

## **Macao 2018 – 35<sup>th</sup> Asian International Stamp Exhibition (II)**

The “Macao 2018 – 35<sup>th</sup> Asian International Stamp Exhibition” is held at The Venetian Macao Cotai Expo Hall A from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. This is the first Asian international philatelic event organized by the Macao Special Administrative Region, which will help increase the exchanges and cooperation among members of the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP). At the same time, it will attract exhibitors and guests from all over the world and introduce special exhibitions to Macao, improving the development of the MICE (Meeting, Incentives, Conference and Exhibition) industry in Macao and contributing to the moderate diversification and sustainable development of the Macao’s economy.

The Exhibition is a major theme for Macao Post and Telecommunications Bureau (CTT Macao) in 2018, with the issue of three sets of stamps. The first set of stamps and souvenir sheet was issued on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2018, depicting the streets and alleys of Macao as well as its famous gourmet to display the local attractions and traditions. Label stamp is the second set and is released on the opening day of the Exhibition. It is designed by Lio Man Cheong, a local artist with over 20 years’ experience in stamps design. In this new issue, he pictures the CTT Macao Headquarters’ Building with masterful strokes and gives it a new look by using bold colors.

Stamps, in addition to their practical value, are also rich in collection value. In recent years, label stamps have been particularly popular with philatelists. Whenever label stamps are issued, they can always attract enthusiasts queuing up in front of the automatic stamp vending machines, eager to enrich their collection. This new issue of label stamp will surely start a new craze among collectors.

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