



FIRST REGULAR ISSUE

ENGRAVED ON NATIVE LAID PAPER

Imperfector



Dragon



Dragon

1871



Dragon



Dragon

REGULAR ISSUE OF 1872

Perforated 9 to 12 and Compounded



Dragon



Dragon



Dragon



Dragon

REGULAR ISSUE OF 1872-73

ENGRAVED ON NATIVE LAID OR WOVE PAPER

Perforated 9 to 12 and Compounded



Cost 6 Kiri Tree Branches



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Chrysanthemum Cross



Dragon & Chrysanthemum Cross



Imperial Chrysanthemum Cross



Imperial Cross & Kim Branches

REGULAR ISSUE OF 1875

Perforated 9 to 12 and Compounded



Chrysanthemum Cross



Dragon



Wild Geese



Wagtail



Imperial Cross



Kim Branches



Goats

Without Syllabic Characters

Imperial Cross
& Kim Branches



Imperial Cross



Imperial Cross
& Kim Branches





Without Syllabic Characters

Kiri Tree Branches with Kikkō

1876



Imperial Crest & Kiri Tree Branch

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1876-77

Typographed Perfected 8 to 14 and Compendium



Glycine/Genome Crest



Glycine/Genome Crest

Imperial Crest, Star & Kiri Branches

Imperial Crest, Star & Kiri Branches



Imperial Crest, Star & Kiri Br

Sea, Kikkō & Kiri Branches

Sea, Kikkō & Kiri Branches





REGULAR ISSUES OF 1879



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Sea, Kitanose & Kiri Branches

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1883



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Imperial Crest, Star & Kiri Branches

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1888-92



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest



Imperial Crest, Star & Kiri Branches



Sea, Kitanose & Kiri Branches



Imperial Crest & Kiri Branches



Kitanose





WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

1894



Emperor and Imperial Court

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



Emperor and Imperial Court

WAR WITH CHINA

1894



General Yoshikida Kibatamabata



Field Marshal Arisagawa



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

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1899-1907

TYPOGRAPHED

Perforated 11 1/2 to 14 and Compounded



Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest





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Circumnavigation Crest



Circumnavigation Crest

WEDDING

1900



Rice Lake & Marriage Certificate Issues

This stamp commemorates the wedding of the Crown Prince Yoshihito and Princess Sado-ko.

POSTAL SERVICE

1905



Symbol 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 Ingo

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1906

ENGRAVED



Empress Ingo





REGULAR ISSUES OF 1913

Typographed



Unwatermarked

Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest

Chrysanthemum Crest



Chrysanthemum Crest

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1914-30

Grain 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

Emperor's Sign

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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 *Meiji-shiwa*.



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Ceremonial Cap

EMPEROR YOSHIHITO ENTHRONEMENT

1915



Imperial Throne

EMPEROR HIROHITO NOMINATION

1916



Mandarin Duck



Mandarin Duck



Ceremonial Cap

Hirohito was born on April 29, 1901 to Emperor Yoshihito and Empress Sukiko, 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



Dove and Olive Branch



Dove and Olive Branch

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





EUROPEAN VISIT

1922



No. 143



No. 144



No. 145



No. 146

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



No. 147



No. 148

Watermarked Wavy Lines



No. 149



No. 150



No. 151



No. 152



No. 153

VISIT TO FORMOSA

1923

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



No. 154





REGULAR ISSUES OF 1923



Cherry Blossom



Cherry Blossom



Cherry Blossom



Cherry Blossom



Cherry Blossom



Cherry Blossom



Cherry Blossom



Sea & Dragonflies



Sea & Dragonflies



Empress Inge

EMPRESS

1904

A legendary empress of Japan, she took over the government in 220 upon the death of her husband, Chun, the 19th emperor. She ruled until 210.



Empress Inge

SILVER WEDDING

1925



Hiroko



Choko



Choko



Hiroko

Sakiko, the daughter of Prince Kuni, married Prince Hirohito in 1925. They had four sons, including Hiroko, who succeeded to the throne December 25, 1928. These stamps mark the 25th wedding anniversary.





REGULAR ISSUES OF 1926-37



Mount Fuji



Yasui Gate, Nikko



Nagaya Castle



Nagaya Castle

UNIVERSAL
POSTAL
UNION

1927



Baron Hirota Naoyama



Baron Hirota Naoyama



Map of World



Map of World

The 10th anniversary of membership in the Universal Postal Union is commemorated by this special set released in 1927.

HIROHITO ENTHRONEMENT

1928



Kyoto Enthronement Hall



Flower



Flower



Kyoto Enthronement Hall

Hirohito was born on April 29, 1901. He served as prince regent for his ill father for five years before ascending the throne. His reign was named the period of Peace and Light.





Great Shrine of Ise

ISE SHRINES

1927

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



Great Shrine of Ise

AIR MAIL SERIES

1927



View over Lake



View over Lake



View over Lake



View over Lake



View over Lake

MELJI SHRINE

1930



Meiji Shrine in Tokyo



Meiji Shrine in Tokyo

SECOND CENSUS

1930



Map of Japanese Empire



Map of Japanese Empire

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

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





reprint

SOUVENIR EXHIBITION SHEET

1934



Souvenir sheet issued to mark a philatelic exhibition held in Tokyo, April 20 to 25, 1934 on the 63rd anniversary of the modernization of the Japanese postal system. The sheets were sold at the exhibition post-office only.



JAPAN

POSTAL ISSUES

FUJI-HAKONE NATIONAL PARK

1934



Mt. Fuji



Mt. Fuji from Lake Ashino-ko



Mt. Fuji from Lake Kawaguchi



Mt. Fuji from Mishima

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 Steam Station



Door of Peace



Headquarters of Kwangtung Government

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

NEW YEAR

1936



"Wadded Books," 10

This stamp was the second of an identical issue to give greetings on New Year's cards.



Yamato Gate, Niho



Nagoya Castle



Chiyomastoman Crest



Chiyomastoman Crest



Empress Jingu



Empress Jingu

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



Rice Harvest



Gen. Marada Nagi



Frozen Plant



Admiral Togo



Mt. Haku



Lighthouse



Diamond Mine, Kama



Mail Ship in Tokyo



Forest Gate, Nikko



Flower & Map of Japan



Kangas Union, Nara



Mt. Fuji & Cherry Blossoms



Horyu Temple, Nara



Niyama Tani, Soudachiro Shrine



Golden Pavilion, Kyoto



Great Buddha, Kamakura



Kamatari Pagoda



Plum Blossoms





DAISEN AND INLAND SEA
NATIONAL PARKS

1959



Mount Daisen



Yachima Plain



Abeno Kasuga Temple



Tama Bay, Inland Sea

ASO NATIONAL PARK

1959



View from Kajo Village



Mount Naha



Crater of Mount Naha



Volcanic Crater of Mt. Aso





DAISEN AND INLAND SEA NATIONAL PARKS

1939

大日本帝國郵票切手

大 山 國 立 公 園
 瀨 戶 內 海 國 立 公 園



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PARC NATIONAL DE DAISEN
 PARC NATIONAL DE SETONAIKAI

2590 (1939)





KIRISHIMA NATIONAL PARK

1963



Mount Karahori



Mount Takachiho



Gateway to Kirishima Shrine



Lake of the Six Kannon

DAITON AND NIITAKA-ARISAN NATIONAL PARKS

1961



Mount Daiton



Central Peak of Mt. Niitaka



Buddhist Temple on Mt. Kannon



View from Mt. Niitaka





REGULAR ISSUES OF 1945-47

Imperfector



Gen. Amadeo Negri



Sea & Cherry Blossom



Sunset at Sea & Flower



Cherry Country Tomorrow



Blue



Mt. Fuji & Cherry Blossom



Mount Fuji



Yoni of Atsuhira



Coal Miner



Yashima Shrine



Kamayan Falcate



Plum Blossom

REGULAR ISSUES OF 1948-47

Imperfector



Baron Mutsaers



Horyu Temple Pagoda



"Rain at Foot of Mt. Fuji"



"Yoni Gumi"



Kinokuni Bridge Incident



Kiyomizu Temple



GAMB-B





"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



Nishiki Oshichi



Fushimi Utsunobaki

Perforated 13



Nishiki Oshichi



Fushimi Utsunobaki

Lithographed



Horyu no Toji

Typographed—Overwatermarked



Horyu no Toji





STAMP HOBBY WEEK

1947



JAPAN'S FIRST RAILROAD

1947



Issued to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of railway service in Japan. The design features an early locomotive named, "Bankai." Released in souvenir sheet form only.





COMMUNICATIONS EXHIBITION

1948



Issued to commemorate the Communications Exhibition which was held in Tokyo, April 27 to May 5, 1948. The border and inscriptions on this sheet are in green.

FUKUSHIMA PHILATELIC SHOW

1948



With border of crosses and crossed lines, this souvenir sheet was released at the Fukushima Stamp Exhibition in 1948.





HORSE RACE LAWS



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



National



National

ALCOHOL



Distilling Tower
Japan ranks high with their nation of the world producing alcohol. This stamp publishes the Japanese Government's alcohol message.



"Beauty Looking Back"

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

1948

The 1948 National Athletic Meet took place in 1948. The swimming matches were held at Hamamatsu City, September 18 and the main meet took place at Fukuoka, October 25th.



Swimmer



Runner



High Jumper



Baseball Players



Triple Runner

NEW YEARS



Child Playing Game





4TH NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

1949



Swimmer



Javelin Thrower



Yacht Racing



Relay Race



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 20th.

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

1949



Map & Envelope



Symbol of U. P. U.



Symbol of U. P. U.



Map & Envelope

POSTAL WEEK

1949



"Music and Games"

Issued to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union.





1951



CHUBU SANGAKU NATIONAL PARK

1952



Mount Yatsugatake



Mt. Hironosaka



Nishinaka Range



Kurobe Falls

TOKYO UNIVERSITY

1952



Yasuda Hall, Tokyo University

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

1952



Atsuko Oshida



Washio



Yamae Gata, Niida





View of "Kintai Bridge"

SCENIC SERIES

1953



Kintai Kintai Bridge



Petropia Beach

ISE-SHIMA
NATIONAL PARK

1953



Nanburi Coast



7514





WRESTLING

1954



Wrestling

Tokyo was the setting for the 1954 World Free Style Wrestling Championship Matches.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

1954



Table Tennis Player



Archer

For the 9th annual National Athletic Meet held at Hokkaido District, stamp designs showing an Archer and a Table Tennis Player were used.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1954



Marine Telegraph Instrument



I. T. U. Anniversary

In 1954, Japan celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of her membership in the International Telecommunication Union (1929).

NEW YEAR

1954



Daruma Doll

A Daruma Doll is shown on the stamp for New Year's 1953.



JAPAN

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1955



Bridge and Torii

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

1955



Paper Carp as Flown on Boys' Day

1955



Mandarin Ducks

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

ATHLETIC MEETING

1955



Girl Athlete

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



Runner

NEW YEAR

1955



Kishochi Doll

The famous Kishochi Doll is featured on the New Year's stamp for 1955.

TABLE TENNIS

1954



Table Tennis Player

This stamp was issued to publicize the International Table Tennis Championship, Tokyo, April 2nd through 11th, 1954.



"A Girl Blowing a Glass Toy"

STAMP WEEK

1955

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

JUDO

1954



Judo

Featuring a Judo match, this stamp commemorates the first World Judo Championships Meet held in Tokyo, May 3, 1954.

JAPAN

POSTAL ISSUES

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

1956



Boy and Girl with Paper Airplane

Issued to commemorate the establishment of World Children's Day, May 3, 1956.

SAKUMA DAM

1956



Sakuma Dam

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

FOUNDING OF TOKYO

1956



Palace Area & Modern Tokyo

The year 1956 marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of Tokyo for which this stamp was issued.



Beard Jump

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETING

1956

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



Basketball

MOUNT MANASLU

1956



Mount Manaslu

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

STAMP WEEK

1956



Actor Ichikawa Utao

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

ELECTRIFICATION

1956



Electric Locomotive and Hinokage Pier

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

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STAMP WEEK

1957

IRON INDUSTRY

1957



Asano & Modern Blast Furnace

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



"Girl Bouncing Ball"

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

OGOCHI DAM

1957



Lake Otagawa & Ogochi Dam

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

TUNNEL

1958



Honshu-Kyushu Way Tunnel

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

NEW YEAR

1958



Toy Dog

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

OPENING OF PORTS

1958



Statue and Harbor

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

ASIAN GAMES

1958



National Stadium



Tennis and Emblem



Runner



Woman Diver

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



1958 STAMP WEEK

CONGRESS

1958



Handwriting

Released for the 1958 International Congress of Doctors of the Dent and the seventh International Congress of Bronchology.



"Woman with Umbrella"

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

LETTER WEEK

1958



"Kyoan," Post by Hirakage

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

EMIGRATION

1958



Ship, Flag and Brazilian Flag

This stamp commemorates fifty years of Japanese emigration to Brazil.

SADO-YAHIKO NATIONAL PARK

1958



Isle Island & Local Dance



At Yabiko & Echigo Plain

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETING

1958



Weight Lifter



Girl Badminton Player

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

UNIVERSITY

1958



Keio University & Yabiko Prefecture

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





JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES

WEDDING OF CROWN PRINCE AKIHITO

1959



Ceremonial Fan



Prince Akihito & Princess Michiko



Ceremonial Fan



Prince Akihito & Princess Michiko

This set was issued to mark the wedding of H. I. H. Crown Prince Akihito and His Majesty's only daughter, Princess Michiko, on April 10, 1959, the wedding day.





JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES

FLOWERS

1961



Narcissus



Plum Blossom



Camellia Japanese



Cherry Blossom



Peony



Iris



Lily



Morning glory



Bellflower



Geranium



Chrysanthemum



Camellia Taiwan

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.





紀念六十年郵會
1871-1961

明治七年發行郵便切手e線用



郵政省

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1964 OLYMPIC GAMES

1968 1968



Fencing



Fencing



Basketball



Water Polo



Girl Gymnast



Judo

JAMBOREE

1968



Map of Southeast Asia

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

BRIDGE

1968



Suspension Bridge

Spanning the entrance to Nikko Park in North Kanto and linking the cities of Maikocho and Tsubo, the Nikko Suspension Bridge is the longest of its type in the Orient.

FESTIVAL

1968



Yamabato

Yamabato or Deer Festival is celebrated on the evening of July 7th with bonfire trees on which are hung poems and other paper things in signs of children's prayers for high-grade partnership and other aims.

