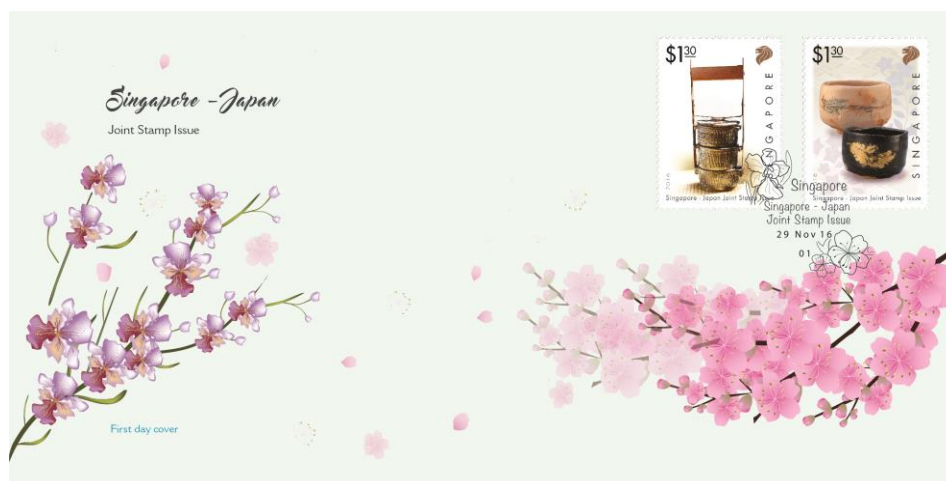


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## **Singapore and Japan jointly issue pottery stamps commemorating 50 years of warm bilateral ties**



Singapore-Japan joint stamp issue

**SINGAPORE, 1 December 2016** – Singapore Post Limited (SingPost) and Japan Post Co., Ltd. (Japan Post) have released a joint stamp issue by Singapore and Japan to commemorate 50 years of strong and warm bilateral relations between the two countries. Both countries have developed excellent relationships in many areas, including trade and investment, culture, and their people.

An exchange of the documents marking this collaboration between the two countries' national postal service providers was made today in Tokyo. Representing Japan Post was Mr Masatsugu Nagato, President and CEO, Representative Executive Officer, and SingPost was represented by Mr Woo Keng Leong, CEO, Postal Services, SingPost.

Witnessing the exchange was Singapore's President Dr Tony Tan and Japan's Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe.

The stamps feature ceramic works by renowned potters of the two countries: Singapore's Mr Iskandar Jalil, and Japan's Mr Toyozo Arakawa.

Mr Iskandar is a Cultural Medallion recipient who integrates Japanese and Islamic styles into his artworks. A Colombo Plan scholarship in 1972 brought him to Japan's Pottery Design and Technical Centre in Tajimi City, where he was introduced to pottery and his passion for this art form began. Last year, he became the first Singaporean artist to be bestowed the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, by the Emperor of Japan.

Arakawa-san was born in Tajimi in 1894, Mr Arakawa is considered one of the finest potters in history. In 1930, he discovered an ancient Shino kiln site and went on to inspire a revival of a range of traditional ceramic styles associated with the Japanese tea ceremony. He was given the title of "Living National Treasure" in 1955. Arakawa-san died in 1985.



The Singapore-Japan joint issue comprises two designs, both valued at \$1.30. There is a Pre-cancelled First Day Cover at \$3.50 that comes affixed with both stamps.

The stamp issue is available at all post offices in Singapore and the Singapore Philatelic Museum. They may also be purchased online at [www.stampdelight.com](http://www.stampdelight.com).

#### **Other Stamp Information**

Date of Issue:	29 November 2016
Denomination:	\$1.30 (in two designs)
Stamp Size:	28mm x 38.5mm
Perforation:	13.5 x 13.5
Paper:	Unwatermarked
Printing Process:	Offset Lithography
Printer:	Joh Enschede Stamps B.V.
Sheet Content:	10 stamps per sheet
Graphic Designer:	Leo Teck Chong
Photographer:	Alfred Ng (Singapore Design)

First Day Cover (without stamps):	\$0.35*
Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with stamps:	\$3.50*
Presentation Pack:	\$4.60*
Commemorative Sheet in folder:	\$13.80*

\* Prices include GST for purchases made within Singapore.

*Obtainable from any Post Office and the Singapore Philatelic Museum.*

The picture in this press release is an indicative visual. Details of the actual stamps may vary.

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