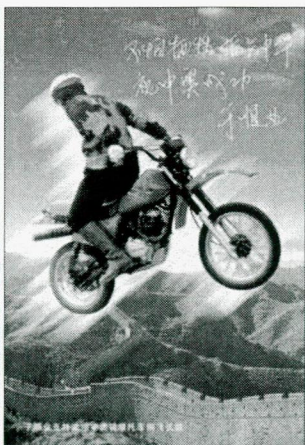
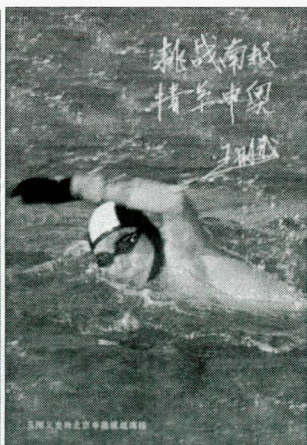
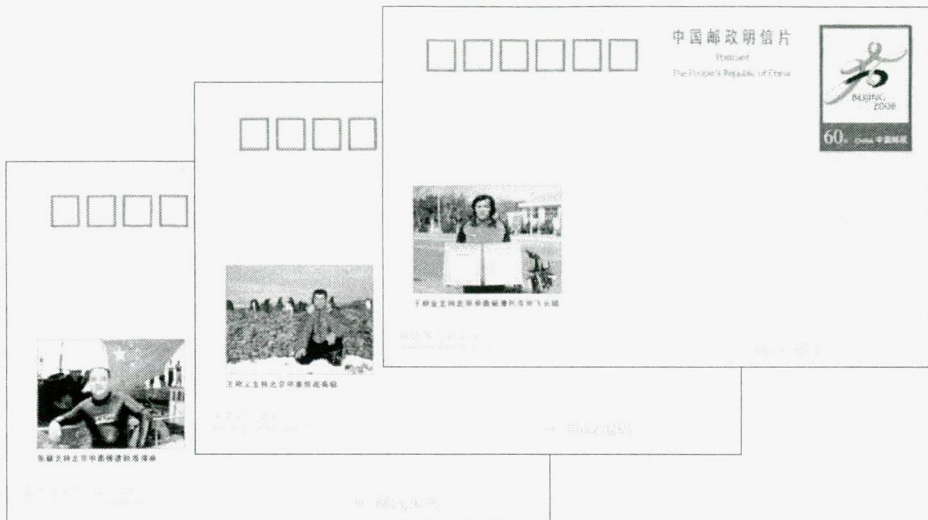


Extreme Sports Set of three 60 postal stationery cards, issued se-tenant in a folder.

The cards commemorate the achievements of three Chinese exponents of extreme sports (illustrated from left to right below) :

- Endurance swimming;
- Swimming in the Arctic;
- Stunt motorcycling on the Great Wall.

The backs of the cards are also illustrated. Showing the athletes.





The 3 Tenors postal stationery cards

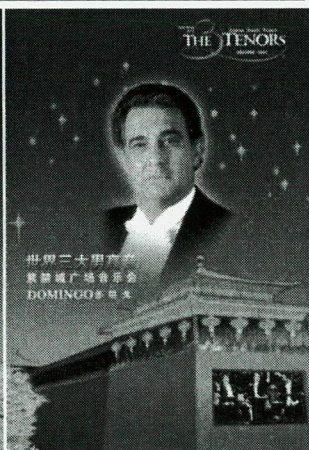
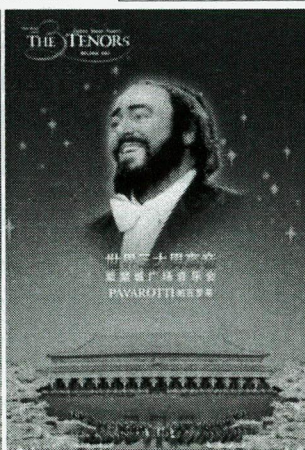
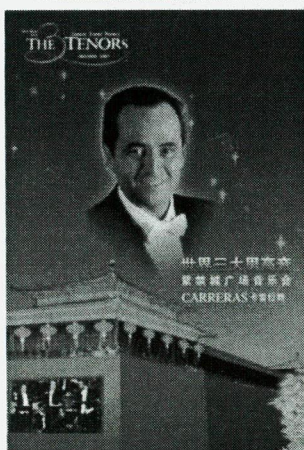
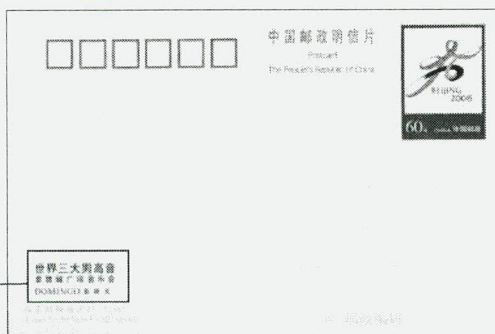
Triptych of 60 postal stationery cards for the Three Tenors concert in Beijing, 2001.

Issued as se-tenant cards in a folder:

{Above} Front of folder;

{Below} Fronts of the three cards.

世界三大男高音
紫禁城广场音乐会
DOMINGO 多明戈



Gold Medallists of the 2001 World Table Tennis Championships



A folder of 8 postal stationery cards with the Beijing 2008 logo postal indicia.

Above: Cover of the folder showing trophies.

Left: Ladies team with trophies.

Below: Mens team with trophy.

Other designs:

- Trophies;
- Mixed Pair with trophy;
- Ladies Champion with trophy;
- Mens Champion with trophy;
- Ladies Pairs Champions with trophy;
- Mens Pairs Champions with trophy.



A Glorious Century - Chinese Table Tennis World Champions

Booklet of 20 postal stationery cards, within a folder.



Front cover of the booklet folder.



Front of Deng Yaping card, blue tab with reduced illustration / biography.



Back of Deng Yaping card, brown tab with reduced illustration / biography in English.



Front of Lu Guozheng card, yellow tab with reduced illustration / biography.

The back of all tabs have a brown background.

A Glorious Century - Chinese Table Tennis World Champions			
Value	Indicia	Tab	Name / Olympic titles
60	'Knot' logo	Blue	Deng Yaping, 1992 & 1996 Women's singles and doubles champion.
60	'Knot' logo	Green	Liu Guoliang, 1996 Men's singles and doubles champion.
60	'Knot' logo	Red	Kong Linghui, 1996 Men's doubles champion, 2000 Men's singles champion.
60	'Knot' logo	Orange	Wang Nan, 2000 Women's single and doubles champion.
60	'Knot' logo	Yellow	Qiao Hong, 1992 & 1996 Women's doubles champion.
60	'Knot' logo	Blue	Wang Tao, 1992 Men's doubles champion.
60	'Knot' logo	Green	Li Ju, 2000 Women's doubles champion.
60	'Knot' logo	Red	Ma Wenge.
60	'Knot' logo	Orange	Yang Ying.
60	'Knot' logo	Yellow	Wang Liqin, 2000 Men's doubles champion.
60	'Knot' logo	Blue	Ma Lin.
60	'Knot' logo	Green	Ding Song.
60	'Knot' logo	Red	Yan Sen, 2000 Men's doubles champion.
60	'Knot' logo	Orange	Qin Zhijian.
60	'Knot' logo	Yellow	Zhang Yining.
60	'Knot' logo	Blue	Sun Jin.
60	'Knot' logo	Green	Wu Na.
60	'Knot' logo	Red	Zhang Yingying.
60	'Knot' logo	Orange	Wang Hui.
60	'Knot' logo	Yellow	Liu Guozheng.



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AUTOCAR



60 postal
stationery cards
with Beijing
2008 'knot' logo
design for
postal indicia.

Advertising
cards.

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NA FU Batteries

邮政编码




60 postal stationery card with Beijing 2008 'knot' logo design for postal indicia. Advertising card for snack food manufacturer.



60 postal stationery card with Beijing 2008 'knot' logo design for postal indicia. 'V' for victory design with fingers in Olympic colours, in anticipation of successful selection as 2008 host city.


Stationery with non-Olympic postal indicia.



60 postal stationery card with 'flower' indicia.

中国邮政明信片
Postcard
The people's Republic of China

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中国申奥情况

北京申奥是中国走向世界国际舞台的里程碑。2001年7月13日，在莫斯科举行的国际奥委会第112次全会上，国际奥委会主席萨马兰奇宣布北京成为2008年第29届奥运会主办城市。北京将拥有5000个体育场馆，其中包括35个设施完备的大型公共体育场馆，一触即发的体育文化中心将在规划建设中。



Soccer design with Beijing 'knot logo' promoting the candidature of Beijing.



40 postal stationery card with 'flower' indicia.


中国邮政明信片
Postcard
The people's Republic of China

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“为北京申奥加油”集邮、体育展览暨《端午节》邮票首发式

2001.6.25-6.27



- 持本明信片者可购买《滕世尊》、《武当山》、《数子兰》邮册等礼品（赠券一种，且不选择）
- 供应时间为2001年6月25至6月27日，逾期不供；地点在春熙路。

“为北京申奥加油”集邮、体育展览暨《端午节》邮票首发式组委会

Design for an event 25.06 - 27.06.2001, with Beijing 'knot logo' promoting the candidature of Beijing.

60 stationery card,
'stylised snake'
indicia.



Olympic Rings over
the Great Wall of
China.

Undenominated
stationery card.



益阳是奥运冠军的家乡
我们为北京申办奥运鼓劲
我们为承办省九运会加油

中国邮政明信片
Postcard
The People's Republic of China

北京市奥申委

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Stadium,
tennis,
Beijing logo.



中国邮政
贺年(有奖)明信片
Post of China



自行册

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中国邮政特准在公告日的人民日
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60 Postal stationery cards
with 'horse' indicia.

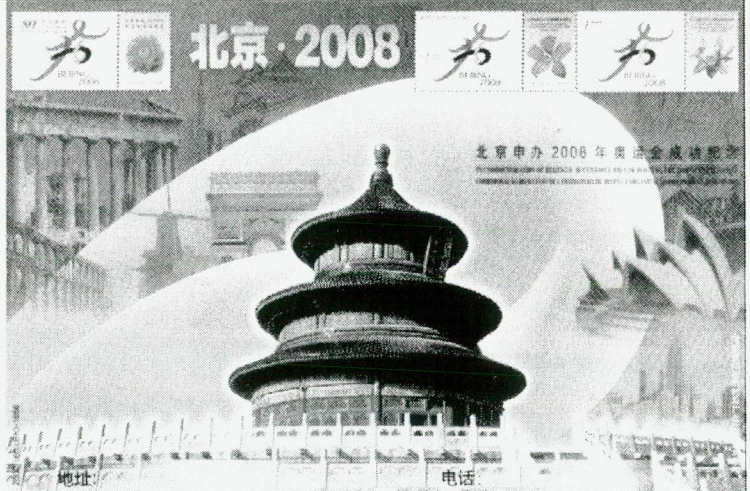


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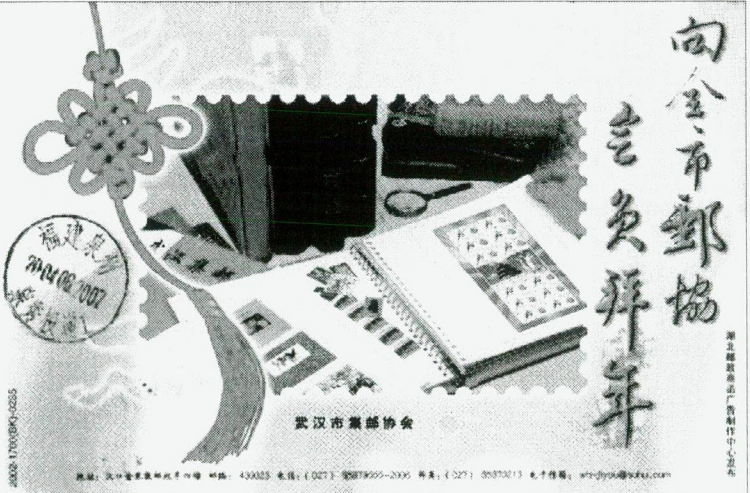


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2002 postal stationery cards incorporating the 2001 Olympic stamp issue in designs.

80 Postal stationery envelope

Monkey King postal indicia.

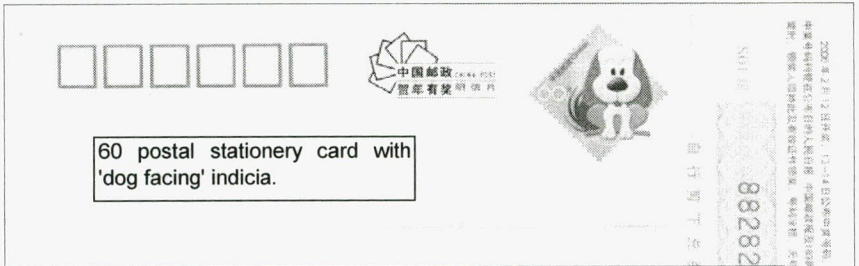
The reverse of the cover has the following text:

'The lofty Yuntai mountains and limitless Huanghai Sea brought up a romantic and mythical modern seaside city - Lianyungang, in Jiangsu, China, where "the Oriental Bridgehead" of the New Eurasia Landbridge is located. Holy Flower-&-fruit Mountain with colored flowers blooming all the seasons and celestial fruits bearing all the year gestated the world famous novel "Journey to the West", from which Monkey King-Mr. Sun Wukong, intelligent and brave was known by the world. The enterprising faster, higher, stronger spirit which Monkey King pursues belongs not only to China, but also to the whole world. Lianyungang Municipal Government has already officially recommended Monkey King to Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad as mascot. And 4.6 million people in Lianyungang all sincerely and consistently hope that Monkey King can be head for new worldOlympic Games in Beijing.'



Without reading the reverse text on this commemorative postal stationery envelope, the fact that it has any relevance to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games would be missed.

Is this the first time that a proposed but unadopted mascot has received philatelic / postal recognition?



60 postal stationery card with 'dog facing' indicia.



2006 postal stationery card - Olympic Stadium by Hong Kong Image.



2006 postal stationery card - China Agricultural University Gymnasium



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日期

60 stationery card,
'stylised pig' indicia.

2006年中国邮政贺年有奖明信片 60枚 (每枚面值0.80元) 2006年1月1日起在全国各地邮局发售

中国移动通信集团 中国移动通信集团

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China
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80 Letter card,
'smiling dog'
indicia.
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Design
includes
Olympic Logo
VISA cards.

80 Letter card,
'smiling pig'
indicia.



Postal stationery letter card from the Bank of China featuring the Beijing Mascots.

Postal Stationery envelopes: QINGDAO SAILING CITY

Series of twelve postal stationery envelopes issued to promote Qingdao, sailing venue for the XXIX Olympic Games (See page 40).

To be continued as material appears

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