

# Hongkong Post to issue "Classical Novels of Chinese Literature – Romance of the Three Kingdoms" special stamps (with photos)

Hongkong Post will launch a special stamp issue and associated philatelic products with the theme "Classical Novels of Chinese Literature – Romance of the Three Kingdoms" on March 16 (Tuesday). To present the essence of the novel, this set of stamps has adopted the paintings created by the renowned artist Tung Pui-sun in its design, enabling one to revel in the appreciation of this epic novel's remarkable moments in the miniature wonders.

Ascribed to novelist Luo Guanzhong of the period from late Yuan to early Ming Dynasties, the Romance of the Three Kingdoms drew ideas from the dramatic era towards the end of the Eastern Han Dynasty, where warlords rose to power resulting in a tripartite division of the land. Its well-knit plot with thrilling twists and turns, enriched with domination schemes and strategies and enlivened by characters with distinct personalities succeeded in creating this epic historical novel in chapters. The set of six stamps and two stamp sheetlets features eight of the popular scenes in the design, namely The Oath of the Peach Garden, A Notion of Heroes over Warm Wine, Escorting Sisters-in-law over a Thousand Miles, Three Visits to the Thatched Cottage, Zhao Yun Saving the Young Lord, Empty Fort Stratagem, The Arrow through the Halberd and Borrowing Arrows with Straw Boats. To underscore the dynamic scenes on the two stamp sheetlets, the stamps of both are specially made in a triangular shape, making them precious collectibles.

A brand new product, collector pack, will also be launched this time. Exquisitely designed, the pack comes with treasured contents such as the original paintings created by Tung for the stamp design, which allows philatelists to take a closer look at every detail of the plot and characters of the novel. It includes a comprehensive range of stamp products: a set of six stamps, a \$10 stamp sheetlet, a \$20 stamp sheetlet, a serviced first day cover and two serviced collector covers. The designs of the two serviced collector covers differ from that of the official first day cover. One collector cover features the scene, A Notion of Heroes over Warm Wine, produced with bright and vivid colours making it a pleasure to behold, while the other that depicts the scene Escorting Sisters-in-law over a Thousand Miles seems to bring the steed to life. The two serviced collector covers are included exclusively in the collector pack and not for sale separately.

Another new product to be launched is the collector card. The card is affixed with a set of six self-adhesive stamps with an ingenious double-sided design for philatelists' ease of appreciation. The scene, Zhao Yun Saving the Young Lord, is used for the front, showing the heroic spirit of the

characters through its intense composition; the back is printed with superbly rendered images of the entire stamp issue, covering every stamp at a single glance that allows everyone to revisit these six household stories from the Romance of the Three Kingdoms. It is surely an item to include in one's collection and gift list.

Starting from March 16, this set of special stamps and associated philatelic products, including a first day cover, mint stamps, stamp sheetlets, a presentation pack, a collector pack, a collector card, postage paid picture cards and serviced first day covers will be placed on sale at post offices.

Information about this special stamp issue and associated philatelic products are available on the Hongkong Post Stamps website ([stamps.hongkongpost.hk](http://stamps.hongkongpost.hk)) or the Hongkong Post mobile app.

Classical Novels of Chinese Literature – Romance of the Three Kingdoms

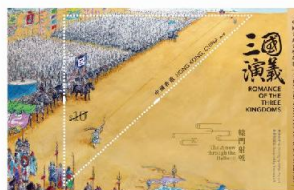


Mint Stamps



Special Postmark

Classical Novels of Chinese Literature – Romance of the Three Kingdoms



\$10 Stamp Sheetlet



\$20 Stamp Sheetlet

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Collector Card (Front)



Collector Card (Back)

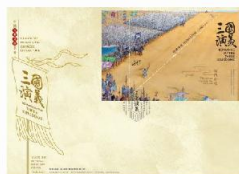
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Blank First Day Cover



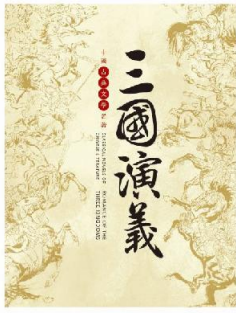
Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of 6 Stamps and date-stamped with associated special postmark.



Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet and date-stamped with associated special postmark.



Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a \$20 Stamp Sheetlet and date-stamped with associated special postmark.



Presentation Pack (Cover).



Presentation Pack (Inside).



Presentation Pack (Inside).



Postage Prepaid Picture Cards (Air Mail).

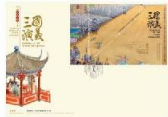


Collector Pack.

(Containing a set of 6 stamps, a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet, a \$20 Stamp Sheetlet, a Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of 6 stamps, a Serviced Collector Cover affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet and a Serviced Collector Cover affixed with a \$20 Stamp Sheetlet)



Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of 6 Stamps and date-stamped with associated special postmark.



Serviced Collector Cover affixed with a \$10 Stamp Sheetlet and date-stamped with associated special postmark.



Serviced Collector Cover affixed with a \$20 Stamp Sheetlet and date-stamped with associated special postmark.

## Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rates in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

## Government to gazette compulsory

# testing notice

The Government will exercise the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) and publish in the Gazette a compulsory testing notice, which requires any person who had been present at nine specified premises during the specified period (persons subject to compulsory testing) to undergo a COVID-19 nucleic acid test.

Currently, in all districts in Hong Kong, if one or more new confirmed cases are found in the residential buildings (including buildings for both commercial and residential uses), or there are sewage samples tested positive which implied possible infection risks, the buildings will be included in the compulsory testing notice.

For testing targeting at workplaces, if one or more confirmed cases are found in a workplace, it will be included in the compulsory testing notice.

Seven buildings fulfilling the above criteria will be included in the compulsory testing notice. In addition, since one student of St. Paul's College, 67-69 Bonham Road, Central and Western District and another student of St. Paul's Co-educational College, 33 MacDonnell Road, Central and Western District were confirmed positive, staff and students attending those schools have to undergo compulsory testing.

Details of the compulsory testing notice are as follows:

1. Any person who had been present at any specified premises listed in Part A of Annex 1 for more than two hours at any time during the period from February 22 to March 7, 2021 (including but not limited to visitors, residents and workers), have to undergo testing by March 9, 2021. If persons subject to compulsory testing have previously undergone testing between March 5 and March 7, 2021, they would be taken to have complied with the requirements set out in the compulsory testing notice.
2. Any person who had been engaged to work or had been on duty (including full-time, part-time and relief staff) at any specified premises listed in Part B of Annex 1 at any time during the period from February 22 to March 7, 2021, have to undergo testing by March 9, 2021. If persons subject to compulsory testing have previously undergone testing between March 5 and March 7, 2021, they would be taken to have complied with the requirements set out in the compulsory testing notice.
3. Any person who had been engaged to work or had been on duty (including full-time, part-time and relief staff) or students who had studied at any specified premises listed in Part C of Annex 1 at any time during the period from February 22 to March 7, 2021, have to undergo testing by March 9, 2021. If persons subject to compulsory testing have previously undergone testing between March 5 and March 7, 2021, they would be taken to have complied with

the requirements set out in the compulsory testing notice.

A spokesman for the Food and Health Bureau reminds the public that in accordance with the compulsory testing notice issued earlier, all household members of close contacts are required to undergo compulsory testing. Any person who had lived with a person who is placed under quarantine pursuant to section 22 of the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A) (person under quarantine) in the same residential unit on the date of commencement of quarantine or during the 14 days before that day, and who becomes aware of the quarantine of the person under quarantine when the relevant quarantine has not yet been completed, have to undergo testing within two days of he/she becoming aware of the person under quarantine has been placed under quarantine and report to the Government the result of the test by phone (at 6275 6901), fax (at 2530 5872) or email (ct@csb.gov.hk) within three days of undergoing the test.

The Government will set up mobile specimen collection stations at the following locations tomorrow (March 8) for local residents and workers subject to compulsory testing:

- Carpark of Quarry Bay Community Hall
- Kam Yee House of Kam Ying Court, Ma On Shan

The service period of the mobile specimen collection station at Sha Tsui Road Playground in Tsuen Wan will be extended to March 14 (Sunday). The opening dates and operating hours of the mobile specimen collection stations in various districts providing free COVID-19 nucleic acid testing services for the general public are stated in Annex 2. Apart from mobile specimen collection stations, persons subject to compulsory testing can also choose to attend any of the community testing centres in all districts to receive testing free of charge.

Persons subject to compulsory testing may choose to undergo testing via the following routes:

1. To visit any of the mobile specimen collection stations (see the list and target groups (if applicable) at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html)) for testing;
2. To attend any of the community testing centres (see the list at [www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/](http://www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/));
3. To obtain a deep throat saliva specimen collection pack from any of the 121 post offices, vending machines set up at 20 MTR stations or 47 designated general outpatient clinics (GOPCs) of the Hospital Authority and return the specimen to one of the designated specimen collection points (see the distribution points and times, and the specimen collection points and times, at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html));
4. To undergo testing at any of the GOPCs of the Hospital Authority as instructed by a medical professional of the Hospital Authority;
5. To self-arrange testing provided by private laboratories which are recognised by the Department of Health (DH) and can issue SMS notifications

in respect of test results (see the list at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List\\_of\\_recognised\\_laboratories RTPCR.pdf](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_recognised_laboratories RTPCR.pdf)); or 6. To use a specimen bottle distributed to the relevant specified premises by the Centre for Health Protection (if applicable), and return the specimen bottle with the sample collected as per relevant guidelines.

The spokesman cautioned that testing received at accident and emergency departments of the Hospital Authority or during hospital stays, or testing provided by private laboratories which cannot issue SMS notifications in respect of test results, does not comply with the requirements of the aforementioned compulsory testing notice.

"If persons subject to compulsory testing have symptoms, they should seek medical attention immediately and undergo testing as instructed by a medical professional. They should not attend the mobile specimen collection stations or the community testing centres."

Persons subject to compulsory testing must keep the SMS notification containing result of the test for checking by a law enforcement officer when the officer requires the persons to provide information about their undergoing the specified test.

Furthermore, persons subject to testing under the compulsory testing notices should, as far as reasonably practicable, take appropriate personal disease prevention measures including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene, and, unless for the purpose of undergoing the specified test, stay at their place of residence and avoid going out until the test result is ascertained as far as possible.

Any enquiries on compulsory testing arrangements may be addressed to the hotline at 6275 6901, which operates daily from 9am to 6pm. If persons subject to compulsory testing plan to conduct testing at any of the community testing centres, they can check the centre's appointment status in advance. The hotlines of the community testing centres are available at [www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/info/](http://www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/info/).

The Government will continue to trace possibly infected persons who had been to the relevant premises, and seriously verify whether they had complied with the testing notices. Any person who fails to comply with the testing notices commits an offence and may be fined a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person would also be issued with a compulsory testing order requiring him or her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Failure to comply with the order is an offence and the offender would be liable to a fine at level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.

Relevant officers of different government departments are empowered to perform certain functions under the relevant Regulations under the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599), including requesting individuals to provide information and assistance when necessary. Any person who fails to comply with the relevant request commits an offence and would be liable to a fine at level 3 (\$10,000). Collection and use of any personal data for

conducting COVID-19 tests must meet the requirements under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486). Government departments or testing service providers which handle the relevant information may provide the data to DH or other relevant departments for anti-epidemic purpose as necessary. The workflow does not involve the provision of any personal data to organisations or persons outside Hong Kong.

The spokesman said, "The Government urges all individuals who are in doubt about their own health conditions, or individuals with infection risks (such as individuals who visited places with epidemic outbreaks or contacted confirmed cases), to undergo testing promptly for early identification of infected persons."

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## **Statistics for COVID-19 Vaccination Programme**

Under the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme which started on February 26, as of 8pm today (March 7), a total of about 8 100 persons received their first dose of the Sinovac vaccine in the past 24 hours, including about 7 100 persons receiving vaccination at eight Community Vaccination Centres, and about 1 000 persons at private doctors and clinics participating in the programme.

The overall percentage of people who booked and received the Sinovac vaccine at the eight community vaccination centres is about 82.3 per cent today.

So far a cumulative total of about 93 000 persons have received the first dose of vaccination, including about 91 800 persons receiving the Sinovac vaccine and about 1200 persons receiving the Comirnaty vaccine.

For the past 24 hours ended at 0000 hours today, there were three cases of ambulance transfer to hospital (details at attachment).

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## **Discrepancy in COVID-19 Test Result SMS Message**

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

To tie in with the "Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance Programme" of the

Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health, the Hospital Authority (HA) contracted a test service vendor to arrange COVID-19 test and to notify negative test result via SMS message. The HA was notified by the vendor yesterday (March 6) that discrepancy in specimen bottle number was found during the test result information handling process, resulting in the receipt of wrong specimen bottle number in the SMS message. Members of the public concerned were therefore unable to log in to the government's Electronic Testing Record System to download the test result.

103 tested participants were involved in the incident. They returned specimen bottles to General Outpatient Clinics on March 2. All of the test results were negative. The vendor confirmed that no personal data nor privacy was involved in the discrepancy, amid no test result was affected.

The HA is concerned about the incident. Upon received notification, the HA has requested the vendor to inform the members of the public affected and to send amendment SMS immediately. The authority has also tasked the vendor to review the system and to fix the error so as to avoid the occurrence of similar incident.

The HA has reported the incident to the Food and Health Bureau and the Department of Health.