## <u>Hongkong Post to issue "The 120th</u> <u>Anniversary of Ta Kung Pao" special</u> <u>stamps (with photos)</u>

Hongkong Post announced today (May 26) that a stamp sheetlet and associated philatelic products on the theme of "The 120th Anniversary of Ta Kung Pao" will be released for sale on June 17 (Friday).

Ta Kung Pao was founded in 1902 and has a history of 120 years. It is currently the oldest Chinese newspaper in operation in Hong Kong. To commemorate the occasion, Hongkong Post will issue a stamp sheetlet with the theme "The 120th Anniversary of Ta Kung Pao".

The elaborately designed stamp sheetlet of "The 120th Anniversary of Ta Kung Pao" is composed of two parts, with the upper part showing the site of Ta Kung Pao within the French Concession in Tianjin in the past, and the lower part showing the cityscape of Hong Kong in the present. It highlights the long history of Ta Kung Pao and the important role the newspaper has played in the country's development in modern history and in the new era, in promoting national education and guiding readers to learn from history and understand the truth, thereby nurturing their patriotism and helping them to strive with the spirit of strengthening and serving the country.

Official first day covers for "The 120th Anniversary of Ta Kung Pao" will be put on sale at all post offices from June 2, and on Hongkong Post's online shopping mall "ShopThruPost" (<u>shopthrupost.hongkongpost.hk</u>). The stamp sheetlet and associated philatelic products will be on sale at all post offices and "ShopThruPost" from June 17, while serviced first day covers affixed with the stamp sheetlet will be available at philatelic offices only.

A hand-back date-stamping service will be provided on June 17 at all post offices for official first day covers/souvenir covers/privately made covers bearing the first day of issue indication and a local address. To avoid people gathering at the post offices and to observe social distancing, collection points will be set up at all post offices on the same day for submission of the covers requesting hand-back date-stamping service. Customers will be advised on the collection schedule upon acceptance of the covers.

Information about the stamp sheetlet and associated philatelic products is available on the Hongkong Post Stamps website (<u>stamps.hongkongpost.hk</u>) and the "ShopThruPost" mobile app.

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