



## RUSSIAN-POST-OFFICES-IN-CHINA STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY

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Figure 1: 10100 CHEFOO: 1902 Cover to England from a crew member on board British warship HMS "Amphitrite" (printed on the reverse) at the Crown Colony of Wei Hai Wei, endorsed "Russian Post Office Chefoo / via Port Arthur / Moscow", with China 1c Dragon tied by bilingual "LIU-KUNG-TAO / WEI-HAI-WEI" cds in red, paying the rate to Chefoo where it was transferred to the Russian P.O. and franked with pairs of "KITAI" 2k and 3k tied by Chefoo 18.12.02 cds (T&S type 1, Gregorian calendar), with different strike on reverse (T&S type 2, Julian calendar), Southampton bs, a rare and attractive mixed country franking EU 800.00



Figure 2: 10101 CHEFOO: 1903 Cover to England endorsed "via Chefoo & Port Arthur", with China 1c Dragon tied by bilingual / WEI HAI WEI' cds, sent via Chefoo where it was transferred to the Russian P.O. and franked with "KITAI" 10k tied by Chefoo 8.4.03 cds (T&S type 1), Sandwich bs

Note: This Port Edward cds was in use only from April 1903 to January 1904. This item is dated a day earlier than the earliest date recorded by M. Goldsmith & C. Goodwyn in "The Crown Colony of Wei Hei Wei" EU 500.00





Figure 3: 10102 CHEFOO: 1903 Hamburg-America Line printed envelope franked with Kiautschou 10pf vertical pair tied by "DEUTSCHE SEEP-OST / SHANGHAI / TIENSIN" oval ds, transferred to the Russian P.O. at Chefoo and franked with "KITAI" 5k (2) and 10k tied by Chefoo 20.5.03 cds (T&S type 1), with Moscow and Hamburg bs, a possibly unique and spectacular combination. Note: From Chefoo a daily steamer service connected the newly built Chinese Eastern Railway at Port Arthur and thence the Trans-Siberian railway to Europe. EU 4,000.00



Figure 4: 10103 CHEFOO: Fragment with China 1c tied by "LIU KUNG TAO / WEI HAI WEI" cds in blue, and "KITAI" 10k tied by Chefoo 9.7.03 cds (T&S type 1), fine EU 40.00



Figure 5: 10104 CHEFOO: 1904 "KITAI" 10k letter card to the German Colony Tsangkou, Kiaochow, cancelled by Chefoo 4.10.04 cds (T&S type 2), with Tsangkou / Kiautschou arrival cds adjacent, very fine and unusual destination EU 150.00

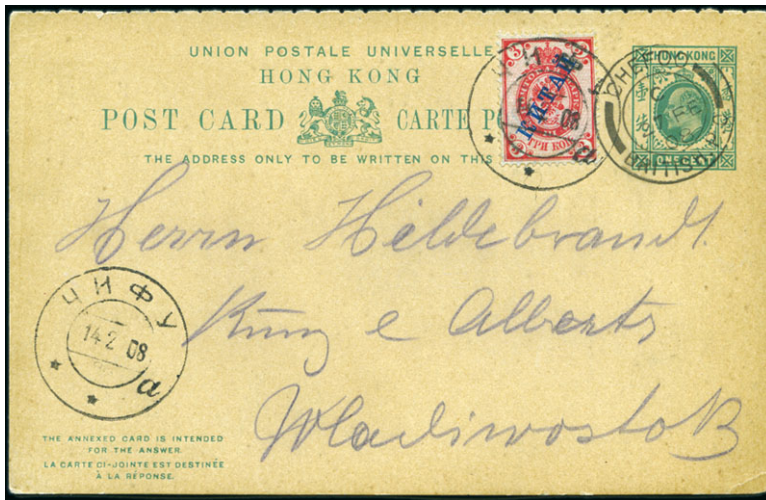


Figure 6: 10105 CHEFOO: 1908 Hong Kong 1c reply paid card to Vladivostok, franked with "KITAI" 3k, with imprint cancelled by British P.O. Chefoo 27.2.08 cds and stamp tied by Russian P.O. Chefoo cds on the same day, very unusual. EU 200.00



Figure 7: 10106 CHEFOO: 1917 Native cover to Vladivostok with 1916 10k on 7k provisional tied by Chefoo 7.9.17 cds (Tchilinghirian type 2A), with Vladivostok cds and violet censor cachet on reverse, a rare franking, there is no previous record of the use of the 1916 provisionals in China proper (only in Mongolia and Sinkiang). EU 400.00





Figure 8: 10107 CHEFOO: 1920 Registered cover sent to Norwich, New York, USA with 20 CENTS on 20k surcharged issue, tied by Chefoo 24.2.20 cds (T&S type 3A), with reg'd label in Russian and French adjacent & tied by American type negative registered cachet, plus manuscript "Registered A.R." & IJPO cds of Chefoo, a rare use of the surcharged issue EU 200.00