

Priority Mail 2020/05

Filatelie en Corona, deel 1

Onderstaand artikel is van de hand van de Slowaakse filatelist Vojtech Jankovič, vriend van onze leden Martin en André Scheer en Martin stuurde het onder meer door naar mij.

Het is een enorm overzicht (waarschijnlijk niet uitputtend) van het tot 27 juli jl. verschenen Coronagerelateerd filatelistisch materiaal en betreft circa 100 afbeeldingen uit 50 verschillende landen. Voor veel filatelisten mogelijk een nieuw thematisch verzamelgebied. Het artikel is m.i. te veelomvattend om het in een keer te publiceren. Het is nu in 3 stukken geknipt die met tussenpozen in PM zullen verschijnen.

Jan Vogel

Tribute to the First Line Warriors - Corona virus COVID-19 Pandemic and Philately



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Overview of postal materials with a direct or indirect correlation to the COVID-19 corona pandemic. (Updated on 27th July 2020)

Tribute to the First Line Warriors (and tribute to those deceased)

The sad period of the worldwide corona virus COVID-19 pandemic remains unnoticed even in philately. Several postal administrations have decided to issue stamps to commemorate this tragic event, respectively as a tribute to those who fight dangerous contagion in the front lines: doctors, nurses, medical staff, scientists, firefighters, police, soldiers, and so on. Another reason for issuing these postage items is the efforts to raise public awareness to take effective protection measures as the most effective means of combating this insidious disease.

With the following overview, we pay tribute to the heroes fighting against CORONA-19 and at the same time to all those who have lost their lives or suffered health as a result of corona virus.

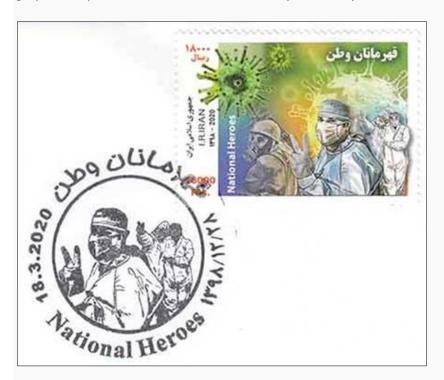
- 1. Postal Materials Directly Referring to the COVID-19 Corona Virus Pandemic official
- 2. Postal Materials Directly Referring to the COVID-19 Corona Virus Pandemic not yet officially confirmed
- 3. Postal Materials Indirectly Referring to the COVID-19 Corona Virus Pandemic
- 4. Materials Similar to Postage Stamps Abusing COVID-19 Corona Virus Pandemic

1. Postal Materials Directly Referring to the COVID-19 Corona Virus Pandemic - official

IRAN - Postage stamp

National Heroes (17th March 2020)

This postage stamp (18 000 Rial) depicts medical workers, a paramedic in protective mask, and a symbolic graphical representation of sars-cov-2 virus (COVID-19).



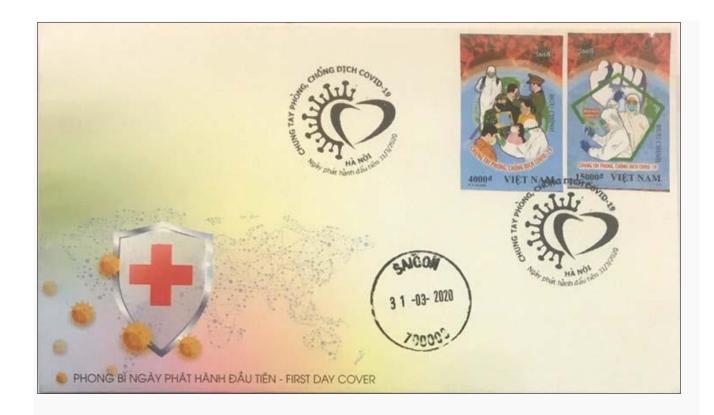
VIETNAM - Postage stamps

Combined Forces Against COVID-19 (31st March 2020)

This pair of postage stamps (4 000 d and 15 000 d). The 4,000 d postage stamp depicts units fighting the pandemic, namely health care workers, soldiers and police, along with ordinary citizens they care for. The 15,000 d postage stamp depicts scientists, doctors in researching the vaccine, preventive medicines, and medical treatment needed to fight the virus.



These postage stamps have been issued also as imperforated what is documented by the attached First Day Cover (FDC) with a FDC cancel HANOI 31/3/020 and date cancel SAIGON 31. 3. 2020.



CHINA - Postage stamps

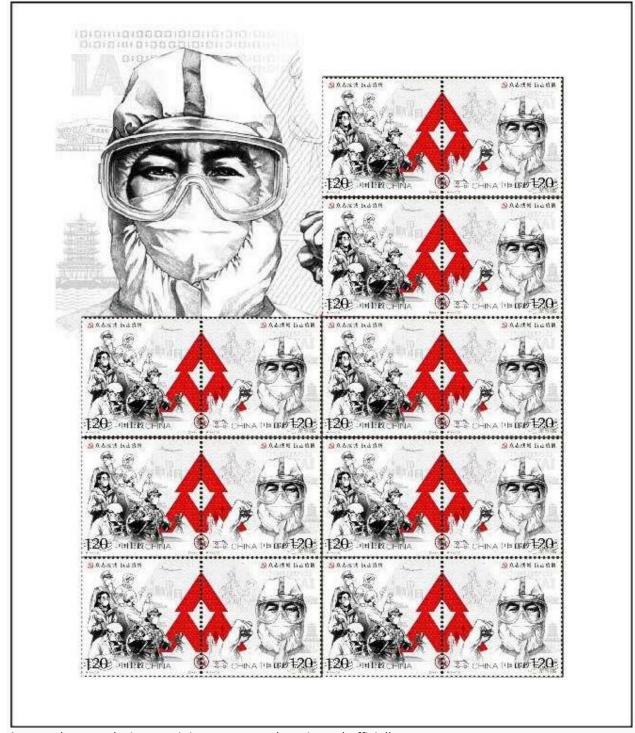
Tribute to the Front-line Fighters (planned issue on 7th April 2020 postponed to 11. 5. 2020)

The pair of postage stamps (2 \times 1,20 yuan) issued in honor of the fighters against the corona virus SARS COVID-19 and in memory of those who succumbed to it. These postage stamps depict a paramedic in protective clothing and a pandemic combat unit, namely health care workers, soldiers and police officers. They are united to underline the collaboration between the inhabitants of the endless country: on the one hand soldiers, volunteers and researchers; on the other the world of healthcare. The Chinese Post planned to issue two stamps as early as 7th April 7 2020. The original design was not approved (but published), so it was necessary to re-design it and prepare a new one. The new release date is set for 11th May 2020. Comparison of the rejected (top) and accepted (bottom) stamp designs:



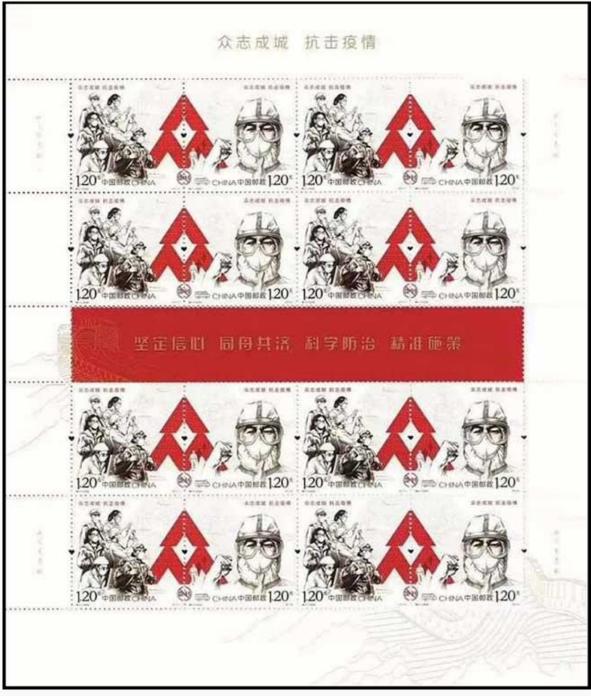
Rejected stamp design + miniature stamp sheet not officially issued.





Accepted stamp design + miniature stamp sheet issued officially:





In addition, another stamp design for a pair of Chinese stamps has appeared on the Internet and social networks, which is most likely a complete hoax.



In case of those preliminary designs not issued officially, beware! If they appear or are offered to you, they are probably forgery!

CHINA - Personalized souvenir sheet

Warriors against pandemic corona virus COVID-19 (April 2020) with eight stamps

"Heart and flowers" (8 x 1,20 yuan) and nine personalized coupons depicting various professions of warriors against pandemic corona virus COVID-19. The personalized souvenir sheet was issued in a special folder with commemorative cover with special cancellation and stamp with another coupon "Hand in fist".





CHINA - Commemorative cancellations and cachets

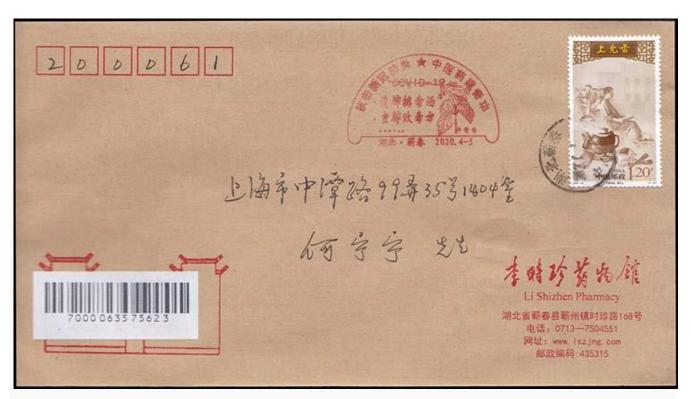
COVID-19 corona virus pandemic and proliferation challenges (March/April 2020)

A number of commemorative cancellations and cachets have appeared on postal mails from China referring to the COVID-19 corona pandemic and calling for defense against it.

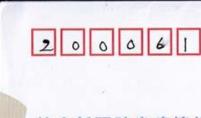












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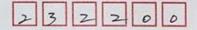
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小区住址:金龙花园 12 203

户主姓名:

注意: 1、每户家庭每星期可上街采购生活物资 3次; 2、居民凭此票通行,返回时由小区(社区)收回。3、一票只限一人使用。

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CHINA - Postal cachet

Delayed delivery due to Corona virus (April 2020)

Another collector's interesting area is postal (not commemorative) cachets, which highlight the problems in postal shipping caused by the COVID-19 Corona virus pandemic. The attached image shows the shipment sent on 7th April 2020 from Pchjongjang in North Korea to Suzhon in China bearing probably a Chinese postal cachet informing about the reason of delayed delivery: "Delivery delayed due to COVID-19 / DELAYED".

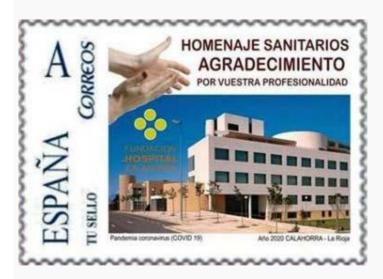


SPAIN - Personalized postage stamps (March/April 2020)

An interesting activity - that could be implemented in other countries as well - is the issue of personalized postage stamps in Spain.

Health Tribute Appreciation (March/April 2020)

The philatelic association Asfinca in Calahorra has asked the Spanish Post to issue a depicted personalized stamp with the aim to "thank the work people who do health in these difficult days for all". This personalized postage stamp (symbolic value A) depicts the hospital building in Calahorra and the text: "HOMENAJE SANITARIOS AGRADECIMIENTO POR VUESTRA PROFESIONALIDAD".



Thank you! (March/April 2020)

In Cadiz has asked the Spanish Post to issue a depicted personalized stamp with the aim to "thank the work people who do health in these difficult days for all". This personalized postage stamp (symbolic value A) depicts the medical workers, symbolic clapping hands and the text: "GRACIAS / CORONAVIRUS CÁDIZ 2020".



SWITZERLAND - Surcharge (or semi-) postage stamp

Solidarity with those Affected by the Virus COVID-19 (April 2020)

This surcharge (or semi-) postage stamp (1,00 + 5,00 SvFr) was issued in the sheets of 10 stamps, depicts the symbolism of the medical cross and the population of people with raised hands and the call for solidarity with the affected COVID-19 virus in four languages:" COVID-19 / Solidaridad / Solidarieta / Solidarité / Solidarität".



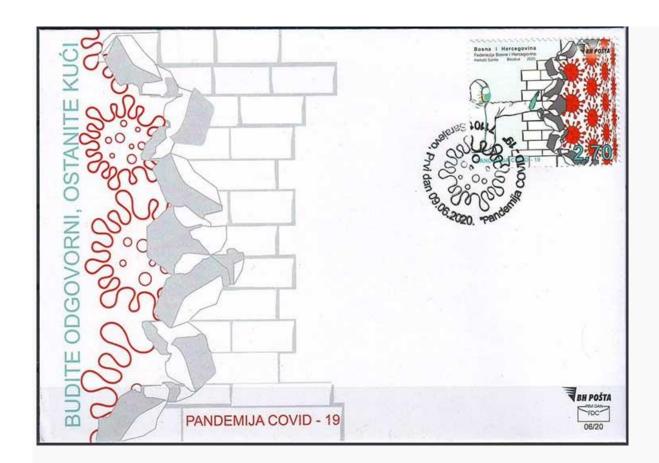


BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA - Postage stamp

Pandemic COVID-19 (June 2020)

Postage stamp (2,70) shows a figure in protective clothing creating a symbolic wall against the corona virus COVID-19 and the text: "PANDEMIJA COVID - 19" (= Pandemic COVID-19).





UNITED KINGDOM - Slogan machine cancellation

Stay home - Saves lives (31st March 2020)

This slogan machine cancellation calls on people to stay at home and thus save lives by the NHS = National Health Service with text: "Stay HOME / PROTECT THE NHS / SAVE LIVES / Royal Mail - keeping / communities connected".



Happy 100th Birthday Captain Thomas Moore (30th April 2020)

This slogan machine cancellation celebrates the 100th Birthday Captain Thomas Moore, who managed to raise more than L 32 million for the NHS (National Health Service) in the fight against the COVID-19 corona virus pandemic with text: "Happy 100th Birthday / Captain Thomas Moore / NHS fundraising hero".



IRELAND - Prepaid postcards

Write Now (April 2020)

An Post is hoping that people will write a personal message to a loved one and post it free of charge in order to encourage people to 'come together by staying apart'. 5,000,000 postcards have been produced by to enable people to post a message of love and support to special people in their lives ho they may be missing. Two specially-designed postcards will be delivered to Ireland's 1.8 million households over the coming week, and additional cards will be available at local post offices."Write to your grand-parents or older relatives and friends who are self-isolating; write to someone who is living alone or who could do with a boost" explained An Post CEO, David McRedmond."Send a note to your cousins or friends. Let them know you're thinking of them. Send thanks to our outstanding healthcare and all those working so hard to get us through the crisis. Then pop the postcards in the postbox when you're out for a walk – there's no need for a stamp."





IRELAND - Slogan machine cancellation

Stay at Home (9th April 2020)

This slogan machine cancellation calls on people to stay at home by the $\underline{\mathsf{HSE}}$ = Health Services in Ireland: "Stay at / Home / HSE.ie".



ISLE OF MAN - Postage stamps

Carry Us Through (4th May2020)

Series of eight postage stamps CARRY US THROUGH, which depict various emotions, feelings, activities enabling people to carry us trough - critical times: LOVE, FAITH, CARE, COMPASSION, WORK, COMMUNITY, WORDS and SCIENCE. The stamps will be issued in a standard version with glue and also in a slightly different design as self-adhesive (vending) stamps with a uniform postage for a 1st class letter.





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