



## JAPANESE EMPIRE ANNIVERSARY

1940



*Sacred Golden Kite*



*Mount Takachiho*



*Kashiyara Shrine*



*Treat and Sake Jar*

This set of four stamps was released to mark the 2,500 anniversary of the birth of the Japanese Empire.

## DAISETSUZAN NATIONAL PARK

1940



*Mt. Asahi*



*Mt. Hokuchō*



*Suwayo Gorge*



*Mountain Range*



*Education Minister with Receipt*

## EDUCATION

1940

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



*Loyalty Character*



# JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES

## KIRISHIMA NATIONAL PARK

1940



*Mount Karakami*



*Mount Takachiho*



*Gateway to Kirishima Shrine*



*Lake of the Six Kannon*

## DAITON AND NIITAKA-ARISAN NATIONAL PARKS

1941



*Mount Daiton*



*Central Peak of Mt. Niitaka*



*Buddhist Temple on Mt. Kannon*



*View from Mt. Niitaka*



4500



## TSUGITAKA-TAROKO NATIONAL PARK

1941



*Suzumi Precipice*



*Mt. Tsugitaka*



*Upper River Takikiri District*



*Taroko Gorge*

## FOUNDING OF MANCHUKUO

1942



*Kinkaku Shrine*



*Boys of Japan & Manchukuo*



*Orchid Crest*



*Kinkaku Shrine*

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

## FALL OF SINGAPORE

1942



*Gen. Marzuki Nogi*



*Admiral Togo*

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

## GREATER EAST ASIA WAR

1942



*Tank Attack on Batavia*



*Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor*

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



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# JAPAN

## POSTAL ISSUES

### REGULAR ISSUES OF 1942-45

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



War Factory Girl



Gen. Maresuke Nogi



Building of Wooden Ship



Gen. Maresuke Nogi



Hyogo Monument



Admiral Togo



War Worker & Plane



Admiral Togo



Palm & Map



Enemy Country Surrender



Aviator Saluting



Torii of Yasukuni Shrine



Mt. Fuji & Cherry Blossoms



Torii of Yasukuni Shrine



Torii of Miyajima



Garambi Lighthouse, Formosa



Garambi Lighthouse, Formosa

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# JAPAN

## POSTAL ISSUES

### FIRST RAILROAD

1942



*Locomotive*

Issued to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the completion of the first railroad in Japan.

### YASUKUNI SHRINE

1944



*Yasukuni Shrine, Tokyo*

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



*Shrine & Map*

### SHRINE

1944

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



*Shrine & Map*

### PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

1947

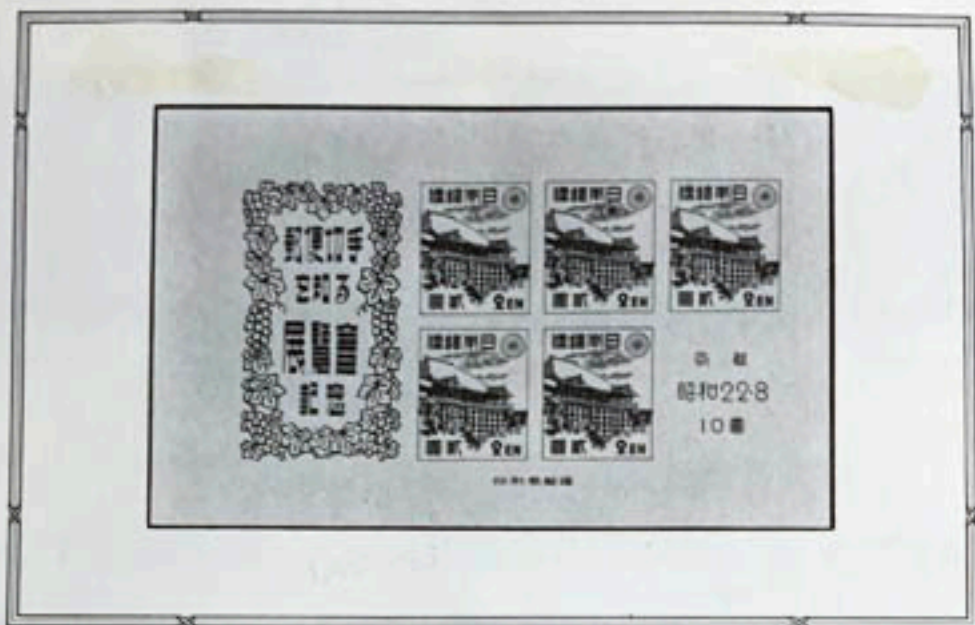


*Coal Miners*





"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

Perforated 13



*Nob Maki*



*Plum Blossoms*



*Nob Maki*



*Plum Blossoms*

Lithographed

Typographed—Unwatermarked



*Horyu Temple*



*Horyu Temple*





## GOVERNMENT POSTAL SERVICE

1946



*Medieval Postman's Bell*



*Baron Hisoka Maejima*



*Design of First Stamp*



*Communications Symbols*

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

## COMMUNITY CHEST

1947



*Community Chest Emblem*

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

## CONSTITUTIONAL INAUGURATION

1947



*Mother & Child*



*Bouquet of Flowers*

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

## REGULAR ISSUES OF 1947-48

Redrawn



*Horyu Temple Pagoda*



*Horyu Temple Pagoda*



*Kiyomizu Temple*



*"First Geese"*



# JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES

## CONSTITUTIONAL INAUGURATION

1947

### 日本國憲法施行記念

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



*The Constitution of Japan instructs:*

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

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

*(Constitution Popularization Society)*

日本國憲法施行記念  
 日本國憲法は、國民の最高法規として定められたものであり、その精神は國民の平和と幸福を追求するものである。この憲法は、國民の権利と義務を定め、國家の組織と機能を規定し、國民の生活を保障するものである。この憲法は、國民の平和と幸福を追求し、國民の生活を保障するものである。この憲法は、國民の平和と幸福を追求し、國民の生活を保障するものである。

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# JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES

## REOPENING OF PRIVATE TRADE

1947



*Exportable Products*

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



*Exportable Products*

1947

Imperforate

Perforated 13

Perforated 13

Perforated 13 x 13 1/2

Perforated 13



*Plum Blossoms*



*Numerals*



*Numerals*



*Baron Hiroka Marjima*



*Whaling*

## JUDICIAL DAY

1947



*A National Art Treasure*

1947



*Plant*

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

## NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETING

1947



*Handing*



*Discus Throwing*



*Diving*



*Volleyball*

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

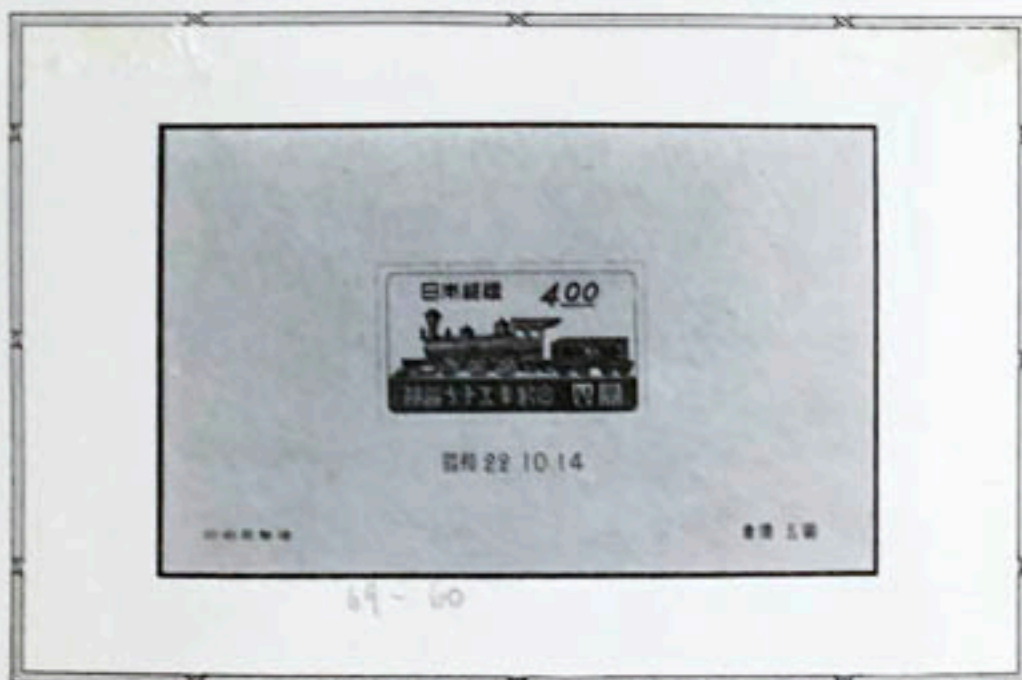




STAMP HOBBY WEEK  
1947



JAPAN'S FIRST RAILROAD  
1947



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

### FORESTATION

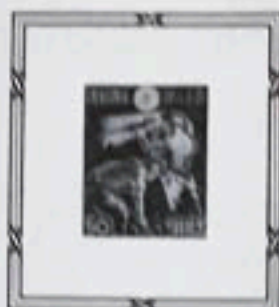
1948



*Stylized Tree*

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

1948



*Miner*

1948



*A National Art Treasure*

### EDUCATION

1948



*Students*

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

### COMMUNITY CHEST & RED CROSS

1948

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

*Nurse*



*Bird Feeding Young*





COMMUNICATIONS EXHIBITION  
1948



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

FUKUSHIMA PHILATELIC SHOW  
1948



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

HORSE RACE LAWS  
1948



*Horse Race*

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

1948  
Perforated 13



*Numerals*



*Numerals*

ALCOHOL  
1948



*Rectifying Tower*

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

1948



*"Beauty Looking Back"*

NEW YEAR'S  
1948



*Child Playing Game*

NATIONAL  
ATHLETIC MEET

1948

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



*Swimmer*



*Runner*



*High Jumper*



*Baseball Players*



*Bicycle Racers*



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PHILATELIC WEEK  
1948



*Steamer in Bay*

1949



*Steamer in Bay*

FORESTATION  
1949



*Stylized Tree*

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



1925



# JAPAN

## POSTAL ISSUES

### REGULAR ISSUES OF 1948-49



*Girl Farmer*



*Whaling*



*Miner*



*Tea Picking*



*Girl Printer*



*Miner*



*Factory Girl*



*Planting*



*Mt. Hodaka*



*Postman*



*Blast Furnace*



*Locomotive Assembly*



*Ice Skater*

### NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

1949



*Ski Jumper*



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# JAPAN

## POSTAL ISSUES

Perforated 13



*Scene at Fair*

### FOREIGN TRADE FAIR

1949

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

Imperforate



*Scene at Fair*



*Lion Rock*

### YOSHINO-KUMANO NATIONAL PARK

1949



*Mount Obusine*



*Dora-kyo*



*Bridge Pier Rocks*

### CHILDREN'S DAY

1949



*Youth*

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

### MINISTRY

1949



*Communications Symbols*

Issued in commemoration of the establishment of the Ministry of Posts and the Ministry of Electricity and Communication.

### OBSERVATORY

1949



*Meteorological Observatory*

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



YOSHINO-KUMANO NATIONAL PARK

1949

國立公園郵便切手

吉野熊野

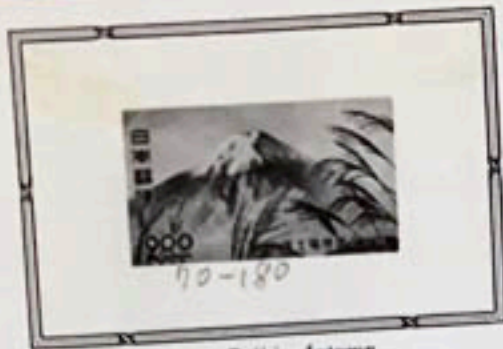


YOSHINO - KUMANO  
NATIONAL PARK

1949

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Mount Fuji in Autumn

## FUJI HAKONE NATIONAL PARK

1949



Lake Kawaguchi



Mount Fuji from Mount Schichibimen



Mount Fuji and Village

## CULTURE

1949



Doves of Peace

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

## HIROSHIMA

1949



Girl Holding Rose

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

## NEWSPAPER WEEK

1949



Pen Point on Newspaper Matrix

In commemoration of 1949 National Newspaper Week.

## SCOUT JAMBOREE

1949

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



Boy Scout



Floating Zenith Telescope

## OBSERVATORY

1949

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



# FUJI HAKONE NATIONAL PARK

1949

国立公園郵便切手

## 富士箱根



FUJI-HAKONE  
NATIONAL PARK

1949

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## 4TH NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

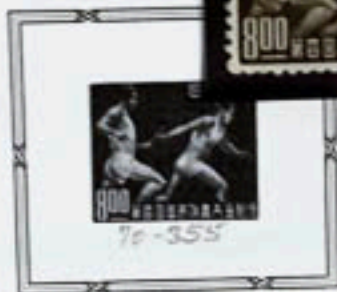
1949



*Swimmer*



*Yacht Racing*



*Relay Races*



*Tennis*

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

## UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

1949



*Map & Envelopes*



*Symbol of U. P. U.*



*Symbol of U. P. U.*



*Map & Envelopes*

## POSTAL WEEK

1949



*"Moon and Crane"*

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

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## POSTAL ISSUES

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

1949



1949

### POSTAL WEEK

1949



# JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES



*Pheasant*

## AIR MAILS 1950



*Pheasant*



*Pheasant*



*Pheasant*



*Pheasant*

## NEW YEAR'S 1950



*Tiger*

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

## BROADCASTING 1950



*Microphone*

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

## POSTAL 1950



*Dove & Olive Branch*

Issued to commemorate Postal Day, April 20, 1950.

## NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET 1950



*Gymnast on Rings*



*Pole Vault*



*Soccer*



*Horse Race*

The Fifth National Athletic Meet took place on October 28, 1950.



## AKAN NATIONAL PARK

1950



Lake Akan & Mt. Akan



Lake Kutcharo, Hokkaido



Mt. Akan-Fuji



Lake Maiba

## SHRINE

1950



Byodoin Temple

## NEW YEAR

1951



Girl & Rabbit

1951



Hironaka Maeyama

1951



Himeji Castle

## SCENIC SERIES

1951



65 Skiers and Mt. Zao



Skiers and Mt. Zao



Mount Fuji from Nibon-Daira



Tea Picking

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



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# JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES

## AIR MAILS

1951



*Pagoda & Plane*



*Pagoda & Plane*



*Pagoda & Plane*



*Pagoda & Plane*



*Pagoda & Plane*

## CHILDREN'S DAY

1951



*Boys Head & Seedling*

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

1951



*Nyoirin Kannon*

## SCENIC TRIO SERIES

1951



*Hot Springs, Hakone*



*Senju-no-taki Waterfall*



*Pavilion, Wakanoura Bay*



*Lake Ashi, Hakone*



*Ninai-no-taki Waterfall*



*Wakanoura Bay*





# JAPAN

## POSTAL ISSUES



*Obuse River*

### TOWADA NATIONAL PARK

1951



*Lake Towada*



*View from Kankodai*



*Mt. Hakoda from Mt. Yokodake*

### SCENIC SERIES

1951



*Uji River*



*View from Uji Bridge*



*Sofuku Temple Gate*



*Catholic Church, Nagasaki*

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

### JAPAN-UNITED STATES TREATY

1951



*Chrysanthemum*



*National Flag*



*Chrysanthemum*

Three stamps were issued to mark the signing of a peace treaty with the United States and other allied powers in 1951.





REGULAR ISSUES

1951 - 1953



*Girl Farmer*



*Whaling*



*"First Goose"*



*Girl Printer*



*Miner*



*National Art Treasure*



*Planting*



*Postman*



*Blast Furnace*



*Locomotive Assembly*

SCENIC

1951



*Marunuma Lake*



*Lake Suganuma*



*Nagatoro Bridge*



*Kakunyo Peak*



*Putting the Shot*

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

1951



*Hockey*





# JAPAN POSTAL ISSUES

1951



*Ishiyama-dera Pagoda*



*Long-Tailed Fowl*



*Goddess Kannon*

## UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

1952



*Southern Cross from Ship*



*Earth & Big Dipper*

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

## RED CROSS SOCIETY

1952



*Lilies over Red Cross*



*Red Cross Nurse*

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

## NEW YEAR

1952



*Okina Mask*

1952



*Goldfish*



*Baron Hiroka Maeyama*



*Nyotria Kannon*



*Ishiyama-dera Pagoda*



*Antelope*



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1951



CHUBU SANGAKU NATIONAL PARK

1952



*Mount Yaryatake*



*Mt. Shiroumadake*



*Norikuradake Range*



*Kurobe Valley*

TOKYO UNIVERSITY

1952



*Yasuda Hall, Tokyo University*

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

1952



*Mountain Climber*



*Wrestlers*

1952



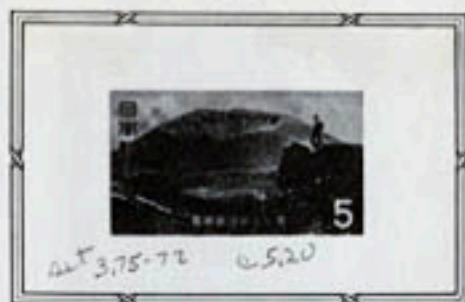
*Yamai Gata, Nikko*





## BANDAI-ASAHI NATIONAL PARK

1952



*Mt. Azuma*



*Mt. Asahi*



*Mt. Bandai*



*Mt. Gassan*

## NEW YEAR 1953



*Samba Doll*



*First Electric Lamp*

## ELECTRIC LAMP 1953

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

## AIR MAILS

1953



*Great Buddha of Kamakura*



*Great Buddha of Kamakura*



*Great Buddha of Kamakura*



*Great Buddha of Kamakura*



## CROWN PRINCE AKIHITO

1952



*Kirin*

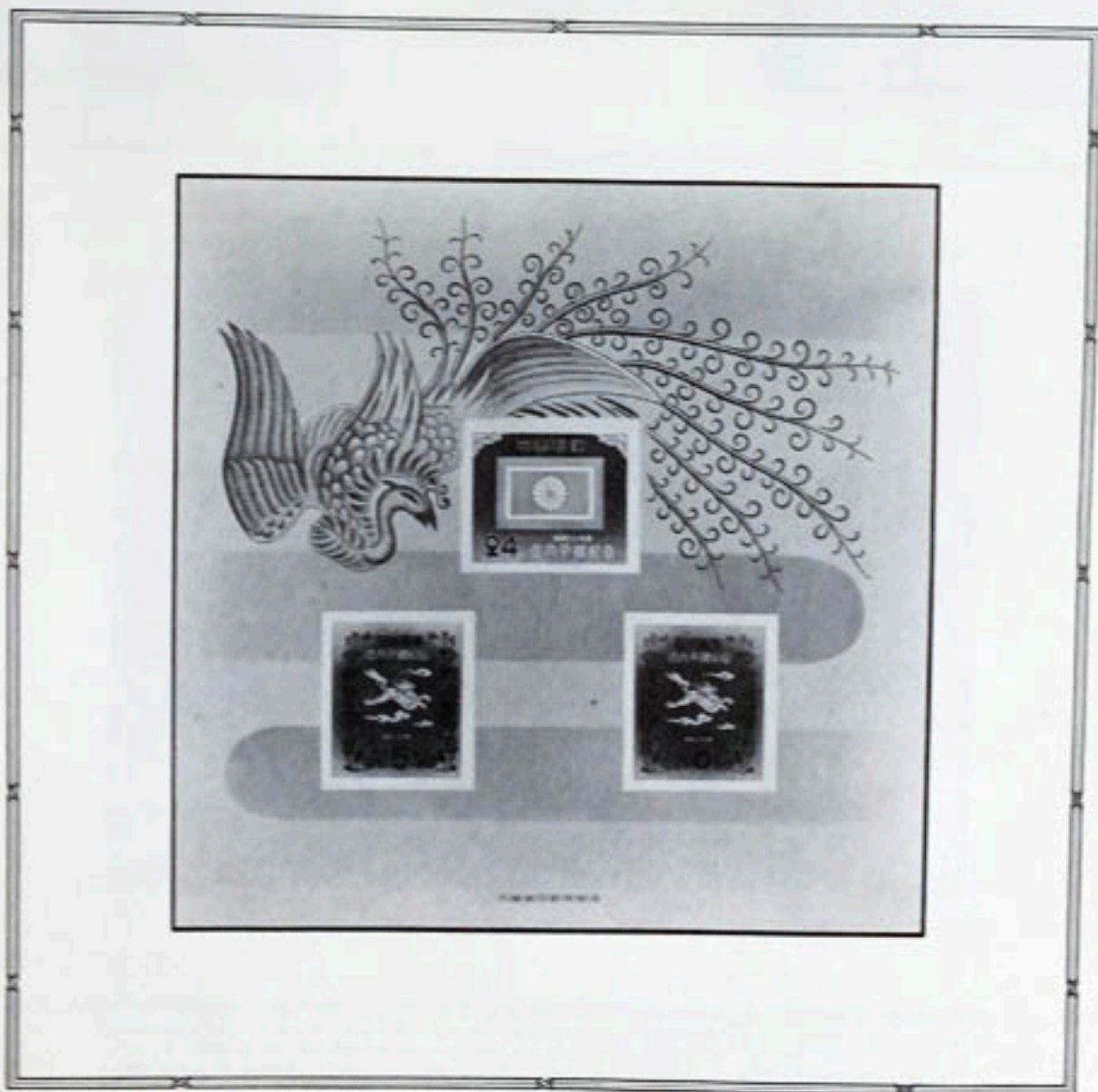


*Flag of Crown Prince*



*Kirin*

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





1953



*Goddess Kannon*

1953



*Akita Dog*

1953



*Cormorant Fishing*



*Lake Shikotsu, Hokkaido*

SHIKOTSU TOYA  
NATIONAL PARK

1953



*Mt. Yotei*



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





**JAPAN**

POSTAL ISSUES



*Print of "Kintai Bridge"*

SCENIC SERIES  
1953



*Rebuilt Kintai Bridge*



*Futatabigaoka Beach*

ISE-SHIMA  
NATIONAL PARK  
1953



*Namikiri Coast*

国立公園郵便切手  
用 襲 走 摩

ISE-SHIMA NATIONAL PARK  
1953

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# POSTAL ISSUES

## STAMP WEEK

1954



## AKIHITO VISIT

1953



*Phoenix*

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



*Crane*

## NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

1953



*Rugby Match*

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



*Judo*

## OBSERVATORY

1953



*Sky & Top of Observatory*

## NEW YEAR

1954



*Toy Horse*

## SKATING MATCH

1954



*Racing Skaters*

# JAPAN

## POSTAL ISSUES



*Mt. Unzen from Golf Course*

### UNZEN NATIONAL PARK 1954



*Mt. Unzen from Chijiwa Beach*



The Unzen National Park is composed of a group of volcanoes forming the center of Shimabara Peninsula, Nagasaki Prefecture. It protrudes into the Tsukushi Sea which is famed for the "SHIRANUI" phenomenon that illuminates the distant horizon with myriads of will-o'-the-wisps toward the end of August every year.

1954



82 *Golden Hall, Chusonji Temple*

1954



*Cactus*

### TRADE FAIR

1954

Thread, Pearls, Gears, Buttons and a Globe were all combined in a design to publicize the International Trade Fair held in Osaka, Japan.



*Thread, Pearls, Gears, Buttons and Globe*



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# JAPAN

## POSTAL ISSUES

### JO-SHIN-ETSU NATIONAL PARK

1954



*Mt. Arama*



*Mt. Tanikawa*



The Jo-shin-etsu Kogen National Park extends along the boundaries marking off the three prefectures of Gunma, Niigata and Nagano. It comprises within it three major mountain groups of Asama, Shirane, and Shimizu, and may be divided into two more or less distinct halves with the Utsunogawa River as its dividing line.



WRESTLING

1954



*Wrestlers*

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



*Morse Telegraph Instrument*



*I. T. U. Monument*

NEW YEAR

1954



*Daruma Doll*

A Daruma Doll is shown on the stamp for New Year's 1955.

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

