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Year of the Ox special stamps to be issued

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The Postmaster General, Mr Robert Footman, announced today (Thursday) that a set of special stamps on the theme of the Year of the Ox will be issued on January 17.

This is the 11th in the current series of Lunar New Year special stamps released by the Post Office commencing with the Year of the Rabbit in 1987.

There will be four denominations - \$1.3, \$2.5, \$3.1 and \$5. A souvenir sheet incorporating the four stamps will also be issued. A stamp booklet containing six each of the \$1.3 and \$3.1 stamps will be available at \$26.4 each.

The stamps were designed by Mr Kan Tai-keung and printed by Joh Enschede of the Netherlands.

As from tomorrow (Friday), the stamps will be on display for the advance information of the public at the General Post Office, Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, Tsuen Wan Post Office and Sha Tin Central Post Office. Official first day covers will be put on sale at all post offices at \$1 each as from the same day.

Advance orders for serviced first day covers will be accepted at all post offices from tomorrow to January 10. The minimum number of covers per order is five.

A restriction of two stamp booklets, five souvenir sheets and two sheets of stamps of each denomination (namely 100 sets of stamps) per customer queuing will be imposed on the first day of issue.

A beautifully designed presentation pack containing the four stamps will be available for sale at \$20 each at all post offices as from January 17.

On the first day of issue, hand-back service will be provided at all post offices to official and privately-made covers bearing indication of the first day of issue on January 17, 1997. A special postmark will also be introduced.

The GPO-1 hand stamp will also be available for hand-back service at the following 19 philatelic offices:

Airport Post Office
Aberdeen Post Office
Cheung Chau Post Office
Cheung Sha Wan Post Office
General Post Office
Granville Road Post Office
Harcourt Road Post Office
Hennessy Road Post Office
Kowloon Central Post Office
Kowloon City Post Office

Mong Kok Post Office
Peak Post Office
Sha Tin Central Post Office
Shau Kei Wan Post Office
Tai Po Post Office
Tuen Mun Central Post Office
Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office
Tsuen Wan Post Office
Yuen Long Post Office

As on previous occasions of first day issue of new stamps, the following 23 post offices will open at 8 am on January 17:

Hong Kong Island

General Post Office, Aberdeen, Shau Kei Wan, Sai Ying Pun, Tsat Tse Mui, Wan Chai, Wah Fu

Outlying Islands

Cheung Chau

Kowloon

Tsim Sha Tsui, Airport, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon Central, Kowloon City, Kwun Tong, Tseung Kwan O, To Kwa Wan

New Territories

Yuen Long, Shatin Central, Sai Kung, Shek Wu Hui, Tuen Mun Central, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan

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Telephone enquiry system to be suspended

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The Education Department's 24-hour Automatic Telephone Enquiry System on 2891 0088 will be suspended from noon on Saturday (January 4) to 8.30 am on Monday (January 6).

The suspension is to facilitate work on the electricity supply system of Wu Chung House.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority tender results

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Tender date	:	2 January 1997
Paper on offer	:	EF Bills
Issue number	:	Q066
Issue date	:	3 January 1997
Maturity date	:	31 January 1997
Amount applied	:	HK\$3,250 MN
Amount allotted	:	HK\$3,250 MN
Average yield accepted	:	4.40 PCT
Highest yield accepted	:	4.48 PCT
Average tender yield	:	4.40 PCT

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority interbank liquidity

		TIME	AGGREGATE BALANCE OF SETTLEMENT ACCOUNTS
OPENING AGGREGATE BALANCE	474 MN	0930 HR	11,009 MN
CLOSING AGGREGATE BALANCE	450 MN	1000 HR	18,430 MN
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100 HR	21,563 MN
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	- 6 MN	1200 HR	25,893 MN
LAF REVERSAL	+8,037 MN	1500 HR	27,074 MN
LAF TODAY	- 8,055 MN	1600 HR	35,733 MN

LAF RATE 4.00% BID/6.00% OFFER TWI 125.2 *-0.1* 2.1.97

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

EF Bills		EF Notes/MTRC Notes				
Terms	Yield	Terms	Issue	Coupon	Price	Yield
1 week	4.34	2 years	2811	5.72	100.23	5.66
1 month	4.34	3 years	3910	6.28	100.59	6.13
3 months	4.48	5 years	5112	6.57	99.41	6.82
6 months	4.69	7 years	7311	6.80	98.80	7.14
12 months	5.05	10 years	1610	7.37	100.64	7.41
		5 years	M503	7.35	101.55	7.07

TOTAL TURNOVER OF EF BILLS AND NOTES - \$14,645 MN

CLOSED JANUARY 2, 1997

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