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ZODIAC SERIES - MONKEY

Singapore 179807

STAMP EXHIBITION & FAIR

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8 TO 11 JANUARY 2004

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SINGAPORE PHILATELIC MUSEUM

FREE ADMISSION

Singapore Philatelic Museum and Kreta Ayer Stamp Society are proud to co-organise the ninth zodiac series - monkey stamp exhibition and fair, from Thursday 8 January 2004 to Sunday 11 January 2004, at Singapore Philatelic Museum. The stamp exhibition and fair is held in conjunction with the launch of the Zodiac Series - Monkey Stamp Issue on 9 January 2004.

Visitors can view a Chinese zodiac exhibition of philatelic materials contributed by members of Kreta Ayer Stamp Society. These exhibits in English and Mandarin, comprise stamps, miniature sheets, first day covers and write-ups, on the Chinese Zodiac and the monkey.

Collectors will have the opportunity to view rare archival production materials used in the printing process of the new Zodiac Series - Monkey Stamp Issue. On each day of the exhibition, members of the public may collect an exhibition cachet on specially produced exhibition covers (envelopes) as a souvenir. The cachets, which depict four different designs of the zodiac monkey, are available only during the period of the exhibition at the Singapore Philatelic Museum.

At the stamp fair, the public may purchase limited edition philatelic merchandise that commemorate the new zodiac year, from Singapore Post Ltd, Singapore Mint and five local stamp dealers. On 9 January 2004, the Singapore Philatelic Museum will also launch the following products, which will be available for sale from that day:

- **Zodiac Monkey Stampfolio**
The Stampfolio features a souvenir cover with the new Zodiac Monkey stamps in No-Value Indicator and \$2 denominations; the stamps are post-marked with the Museum's unique event date cancellation. It is enclosed in an attractive folder, with an explanation on the characteristics of the zodiac monkey.
Price: S\$15.00
- **Year of the Monkey 2004 StampCoins**, minted and marketed by The Singapore Mint.
The StampCoins are available in a set with a mintage of 3,000 sets.
Price: S\$368.00.
(Please see a separate copy of Press Release on the StampCoin)
- **Zodiac Series - Monkey Souvenir Cover with Stamps Foil Replica in Pewter and Niobium**, by Royal Selangor (S) Pte Ltd
This unique souvenir cover features the complete set of zodiac monkey stamps with the Singapore Post datestamp, and a stamp foil replica of the \$2.00 zodiac monkey stamp design, in pewter or niobium.
Pewter Stamp Foil Replica - Price: S\$25.00
Niobium Stamp Foil Replica - Price: S\$95.00

Stamp Exhibition & Fair

Venue: Singapore Philatelic Museum

Date: Thursday 8 January 2004 - Sunday 11 January 2004

Opening hours: 9.00 am - 7.00 pm daily

Admission to the museum is FREE for the duration of the exhibition and fair

About Singapore Philatelic Museum

Singapore Philatelic Museum (SPM) is a fully-owned subsidiary of National Heritage Board. SPM showcases Singapore's philatelic heritage and postal artefacts since the Straits Settlements era, as well as rare collections from private collectors. The Museum also hosts a range of educational activities including guided tours, heritage trails, camps, talks and workshops. The mission of SPM is to stimulate interest in philately. Through philately, the Museum strives to promote the educational use of philatelic materials to learn about the world, and national history and heritage.

New Admission fees:

*Singapore Philatelic Museum is open on Monday (1.00pm to 7.00pm), Tuesday to Sunday (9.00am to 7.00pm). Admission fees are **S\$3.00 for adults** and **S\$2.00 for children (3-12 years old)**. Located at 23-B Coleman Street, the Museum is a 10-min walk from City Hall MRT Station or a 15-minute walk from Clarke Quay Station (North-East Line). Alternatively, it is a 5-minute walk from the bus-stop at MITA Building Hill Street. For more information, please visit us at www.spm.org.sg or call us at 6337 3888.*

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