

Macao 2018 – 35th Asian International Stamp Exhibition (III)

To commemorate the grand Asian international philatelic event, the “Macao 2018 – 35th Asian International Stamp Exhibition”, is organized for the very first time in the Macao Special Administrative Region, Macao Post and Telecommunications Bureau (CTT Macao) launched the third stamp issue dedicated to this event. Issued on the eve of the Mid-Autumn Festival, the stamps are highlight the joyfulness and liveliness of the festival by depicting its celebrations and locations.

Macao celebrates a variety of religious and commemorative festivals – there are the traditional Chinese festivals such as the Lunar New Year, the Buddha’s Birthday (the Buddha Bathing Festival) and the Dragon Boat Festival; western festivals include the Easter, the Procession of Our Lady of Fátima and Christmas. This shows Macao’s harmonious integration of Eastern and Western cultures after more than 400 years of Chinese and Portuguese cultural convergence.

This set of stamps, through the delicate brushwork of a local designer, vividly portrays the festivity of firecrackers burning in Macao during the Lunar New Year, the exuberance of drunken dragon dancing on the Buddha’s Birthday, the dedication in dragon boat racing during the Dragon Boat Festival, the solemnity of the Christmas Mass in Sé Cathedral, and the blissfulness of family gatherings and moon watching during the Mid-Autumn Festival in Lou Lim Ioc Garden. Philatelists and exhibit-goers from around the world can experience Macao’s festive events and cultural charm from these little squares of stamps.

As a major event in Macao this year, the “Macao 2018 – 35th Asian International Stamp Exhibition” is divided into competitive and non-competitive categories. Aside from the exhibit area, a Treasure Gallery is set up to showcase the valuable stamp collections. The public can obtain commemorative postmarks on the four thematic days. CTT Macao also takes the opportunity of this international event to promote local cultural and creative industries by setting up by a zone to publicise and sell local cultural and creative products, hoping to lend a hand with the city’s cultural diversification.

The highly anticipated “Macao 2018 – 35th Asian International Stamp Exhibition” symbolises a great leap in Macao’s philatelic history. The exhibition also promotes Macao’s connection and exchange with the world in the publicity and inheritance of the philatelic culture, showing Macao as an ideal platform for convention and business tourism.

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