

SINGAPORE PHILATELIC MUSEUM

Newsletter

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Singapore Takes Flight:

A Hundred Years

16 March – 30 September 2011



Aviation history in Singapore was made on 16 March 1911 – it was the day an aircraft first took flight in the country. A Bristol BoxKite biplane, piloted by Belgian aviator Mr Joseph Christiaens (1879 – 1919) took off from the old Race Course at Farrer Park. It was a flight demonstration at the first aviation meet held in Singapore. This exhibition commemorates the centenary of this significant event. Stamps, postcards and covers which document the aviation milestones in Singapore are displayed at the exhibition.



Picture postcard showing the aviation meet at Race Course, March 1911

Kallang Airport was officially opened by the Governor of the Straits Settlements, Sir Thomas Shenton on 12 June 1937. It was praised to be the finest airport in the British Empire. The airport is a conservation building today.



Picture postcard of Kallang Airport, 1937

The airport provided its first internal service on 28 June 1937. Wearne's Air Service flew three times a week from Singapore to Kuala Lumpur and Penang.



Stamp features the Vickers Vimy that made its first England to Australia flight, 12 November – 10 December 1919

On 4 December 1919, Captain Ross Smith, on a pioneering flight from England to Darwin, Australia in Vickers Vimy G-EAOU, made a stopover in Singapore. The 13,900 km journey was completed over 135 hours.

The beginning of the 1930s saw a rapid expansion of air routes connecting Europe to the East. The first direct air link with Europe was established in May 1933 by Dutch airline KLM. This was followed by British airline Imperial Airways in December 1933, which inaugurated a regular airmail service between London and Singapore.



KLM First Flight Cover from Singapore to Batavia, Indonesia, 1933.



Maxicard of Paya Lebar Airport, 1991

On 20 August 1955, Paya Lebar Airport was officially opened to cope with bigger and faster civil aircrafts. Today, the airport is known as Paya Lebar Air Base. It is the military airbase of the Republic of Singapore Air Force.



Wearne's First Flight Cover from Penang to Singapore, 28 June 1937

Singapore Changi Airport was operational on 1 July 1981. The airport expanded with the addition of Terminal 2 which was operational on 22 November 1990. Terminal 3, which was designed to handle the Airbus 380, became operational in 2008.



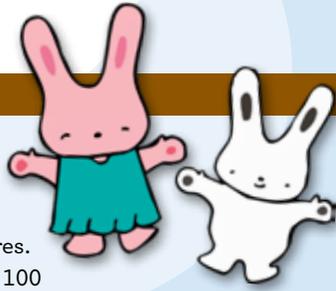
Stamp of Changi Airport issued in 1981

Bunny Wonderland

@ The Children's Gallery

1 February 2011 – 1 January 2012

Meet our bunny mascots, Stampy and Choppy, who will lead you into their wonderful world through stamps and interactive displays. You can pat the fur of bunnies, feel their weight and discover amazing facts about these adorable creatures. For instance, did you know that a rabbit's nose has more than 100 million olfactory cells? This is more than eight times what we have. Their keen sense of smell, acute hearing and strong hind legs enable them to escape from predators in time.



Do you know what bunnies eat? Choose the correct foods to feed Stampy and Choppy in this interactive exhibit!

While rabbits are small and cute, they are a BIG responsibility. Learn about responsible ownership through our multimedia games. And of course, admire colourful bunny stamps and philatelic materials, including German Easter postcards from the early 20th century and rabbit zodiac stamps from 2011.



Message Me

May 2011 – March 2012

To communicate is to transmit information from one person to another through some means. The development of communication stretches across history, science and technology. From cave paintings to the Internet, man's desire to express and exchange information and ideas has not wavered.

Friends remind you to 'call me' or 'message me'. This is the way we communicate today. The basic idea that communication engages everybody and provides current information is vital in our quick paced world.

Message Me exhibition explores the development of communication;

from the picture language of Egyptian hieroglyphics to the short form text messages of our modern mercurial world. Printing and letter writing served as the main form of communication for about 2,000 years. The last 100 years, saw a spurt of inventions, such as radio, television, morse code, facsimile, computer, mobile phone and the Internet.

Message Me examines the messages that have been sent for a variety of reasons. Be it through a formal letter or a short message, the contents very often provide an insight into the situation which prompted the writing: complaint, love, advice, confession, absence or friendship.



SINGAPORE & LAOS

STAMP EXHIBITION

A Journey of Two Nations

Singapore Philatelic Museum curated the 'Singapore & Laos Stamp Exhibition - A Journey of Two Nations' held in Vientiane, Laos from 6 to 11 December 2010. This was the first of such exhibition for Singapore and Laos. The aim of the exhibition was to promote a better understanding of the people, culture and history of the two countries. The exhibition attracted 1,200

visitors made up of local students, members of the public and tourists.

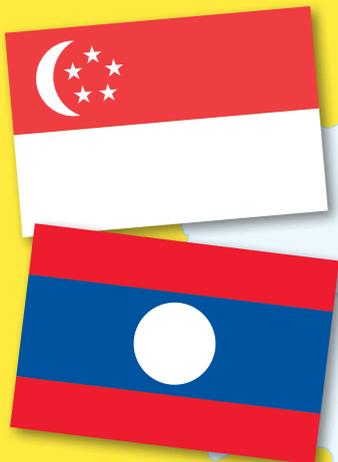
The exhibition showcased the two nations - Laos and Singapore - through a shared medium of postage stamps, picture postcards and philatelic materials, as well as a display of traditional costumes. Topics covered the major historical milestones of the two nations, the people and their beliefs, customs, food, culture, historical sites, music and dance. A special section showcased traditional games played by children in both countries, such as top spinning, marbles and kicking the shuttlecock.

In addition, HE Jeyaraj Benjamin William, the Singapore ambassador to Laos, displayed his personal collection of Laotian stamps, shown for the first time to the public.

Students went on a tour of the exhibition to discover differences and similarities of the two countries. They watched demonstrations or tried their hands on traditional games, and had the opportunity

to dress up in traditional costumes of Singapore. They learnt about thematic stamp collecting, assembled 'stamp jigsaw puzzles', designed bookmarks and wrote their reflections on postcards.

The Singapore Embassy in Laos presented the entire exhibition to the National Museum in Vientiane for their permanent display. The handing-over ceremony was held on 12 December 2010.



At the traditional games section, SPM staff Joseph Chung (left) taught students the tricks to kicking a shuttlecock.



The exhibition was officiated by HE Khamlout Sidlakone, Chairman of National Authority of Post and Telecommunications and Minister in the Prime Minister's Office (left), and HE Jeyaraj Benjamin William, Ambassador, Singapore Embassy in Vientiane, Laos (right).



Students enjoyed piecing together stamp-themed jigsaw puzzles at the exhibition.



Laotian students attended a tour conducted by SPM staff, Chua Mei Lin (left).



Laotian students playing dress-up in traditional costumes of Singapore.

Lighthouse

LED Pull-out Magnifier



20x magnification. 1 LED light. Lens diameter: 21 mm. Operates with 3 x LR1130 batteries (included in delivery). Size: 54 x 34 x 23 mm.

Ref. No. LU 30 LED

Zoom microscope with LED



Handy pocket microscope with numerous possible applications such as examining stamps, coins, minerals, small electronic components and much more. Outstanding clarity of image and resolution. Continuous adjustment between 60x and 100x magnification. The LED illumination enables viewing even in poor lighting conditions. Incl batteries (3x '392'). Size: 88 x 30 x 20 mm.

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National Stamp Collecting Competition 2011

Community Curate!

In 2010, our museum took the National Stamp Collecting Competition one step further by posting the best entries online. Between 22 October and 19 November 2010, netizens voted for their favourite entries and told us the reasons behind their choices. We received more than 2,200 votes.

The 12 most popular entries and the voters' comments were displayed at the museum from December 2010 to March 2011.

We would like to thank

the Innovation Working Committee of the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts for supporting this competition.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

The Prize Presentation Ceremony was held on 22 February 2011. RADM (NS) Sim Gim Guan, Deputy Secretary, Info & Corporate Management, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts was the guest-of-honour.

The National Stamp Collecting Competition 2011 (NSCC '11) will be held at The Plaza, National Library, from 2 to 4 September 2011.

NSCC '11 is open to all Primary 3 to 6, and Secondary 1 to 4 students. Participants work in groups of four, and use philatelic materials and narratives on an exhibit based on a theme of their choice. Topics

include Nature, Culture and Technology.

Students stand to perfect their research, organisation, language and writing skills. Winners will be presented with certificates, and winning entries will be displayed at the NSCC '11 exhibition.

Schools can make bookings to attend the hands-on workshop to familiarise

students with the format, rules and regulations of the competition, and various philatelic materials.

NSCC is held annually and is supported by the Ministry of Education.



The top 3 winners from Yishun Primary School and their teachers pose with the guest-of-honour and guests. Back row (left to right): Mr Alvin Tan (Director, Heritage Institutions and Industry Development, National Heritage Board), RADM Sim Gim Guan (Deputy Secretary, Info & Corporate Management, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts), Mr Daniel Teo (Chairman, Singapore Philatelic Museum Board), Ms Tresnawati Prihadi (General Manager, Singapore Philatelic Museum)

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Contact Lily for enquires & bookings.

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Charge: \$4 per student, inclusive of materials.



Birthdays & Greetings Cards

A new range of greeting cards is now available at the museum shop. The cards feature the 2009 and 2010 Definitives – Flora & Fauna and birthday designs of the 2009 Greetings – Let's Celebrate stamps.

Prices start from \$2.00



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES FOR KIDS

MAY - JUNE 2011

FUN OVERNIGHT CAMP

2 June 2011 — 3 June 2011
Thursday, 6pm — Friday, 9am
16 June 2011 — 17 June 2011
Thursday, 6pm — Friday, 9am

Age: 7 - 11 years Charge: \$70 per child

Sleep over at the museum and enjoy fun activities such as an amazing race, treasure hunt, craft activity, movie time and more! Dinner, supper and breakfast will be provided. Bring a sleeping bag, toiletries, jacket and a fresh change of clothes.



WHAT'S ON

MUSEUM ROUNDTABLE CHILDREN'S SEASON & INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY

MAY - JUNE 2011

Fun programmes for kids 3 - 12 years.

Open house days on
SATURDAY, 28 MAY 2011 &
SUNDAY, 29 MAY 2011: 9AM - 7PM

Free admission to museum. Charges for programmes apply.

✉ www.spm.org.sg ☎ 6337 3888



Orange Room
Find out about the world of philately, the world's first stamp, and how stamps are a window to the world to explore many topics such as science, technology, history and culture. Interesting exhibits include the "talking" Penny Black, and stamps made of unusual materials!

PUPPETS MANIA - THE TIGER & THE RABBIT

28 May 2011, Saturday, 11.00am - 11.30am
5 June 2011, Sunday, 2.00pm - 2.30pm

Age: 3 - 12 years Charge: Free. Museum admission applies.

Be enthralled by a tiger's tale told through puppetry and stamps. Meet the clever rabbit and other wacky puppets that will have you in stitches!



STAMP ISSUES

13 APRIL 2011

Definitives - A Pond Life
(Low Values)

18 MAY 2011

Hawker Centres of Singapore

3 JUNE 2011

Endangered Animal -
Oriental Small-Clawed Otter

15 JULY 2011

Spices of Singapore

STAMP FAIR

SUNDAY, 12 JUNE 2011: 10AM - 4PM

Stamp fair, evaluation and auction.

Organised by Singapore Stamp Club

SINGAPORE TAKES FLIGHT WORKSHOP

7 June 2011, Tuesday, 9.30am - 12.00pm
22 June 2011, Wednesday, 9.30am - 12.00pm

Age: 8 - 12 years Charge: \$25 per child

Be inspired by the fascination to fly, learn about the story of '100 years of flight in Singapore', and be awed by superb model aircrafts on display. Learn how to fold paper airplanes and compete with each other in a competition!



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OPENING HOURS

Mon 1pm – 7pm Tues–Sun 9am – 7pm

ADMISSION

\$5.00 for adults

\$4.00 for children (3 – 12 years)

\$4.00 for senior citizens (60 years and above)

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