

THAILAND 2025 ASIAN INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION

Thailand 2025 Asian International Stamp Exhibition was successfully held from 8 to 12 August 2025 at The Grand Postal Building, a symbol of Thailand's postal heritage, drawing an enthusiastic crowd of visitors and participants throughout its duration.

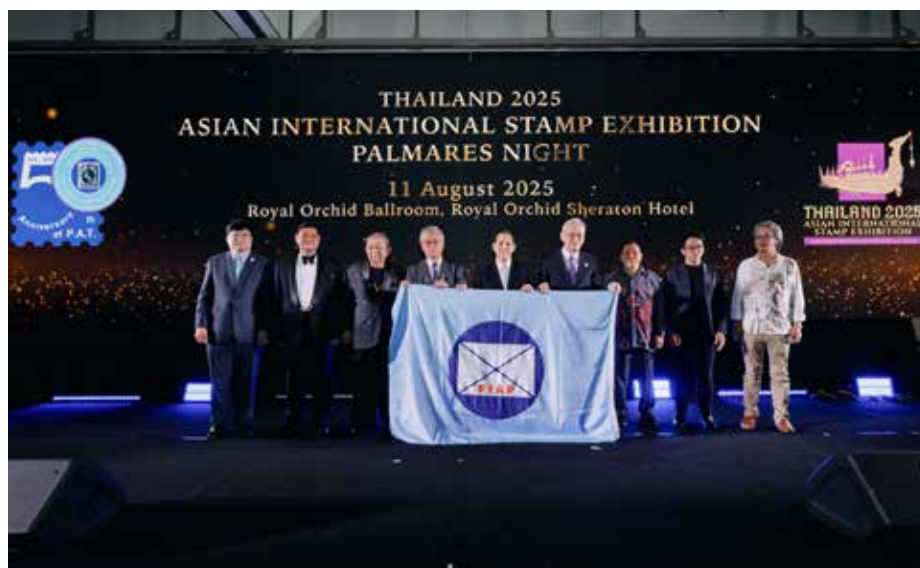
Many attendees expressed appreciation for the diverse range of competitive exhibits showcased, making the exhibition as a memorable and impactful success. The FIAP Grand Prix Club display stood out as the centerpiece of the exhibition, drawing admiration from visitors for its exceptional quality and presentation.

The Palmares night was a memorable evening filled with celebration, recognition and warmth. Guests gathered in an elegant setting, enjoying a delightful meal while honoring the outstanding achievements of the award recipients. The dinner reached its highlight with the prestigious Grand Prix Awards, honoring the highest level of excellence and achievement. Amidst an atmosphere of anticipation and celebrations, the winners were recognized with resounding applause, marking a pinnacle moment of the evening.



←Winners of the Grand Prix Awards

From left: Mr Surajit Gongvatana FDP - Honorary Jury President of Thailand 2025, Ms Gao Hongtao (China) receiving the Grand Prix International award on behalf of Mr Ding Jinsong for his exhibit "Postal History of Mongolia (1854-1921)", Mr Patrick Choy (Singapore), the Grand Prix d'Honneur awardee for his exhibit "Unit, Basic and Silver Yuan Stamps of China", Dr Prakob Chirakiti (Thailand), awardee of the Grand Prix National for his exhibit: Siam: The Development of Early Post Offices".



↑ Handover of FIAP flag from Thailand 2025 to Bandung 2026 Asian International Stamp Exhibition

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DONATIONS RECEIVED IN 2024

William Kwan	Hong Kong	SGD 10,000
Prakob Chirakiti	Thailand	SGD 5,000
Lin Tzu-Mu	Chinese Taipei	USD 2,000
Santpal Sinchawla	Thailand	USD 2,000
Li Hui Xiang	China	SGD 1,000
FIAP Grand Prix Club		USD 150
Patrick Choy	Singapore	SGD 4,000
Daniel Szeto	Hong Kong	SGD 1,000
Chen Shan	China	SGD 1,000

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN 2025

Prakob Chirakiti	Thailand	SGD 1,000 + USD 2,000
Charnchai Karnasuta	Thailand	USD 2,000
Takashi Yoshida	Japan	USD 1,000
Patrick Choy	Singapore	SGD 5,000
Richard Tan	Singapore	SGD 3,000

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← Mr Surajit Gongvatana FDP, Adviser of the Thailand 2025 Organising Committee, presenting the Grand Prix d'honneur award to Mr Patrick Choy (Singapore) for his exhibit "Unit, Basic and Silver Yuan Stamps of China"



Ms Gao Hongtao, Vice President → of All-China Philatelic Federation, receiving the Grand Prix International award on behalf of Mr Ding Jinsong (China) for his exhibit "Postal History of Mongolia 1854-1921" from Mr Charnchai Karnasuta, President of the Philatelic Association of Thailand under the Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn



Dr Prakob Chirakiti receiving the → Grand Prix National award for his exhibit "Siam: The Development of Early Post Offices" from Ms Pilantane Suwanbubbha, Chief Commercial Officer of Thailand Post Co Ltd

China 2024 Asian International Stamp Exhibition Report

All-China Philatelic Federation

China 2024 Asian International Stamp Exhibition was held from November 29 to December 3, 2024, at the Shanghai Exhibition Center. This event was hosted by the State Post Bureau of China and co-organized by Shanghai Municipal Transportation Commission, Shanghai Jing'an District People's Government, China Post Group Corporation Limited, and All-China Philatelic Federation. Themed "Stamps Present Asian Culture," the exhibition aimed to expand and develop friendly relations and close cooperation among FIAP members, promote every aspect of philately in the FIAP region, commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, and commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately.

Totally over 323 exhibits in around 1,617 frames plus 49 literature exhibits were displayed, covering 16 competitive classes: FIAP Championship, Traditional, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Astrophilately, Thematic, Maximaphily, Revenue, Modern Philately, Picture Postcard, Open Philately, Youth, OFE, Literature, and Experimental Class—First Day Cover, which was introduced for the first time as a competitive class in a FIAP exhibition. Altogether, 29 FIAP members participated in the competitive exhibition, and there were 120 international and domestic sales booths. The event attracted over 100,000 visitors. The Jury consisted of 54 members, with Dr Prakob Chirakiti as Honorary President, Mr Tay Peng Hian and Mr Surajit Gongvatana as Senior Consultants, and Mm Jiao Xiaoguang as Jury President. A total of 21 Large Gold medals and 40 Gold medals were awarded.

The exhibition featured five theme days: Opening Day, Shanghai Culture Day, Youth Day, Palmares Day, and FIAP Day. China Post Group Corporation Limited issued a set of four commemorative stamps and one souvenir sheet for this event. During the exhibition, the Organizing Committee arranged a visit to the Shanghai Museum for Commissioners. A special display area showcasing the Shanghai Youth Post Office was set up at the exhibition hall. On Youth Day, a philatelic lecture for youth collectors was held, and the 4th Shanghai Letter-Writing Culture Festival was launched. The festival aimed to guide young people to showcase Shanghai's historical culture and local customs through letters and help the younger generation rediscover the charm of traditional correspondence.



China 2024 Asian International Stamp Exhibition Report

All-China Philatelic Federation



Jurors judging at the frames



Kids performing at the opening ceremony



VIPs unveiling the commemorative stamps and souvenir sheet issued for CHINA 2024



Exhibition Hall
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China 2024 Asian International Stamp Exhibition



Grand Prix d'Honneur

Mr Ding Jinsong (China), 3rd from left receiving the Grand Prix d'Honneur award from Mr Dai Yingjun, 2nd from left, President of All-China Philatelic Federation

Together on stage: Mr Stephen Chan (Hong Kong), 1st from left, Mr Abdulla Khoory (UAE), 4th from left and Mr Richard Tan (Singapore), 5th from left

Grand Prix International

Mr Charnchai Karnasuta (Thailand), 2nd from left receiving the Grand Prix International award from Dr Prakob Chirakiti (Thailand), 3rd from left



Grand Prix National

Mr Sun Jiangtao (China), center, receiving the Grand Prix National award from Mr Wang Weiren, Deputy Secretary-General of Shanghai Municipal People's Government, right

China 2024 Asian International Stamp Exhibition

FIAP 50th Anniversary 1974-2024 Golden Jubilee



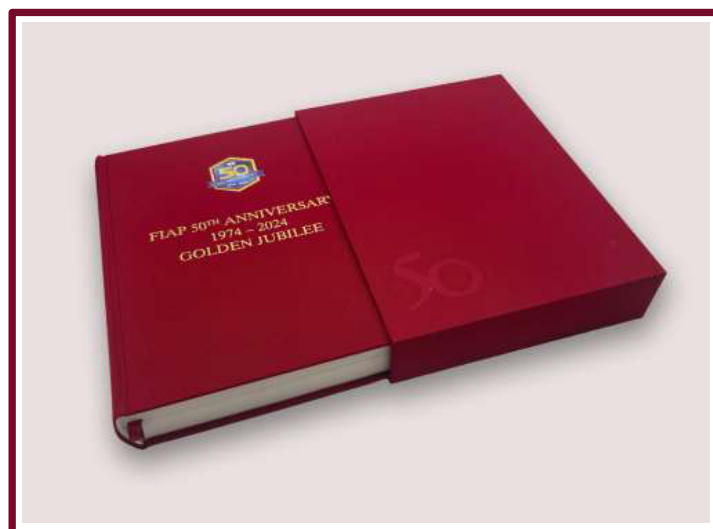
(From left) Mr Chen Yu-an RDP, Mr Michael Ho FDP RDP, Mr Tay Peng Hian FDP RDP, Mr Koh Seow Chuan FDP RDP, Mr Surajit Gongvatana FDP, Dr Prakob Chirakiti RDP, Ms Gao Hongtao and Mr Richard Tan

FIAP celebrated its 50th anniversary Golden Jubilee at CHINA 2024 Asian International Stamp exhibition. An enormous cake cutting ceremony was presented on stage at the Palmares night. A 658-pages hard copy book was specially published and launched on 1 December 2024 at the CHINA 2024 Asian International Stamp Exhibition to celebrate the 50th anniversary of FIAP 1974-2024. It tells the story of FIAP from how it was formed, the family member federations, exhibitions and all activities.

The 2nd FIAP Jury Academy held in Shanghai, China from 26 to 27 November 2024



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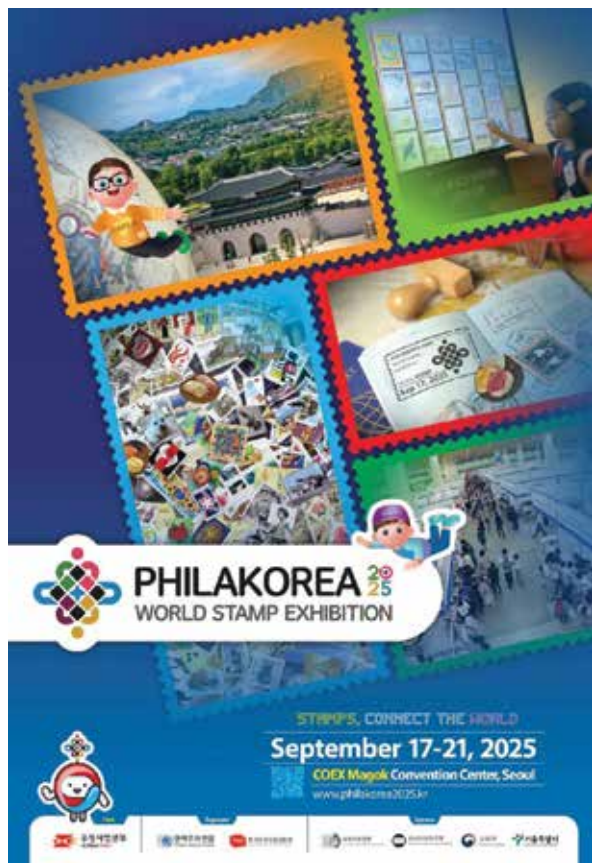
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PHILAKOREA 2025 WORLD STAMP CHAMPIONSHIP EXHIBITION

Richard Tan



PHILAKOREA 2025 World Stamp Championship Exhibition, held from 17 to 21 September at the COEX Magok Exhibition Center, concluded with great acclaim, bringing together the finest philatelic minds and collections from around the world.

Organized by the Philatelic Federation OF Korea and Korea Post, under the patronage of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) and Auspices of Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP).

The exhibition featured 2,002 competitive frames and displayed gems from the FIP Grand Prix Club Display and Court of Honour showcasing the depth and diversity of global postal philately.

PHILAKOREA 2025 welcomed participants from over 65 countries, with exhibits spanning Traditional Philately, Postal History, Thematic collections, and more. The theme “CONNECT” emphasized stamps as bridges between cultures and eras.

The exhibition also marked the 140th anniversary of Korea’s modern postal service, adding historical resonance to the event.



The Opening Ceremony on 17th September 2025 was graced by the Vice Minister who officially declared the exhibition opened at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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Top Honors at the Palmares

The prestigious Palmares dinner on 20 September revealed the highest accolades:

World Stamp Championship – Mr Karnasuta Charnchai (Thailand), 5th from left

Exhibit: “Development of Early Post Offices in Siam 1880–1909”

This exhibit stood out for its meticulous research and presentation of Siam’s early postal infrastructure.



↓ Grand Prix International – Mr Sai Touru (Japan), right

Exhibit: “Postal Cards of Japan 1873–1874”

A rare and comprehensive study of Japan’s earliest postal cards.



↓ Grand Prix National - Kim Young-Kil (Korea), right

Exhibit: “The Postal History of Great Joseon & Daehan Empire (1884–1905)”





المعرض الدولي للطوابع World Stamp Exhibition

دبي 2026 Dubai 2026

Under the Patronage of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP), the Emirates Philatelic Association (EPA) will host the Dubai 2026 World Stamp Exhibition to celebrate 100 Years of the FIP and 30 Years of the EPA

The Exhibition will be held 4 to 8 February 2026 at the Sheikh Maktoum Hall
World Trade Centre, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

We look forward to welcoming philatelists from
around the world to Dubai 2026 World Stamp Exhibition



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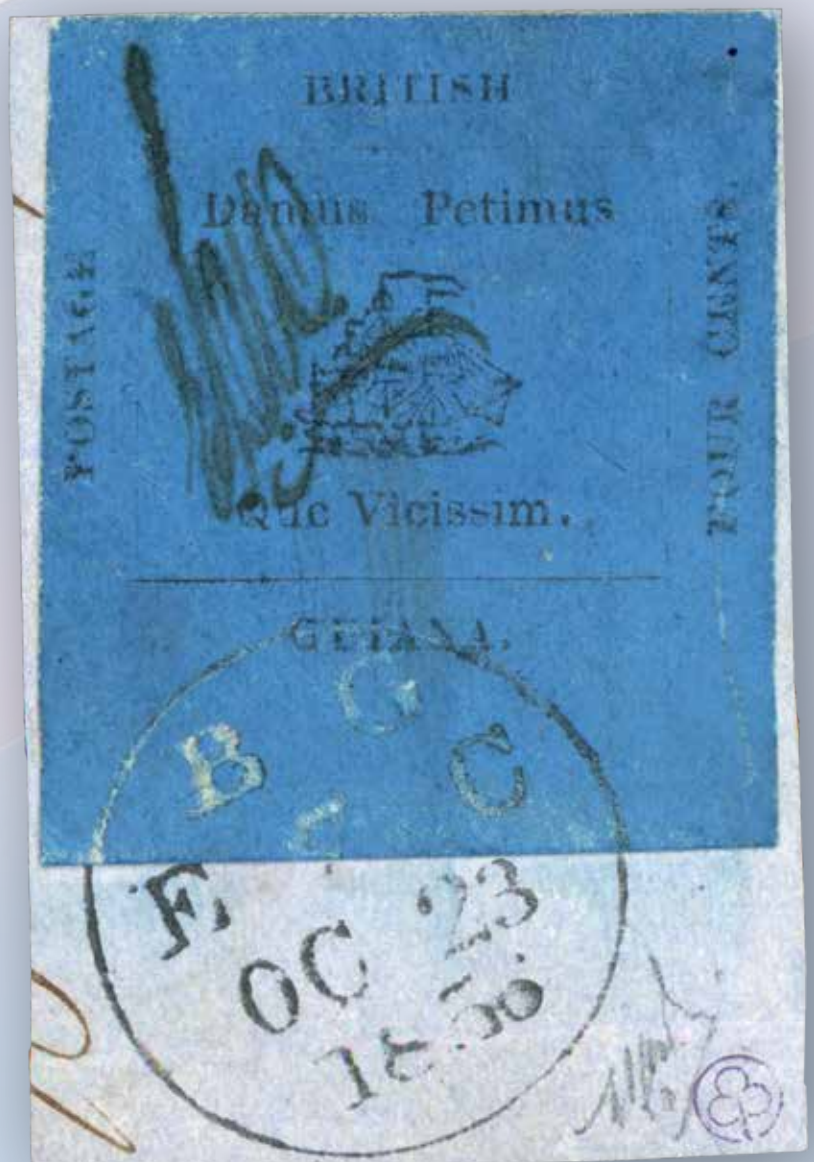
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FIAP DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS

Prakob Chirakiti



The Election Committee consists of no more than four members with the FIAP President and FIAP Secretary General as the President and Honorary Secretary of the Election Committee respectively. This Election Committee will meet annually to consider the nominations of FIAP Distinguished Philatelists and agrees the names of the new signatories which are at its absolute discretion as sanctioned by the Congress.

A signing ceremony for the Book of FIAP Distinguished Philatelists will take place annually preferably at the FIAP Patronage Exhibitions.

An invitation to sign the Book of FIAP Distinguished Philatelists is regarded as the Asian's and World's pre-eminent philatelic honour.

The Election Committee:

The current Election Committee was proposed and approved at the FIAP Executive Committee Meeting held in Bangkok on 30 November 2023 composed of four Asian philatelists.

The Registrar of the Book of FIAP Distinguished Philatelists:

The FIAP Secretariat will be the Registrar of the Book of FIAP Distinguished Philatelists. The Registrar will

- 1 Publicise as widely as possible the time, place and procedure for the receipt of nominations on an annual basis.
- 2 Gather the nomination forms received and put forward to the FIAP Distinguished Philatelists Election Committee.
- 3 Make preparations for the FIAP Distinguished Philatelists Election Committee meeting to select the signatories.
- 4 Keep the Book of FIAP Distinguished Philatelists.
- 5 Any other assignments as advised by the Election Committee.

The Honorary Secretary of the FIAP Distinguished Philatelists Election Committee:

The FIAP Secretary General will be the Honorary Secretary of the FIAP Distinguished Philatelists Election Committee. After the new signatories were selected, the Election Committee Honorary Secretary will:

- 1 Prepare the announcement of the result of the FIAP Distinguished Philatelists selected by the Election Committee and the FIAP Patronage Exhibition that will host the Signing ceremony.
- 2 Liaise with the Organising Committee of the FIAP Patronage Exhibition for the FIAP Distinguished Philatelists signing ceremony and informing the signatories about the signing ceremony.
- 3 Prepare the Book of FIAP Distinguished Philatelists to be signed with the name of the selected Distinguished Philatelists, the Certificate for the new signatories and the FIAP Distinguished Philatelists pin.
- 4 Arrange for the FIAP Distinguished Philatelists Luncheon or dinner as advised by the Election Committee.
- 5 Any other assignments as advised by the Election Committee.

Rules to Govern the Election of FIAP Distinguished Philatelists:

The form for nomination for FIAP Distinguished Philatelists can be downloaded from the FIAP website (www.asiaphilately.com).

The nomination form must be duly signed by both the Nominee and the respective FIAP Member Federation's President or Past FIAP Distinguished Philatelists in support of the Nominee.

FIAP DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS

Prakob Chirakiti

The nomination forms will be put forward to the FIAP Distinguished Philatelists Election Committee, either by FIAP Distinguished Philatelists or by FIAP Member Federations, this is a rare honour and from the many only a few will be chosen. The task of selection is not easy. The Election Committee has together an extensive knowledge of collectors and it is safe to say that all the candidates proposed will be probably known personally to at least one member of the Election Committee.

The proposal form has been designed to accommodate sufficient pertinent information and in fairness to the candidate it is important that the form is properly completed. Well prepared forms help the Election Committee, and the following is offered for guidance.

It is the responsibility of the proposer to decide what information is included on the proposal form. However, it is not acceptable for a multi-page curriculum vitae prepared by the candidate merely to be attached to the form. If a candidate is President of a National or International Society or Federation, the date of election to that office and the total years with the organisation should suffice. The years and months marking the stepping-stones to high office as for example Chairman or Vice President often add little to the qualification. Similarly, the detailed listing of Large Gold Medals gained for the same collection is often irrelevant particularly if the collection has been awarded a Grand Prix. The Election Committee does not require copies of books published by the candidate or photocopies of articles written for philatelic journals.

The importance or otherwise of the above should be assessed by the proposer when completing the form. There should be no supplementary documents and only a single extra sheet of information will be accepted. The candidate should stand or fall by the qualifications presented by his proposer and not by the size of a dossier.

Election is by qualification and not by ballot. Informal contact in support of the candidate directed to FIAP Distinguished Philatelist Signatories, Members of the Election Committee may well be regarded as 'lobbying' or 'canvassing' and is likely be counterproductive. A candidate should remain silent, and only the original nominator or other qualified nominator, or nominating body should add updates.

All correspondence on behalf of the candidate should be addressed to the FIAP Secretariat.

Nomination of Candidates:

Nominations must be made on the special form downloaded from the FIAP website. Once nominated, a Candidate will remain on the list for four years, during which time their nomination will be considered at the annual meetings of the Election Committee. After four years, nominations will lapse but may be renewed for one further period of four years by the submission of an updated nomination form. The form will be sent to the FIAP Secretariat to forward to the Election Committee.

Organisations / Persons who may submit nominations:

Nominations may be submitted by:-

The FIAP Member Federations.

Signatories of FIAP Distinguished Philatelists.

Criteria for Nominees:

The Nominee:

Must be a philatelist residing in the FIAP regions and belong to one of the FIAP Member Federations.

Must be distinguished by having contributed outstanding service to philately, as stipulated below under The Services.

The Services:

These and other relevant outstanding service to philately will be considered by the Election Committee in making their decision:

- 1 Organisational work, at a FIAP level, FIP level, Regional level, National level in connection with philatelic exhibitions, congresses or societies.

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- 2 The formation of notable collections which have been exhibited or displayed for the benefit of philately.
- 3 Philatelic research or other significant works made available to others, including publications and journalistic activities.
- 4 Jury Services including at FIAP Patronage Exhibition, FIP Patronage Exhibition, etc.
- 5 Others Information such as Promotional work, including the giving of displays, seminars, and presentations, Internationally recognized high honours, etc.

Nominations:

Those nominating should note that an invitation to sign the Book of FIAP Distinguished Philatelists is a singular honour and, for nominations to be successful, candidates need to be of commensurate distinction.

Information should be provided on the special form downloaded from the FIAP website. This is intended to assist those nominating in identifying some of the criteria that will be fully considered by the Election Committee. All nominations must have the prior consent of the nominee and certify that the information submitted is true and correct.

The closing date for the receipt of nomination forms by the FIAP Secretariat is 30th September. Forms received after this date will be held on file and dealt with as part of the intake for the year after that.

No correspondence or discussion will be entered into concerning any proceedings of the Election Committee.

Please be aware that successful candidates and their nominators will be expected to attend the signing ceremony at their own expense.

Honorary FIAP Distinguished Philatelist:

There will be the Election of Honorary FIAP Distinguished Philatelists, the candidate for Honorary FIAP Distinguished Philatelists will be proposed and considered by the Election Committee. The candidate for Honorary FIAP Distinguished Philatelists will be dignitaries normally outside ranks of organized philately, in recognition of their significant support to philately.

The results of the Elected Honorary FIAP Distinguished Philatelists (if any) and FIAP Distinguished Philatelists will be announced by the end of 31st December and the signing of the Book of FIAP Distinguished Philatelists will be held at the FIAP Patronage Exhibition.

FIAP Distinguished Philatelists Election Committee

Chairman: Dr Prakob Chirakiti
Members: Mr Tay Peng Hian / Mr Michael Ho
Honorary Secretary: Mr Richard Tan

The Registrar of the Book of FIAP Distinguished Philatelists

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FIAP DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS

Richard Tan

At the Palmares ceremony during Thailand 2025 Asian International Stamp Exhibition on 11 August 2025, five philatelists were invited to sign the roll and receiving the FIAP Distinguished Philatelists certificate and medal. They were Messrs Koh Seow Chuan, Tay Peng Hian, William Kwan, Surajit Gongvatana and Michael Ho. This prestigious event recognizes their outstanding contributions and achievements in the field of philately. This is the very first signing the roll of FIAP Distinguished Philatelists.



H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn

During the FIAP Distinguished Philatelists Election Committee meeting of Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP) in Singapore, the Election Committee unanimously agreed to present the Honorary FIAP Distinguished Philatelist to H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand in recognition of Her Royal Highness' significant contribution and support to philately.

Since 1971, H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn had continuously supported and contributed to philately, such as presiding at the opening of the Stamp Exhibition whether it was a Continental Exhibition under the Patronage of FIAP or at a World Stamp Exhibition under the Patronage of FIP whenever one was held in Thailand.

Her Royal Highness' passion for philately is well known by philatelists all over the world. Her Royal Highness' personal collections had been shown at the exhibitions both in Thailand and abroad.

The Honorary FIAP Distinguished Philatelist medal and certificate were presented to H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on 8 August 2025 during the Opening Ceremony of THAILAND 2025 (Asian International Stamp Exhibition) at the Grand Postal Building, by the FIAP President, Dr Prakob Chirakiti. Her Royal Highness will be the first royalty to be presented with the Honorary FIAP Distinguished Philatelist.

FIAP DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS



Mr Tay Peng Hian

- *Honorary President, Association of Singapore Philatelists (ASP)*
- *FIAP Distinguished Philatelist*
- *Honorary Member, Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP)*
- *Past President, Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP)*
- *Honorary President, Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP)*
- *Roll of Distinguished Philatelist (RDP)*
- *President, FIP Grand Prix Club*
- *Honored with the FIP Medal of Appreciation*

Mr Tay Peng Hian is a name synonymous with philately in Asia and beyond. His dedication, expertise, and leadership have made an indelible mark on the hobby. As the Past President of the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP), Honorary Member and Honorary President of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP), Mr Tay's contributions are a testament to his passion and commitment.

A renowned philatelist, Mr Tay has built an impressive collection of Asian stamps and postal history of Straits Settlements, Burma and Netherlands East Indies, showcasing his expertise and research. His exhibits have garnered international acclaim, earning numerous awards and recognition. He was awarded the first FIAP Grand Prix International Award at the first FIAP Asian International Stamp Exhibition, held in Bangalore, India in 1977, for his fabulous collection of the Straits Settlements Classic.

Mr Tay also won the FIP Grand Prix International Awards thrice, for each of his three collections, Straits Settlements (PHILAKOREA 1984), Burma (POLSKA 1993) and Netherlands East Indies (PHILAKOREA 2002). His Netherlands East Indies exhibit was entered into three FIP World Stamp Exhibitions, and won three FIP Large Gold medals (with special prizes) at ISTANBUL 1996 (Turkey), STAMP SHOW 2000 (London) and PHILAKOREA 2002 (Seoul). This collection won the FIP Grand Prix D'Honneur (FIP Champion of Champions) at CHINA 2009, held in Luoyang, China. It is recognized as the best ever assembled collection of the first two issues (1864, 1866) of the Netherlands East Indies.

Mr Tay was a President of FIAP (Federation of Inter-Asian Philately), a post which he held from 1987 to 2001. He was bestowed the title of Ahli Mangku Negara (Kehormat) (AMN Honorary) in recognition of his service to philately by the King of Malaysia in 1993. He is the first foreigner to be honoured for philately. In 1996, he was invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelist (RDP) and made an Honorary Member of FIAP at the 13th FIAP Congress in 2001, Tokyo. He was elected as the FIP (Federation Internationale de Philatelie) President at the 71st FIP Congress held in Lisbon, Portugal on October 10, 2010.

- Award-winning philatelist with numerous international accolades

THAILAND 2023	World Stamp Championship	Netherlands East Indies 1655 – 1870
CHINA 2009	Grand Prix d'Honneur	Netherlands East Indies 1655 – 1870
PHILAKOREA 2002	Grand Prix International	Netherlands East Indies 1655 – 1870
POLSKA 1993	Grand Prix International	Burma 1817-1854
PHILAKOREA 1984	Grand Prix International	Straits Settlements

Mr Tay's leadership has been instrumental in shaping the philatelic landscape in Asia. As the Past President of FIAP, he fostered collaboration, promoted exhibitions, and developed programs to engage new generations of philatelists. As President of the FIP Grand Prix Club, he has further demonstrated his commitment to excellence in philately, promoting the highest standards of collecting and exhibiting. He initiated the publishing of the two FIP Grand Prix Club Books in years 2001 and 2019 respectively.

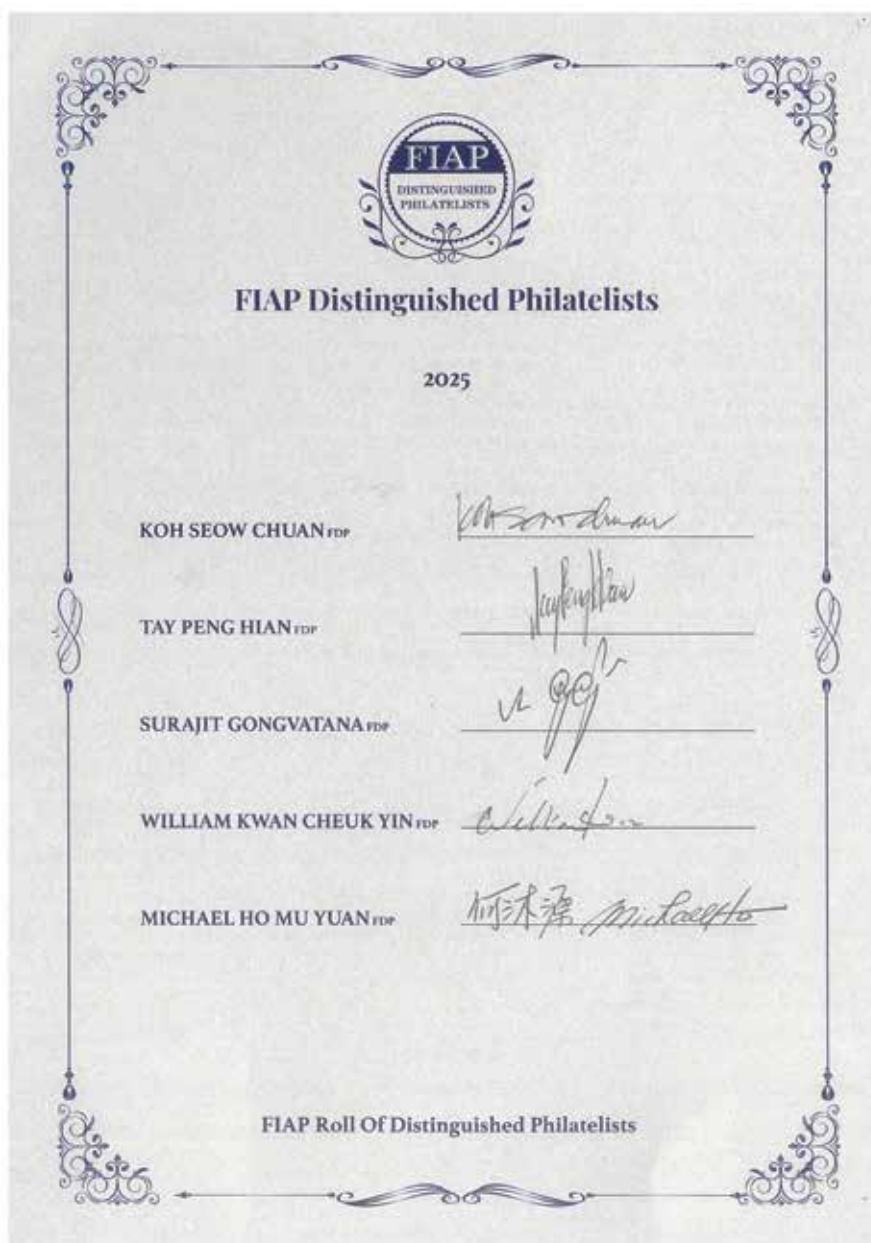
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His contributions as FIP Consultant, FIAP coordinator and Jury services at FIAP Jury (1977 - 2024) and FIP Jury (1991-2023). Included positions as Honorary Jury President, Jury President, Jury Vice President, Team Leaders, Jury Secretary, Senior Jury Consultant, Expert Group, FIP Consultant, FIAP Coordinator in more than 50 exhibitions.

His honors and awards reflect his standing in the philatelic community:

- Honorary President, Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP)
- Past President, Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP)
- Honorary Member, FIAP
- President, FIP Grand Prix Club
- Award-winning philatelist with international recognition

Mr Tay's legacy extends beyond his personal achievements. He has inspired countless philatelists, sharing his knowledge and passion for the hobby. His contributions have created a lasting impact on the philatelic community, cementing his place as a true icon in the world of philately.



FIAP DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS



Mr Koh Seow Chuan

- *Honorary President, Association of Singapore Philatelists (ASP)*
- *FIAP Distinguished Philatelist*
- *Founding Member, Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP)*
- *Honorary President, Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP)*
- *Roll of Distinguished Philatelist (RDP)*
- *Organising Committee 1995 Singapore WSE*
- *Honored with the FIP Medal of Appreciation*

Mr Koh Seow Chuan is a renowned philatelist and a former President of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP). He has made significant contributions to the world of philately, and his expertise and leadership have been instrumental in promoting the hobby globally.

As a philatelist, Mr Koh has achieved numerous accolades and awards for his exceptional collections and exhibits. His passion for philately has taken him to various parts of the world, where he has shared his knowledge and expertise with fellow enthusiasts.

Under his presidency, FIP has seen significant growth and development, with initiatives aimed at promoting philately among younger generations and fostering international collaboration among philatelists. Mr Koh's dedication to philately has earned him the respect and admiration of the global philatelic community. He continues to be an inspiration to philatelists worldwide, and his legacy will undoubtedly shape the future of the hobby.

- Award-winning philatelist with numerous international accolades

INDEPEX 1997	Grand Prix International	New Brunswick & Nova Scotia
CAPEX 1996	Grand Prix National	New Brunswick & Nova Scotia

- Expert in Asian philately, particularly in the fields of Southeast Asia, Malaya & Straits Settlements, Canada and vast knowledge of postcards, particularly his donation to the Singapore Philatelic Museum.
- Author of several philatelic publications and articles

Service to Philately:

- Served as FIP President from [2002-2006], leading the organization with vision and dedication
- Played a key role in promoting philately globally, particularly in Asia, being a founding member of the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately
- Mentored and inspired countless philatelists, sharing his expertise and passion

Philatelic Expertise:

- Extensive knowledge of Asian philately, with a focus on China and Southeast Asia
- Expertise in stamp authentication, identification, and valuation
- Proficient in philatelic research and exhibition judging

Mr Koh had contributed his services as FIP Consultant, FIAP coordinator and Jury services at FIAP and FIP exhibitions as Honorary Jury President, Jury President, Jury Vice President, Team Leaders, Jury Secretary, Senior Jury Consultant and Expert Group. Mr Koh Seow Chuan's dedication to philately has made a lasting impact on the hobby, and his legacy continues to inspire philatelists around the world.

FIAP DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS



Mr Surajit Gongvatana

- *FIAP Distinguished Philatelist*
- *Honorary Member,
Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP)*
- *Immediate Past President,
Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP)*
- *Director,
Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP)*

Mr Surajit Gongvatana is a highly respected figure in the philatelic community, having served as the Immediate Past President of the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately. His leadership and dedication to the hobby have made a significant impact on the development of philately in Asia and beyond.

During his tenure as President, Mr Gongvatana worked tirelessly to promote philately, foster collaboration among member countries and enhance the federation's activities and services. His vision and guidance helped to strengthen the federation's presence and influence in the global philatelic community. Mr Gongvatana is also an accomplished philatelist, with a particular focus on the stamps and postal history of Thailand and Southeast Asia. His expertise and research in these areas are highly regarded, and he has shared his knowledge through various publications and presentations. He has the distinction of being the second person in the last sixty plus years to have won all three coveted Grand Prix Awards with the same exhibit, and the first ever in Thailand and Asia.

At FIP Exhibitions he won the Grand Prix National award at BANGKOK 1993, Grand Prix International award at PHILAKOREA 1994 and Grand Prix d'Honneur award at PACIFIC 1997 for his collection "Siam". At SINGAPORE 2004, "Siam" continued to win the glorious World Stamp Championship 2004 award, thus marking Mr Gongvatana as the very first World Stamp Champion in the FIP history. His other collection "Siam: Pre-Decimal" also won the Grand Prix National award at THAIPEX 1989 (4th Asian International Stamp Exhibition) and Grand Prix d'Honneur award at KUALA LUMPUR 1992 (5th Asian International Stamp Exhibition).

• Award-winning philatelist with numerous international accolades

SINGAPORE 2004	World Stamp Championship	Siam
PACIFIC 1997	Grand Prix d'Honneur	Siam
PHILAKOREA 1994	Grand Prix International	Siam
BANGKOK 1993	Grand Prix National	Siam

Mr Gongvatana has held several important positions within philately. He was the President of The Philatelic Association of Thailand from 1992 – 2002. He was elected as the FIAP President at the 13th FIAP Congress in 2001 in Tokyo, Japan till 2017. Prior to 2001 he was in the position as FIAP Vice President, elected at the 11th FIAP Congress held in 1996 in Beijing, China. He was conferred FIAP Honorary membership in 2017 at the 21st FIAP Congress held in Bandung, Indonesia. He is the Chairman of the FIAP Expertisation Committee since 2009. He also served as the Vice President in the FIP Board from 2010 – 2014.

He has been an accredited FIP juror since 1995 serving as Consultant and Coordinator to many FIP and FIAP exhibitions. In addition, the countless number of Jury duties such as Honorary Jury President, Jury President, Jury Vice President, Team Leaders, Jury Secretary, Senior Jury Consultant, Expert Group, exhibitions. Mr Gongvatana's contributions to philately are highly valued, and his legacy continues to inspire philatelists around the world. His commitment to the hobby and his leadership has left a lasting impact on the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately and the global philatelic community.

FIAP DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS



Mr William Kwan

- *FIAP Distinguished Philatelist*
- *Honorary Member, Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP)*
- *President, FIAP Grand Prix Club*

Mr William Kwan promoted philately in Hong Kong and neighboring countries actively. He learned from Mr Tay Peng Hian in Singapore on how to display for Exhibitions and imparted knowledge thus learned to members of the Hong Kong Philatelic Society as well as non-members.

In 1992, there were hardly more than two collections in Hong Kong that have reached “international level”, one of which was Mr Kwan’s “Japanese Occupation of Hong Kong”. Thereafter, Mr Kwan has promoted philately vigorously in Hong Kong, resulted in having more than 120 exhibits from 97 exhibitors that could be shown at FIP exhibitions. This was achieved from 1990 to 2010.

His contribution in promoting philately and in Hong Kong and Scouts’ Association, encouraged youth participation through seminars and workshops and personally distributed thematic stamp packets to school children.

Mr Kwan has also organized the Hong Kong Stampex annually for over 30 years and generously provided his solicitor’s office as the venue for monthly Hong Kong Philatelic Society meetings, supporting the local philatelic community at every level. Organising Committee for many exhibitions is part of his effort in supporting philately.

As President of the FIAP Grand Prix Club, ensuring that all Grand Prix Club members participated at the FIAP Grand Prix Club Display at gathering at the lunch are also part of his portfolio.

• Award-winning philatelist with numerous international accolades

INDONESIA 2022	World Stamp Championship	Hong Kong – Designs, Proofs, Specimens and other Archival Materials
PHILANIPPON 2011	Grand Prix d'Honneur	Stamps and Covers of East China 1942-1949
PHILATAIPEI 2016	Grand Prix International	Hong Kong – Designs, Proofs, Specimens and other Archival Materials
HONG KONG 1997	Grand Prix National	Hong Kong – Designs, Proofs, Specimens and other Archival Materials

FIAP DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS



Mr Michael Ho

- *FIAP Distinguished Philatelist*
- *Honorary Member, Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP)*
- *Roll of Distinguished Philatelist (RDP)*
- *Vice President, FIAP Grand Prix Club*

Mr Michael Ho is a distinguished philatelist and a respected figure in the Asian philatelic community. He is an Honorary Member of the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately, recognizing his significant contributions to the hobby.

As a prominent philatelist, Mr Ho has achieved numerous accolades for his exceptional collections and exhibits, focusing on the stamps and postal history of China and Southeast Asia. His expertise and research in these areas are highly regarded, and he is widely sought after for his insights and knowledge. Mr Ho's dedication to philately extends beyond his personal achievements. He has actively promoted the hobby in Asia and beyond, sharing his passion and expertise with fellow philatelists.

Some of his notable achievements include:

- Award-winning philatelist with numerous international accolades examples
 - Expert in Chinese and South American, Southeast Asian philately
 - Respected researcher and author in philatelic circles

Mr Ho joined the philatelic club in 1980 and started to collect China: Small Dragon and Its Surcharges. He also collect materials from several of other countries including Nicaragua, Bolivia, Netherlands East Indies and Honduras.

- Award-winning philatelist with numerous international accolades

NZ 2023	Grand Prix International	King Willem III Netherlands East Indies Postal Stationery 1874-1904
SINGPEX 2019	Grand Prix d'Honneur	Bolivia: The 19 th Century American Bank Note Co Definitive Printings
ST PETERSBURG 2007	Grand Prix d'Honneur	China: Small Dragon and Its Surcharges
BANGKOK 2003	Grand Prix International	China: Small Dragon and Its Surcharges
HONG KONG 2001	Grand Prix National	China: Small Dragon and Its Surcharges

Mr Ho was elected as FIAP Exco Member in 1996-2005, FIAP Secretary General 2005-2009, FIAP Vice President 2009-2013 and FIAP Honorary Member since 2013. He was appointed as coordinator for BANGKOK 2007, BANGKOK 2010 and SHARJAH 2012 at the FIAP Asian International Stamp Exhibitions. He was also the Consultant for BANDUNG 2017 FIP World Stamp Exhibition. He is an accredited FIAP juror since 1994 and FIP juror since 1999. Mr Ho had dedicated his time as FIP Consultant, FIAP coordinator and Jury services at FIAP and FIP exhibitions as Honorary Jury President, Jury President, Jury Vice President, Team Leaders, Jury Secretary, Senior Jury Consultant and Expert Group.

Mr Ho's contributions to philately are highly valued, and his legacy continues to inspire philatelists around the world. His commitment to the hobby and his leadership has left a lasting impact on the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately and the Federation Internationale de Philatelie.

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FIAP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING & 24 FIAP CONGRESS BANGKOK, THAILAND

The FIAP Executive Committee Meeting and 24th FIAP Congress were held on 11 August 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand. A group photo of all executive committee members, delegates and observers from FIAP member federations was taken immediately after both meetings.



At the 24th FIAP Congress

- The approval of FIAP Patronage to BANDUNG 2026 and THAILAND 2027 Asian International Stamp Exhibitions were approved unanimously
- The approval of FIAP Auspices to MACAU 2026, DUBAI 2026 and PHILATAIPEI 2026 World Stamp Exhibitions were approved unanimously
- The appointment of FIAP Grand Prix Club Office Bearers for the term 2025-2027 were approved as follow

President	Mr Surajit Gongvatana
Vice President	Mr Chen Yu-an
Secretary	Mr Kazuyuki Inoue
Assistant Secretary	Mr Prakrit Foongvanich

President Prakob Chirakiti extended his heartfelt appreciation to Mr William Kwan (immediate past president) and Mr Michael Ho (immediate past vice president) for their wholeheartedly support during their term as office bearers and to Dr Kazuyuki Inoue (secretary) and Mr Prakrit Foongvanich (Assistant Secretary) for their continuous effort.

FIAP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING PUTRAJAYA, MALAYSIA

The FIAP Executive Committee Meeting held its first meeting for the year 2025 in Putrajaya, Malaysia on 18 April 2025, in conjunction with the “Stamp Fair 2025 @Putrajaya”, at the Public Services Commission (SPA) Gallery, Putrajaya. The organization of this stamp exhibition and the meeting room for the FIAP Executive Committee Meeting was a collaborative effort between SPA and the Philatelic Society of Malaysia (PSM).



According to Mr Muhamed Salim bin Mohd Ali, President of PSM, the exhibition also showcased, among other, stamps and postal items related to mosque, houses of worship, the Palestinian struggle, first day covers, and historically significant correspondence. In addition, a variety of exciting activities were held, including philatelic sales by Pos Malaysia and stamp dealers, stamp collecting hobby-sharing sessions, and a luck draw. Pos Malaysia also issued a special commemorative postmark and overprinted stamp to mark this historic exhibition.



Group photo after the opening ceremony of Stamp Fairs 2025 @Putrajaya

FIAP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING PUTRAJAYA, MALAYSIA



↑ FIAP Executive Meeting in progress, both on site and zoom



↑ Lunch hosted by FIAP



↑ A special cancellation chop has been created to mark the FIAP Executive Committee Meeting



From left: →

Mr Muhamed Salim bin Mohd Ali, President of Philatelic Society of Malaysia

Dr Prakob Chirakiti, President of Federation of Inter-Asian Philately

YBhg. Datuk Zohari bin Said, Deputy Chairman, Public Services Commission

Dato' Ikhbal Hanam bin Mukras, Secretary, Public Services Commission



CHEN YU-AN - A NEW SIGNATORY TO THE ROLL OF DISTINGUISHED PHILATELIST

Mr Chen Yu-an was invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 2023 at Schlosshotel Hugenpoet, Essen, Germany on 26 May 2023.



Mr Chen was elected to the FIAP Executive Committee as a Committee Member for the term 2013-2017, and he served as FIAP Vice president since 2017. He is an accredited FIAP and FIP Juror judged as team leader at numerous FIAP and FIP exhibitions.

His main areas of study are Chinese Postal Stationery and Traditional Philately. Mr Chen has won large gold medals in FIP exhibitions with his Chinese Imperial Postal Cards and Letter Sheets exhibit. This exhibit has won the Grand Prix International award in Malaysia 2014 the FIAP Exhibition. His exhibit WWII Surcharges of the Chinese Republic has also won large gold medals in FIP exhibitions, the FIP Grand Prix National in Philatapei 2016 and FIAP Grand Prix d'Honneur in Thailand 2016. His other exhibit, China: The Gold Yuan Issues 1948-1949 has won Gold Medals plus special prize in several FIP exhibitions.

Congratulations to Mr Chen and thank you for your kind contribution and devotion to Philately.

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SG60 Stamp Exhibition 2025

Association of Singapore Philatelists

In celebration of Singapore's 60th year of independence, the SG60 Stamp Exhibition 2025 was held from 10 to 12 October 2025 at the Visual Arts Centre, located above Dhoby Ghaut MRT.

This special three-day exhibition showcased Singapore's heritage, history, and resilience through the lens of stamps, postcards, and postal memorabilia — miniature storytellers that trace our nation's journey across time. Organised by the Association of Singapore Philatelists (ASP) with the support of three local stamp societies — the Singapore Philatelic Society, Singapore Stamp Club, and Zui You Philatelic Society — the non-competitive exhibition invited visitors of all ages to rediscover Singapore's evolving identity and aspirations through philately.

A total of 62 frames were displayed, featuring stamps, postal history, and vintage postcards contributed by 19 exhibitors across 24 exhibits. Notably, the youngest exhibitor (aged 35) and the oldest (aged 94) both presented exhibits on Singapore's National Day, reflecting how philately bridges generations.

The exhibits covered diverse themes such as Singapore's nation-building journey, the Malayan Postal Union (1949–1967), airmailers, and the evolution of mail delivery. Other highlights included vintage postcards depicting Singapore in the Sixties, stories of the Sin Chew Jit Poh newspaper (predecessor of Lianhe Zaobao), Singapore Airlines, the nation's greening journey, and tributes to nursing as a noble profession.

The Official Opening Ceremony, attended by nearly 50 guests in the evening, was graced by Mr Koh Seow Chuan (Founding President, ASP) as Guest of Honour, Mr Tay Peng Hian (Honorary President, ASP), and Mr Richard Tan (President, ASP).



← Mr Tay Peng Hian presenting the award-winning book, FIAP 50th Anniversary 1974-2024, to Mr Gabriel Lim from the OC

Exhibitor Timothy Toh sharing about his exhibit with Mr Koh Seow Chuan and guests →



The SG60 Stamp Exhibition 2025 successfully united Singapore's philatelic community to celebrate six decades of nationhood through philately. Beyond showcasing collections, it fostered inter-club collaboration, public engagement, and intergenerational participation, reaffirming that philately remains a living bridge between heritage, design, and national identity.



STAMPED TOGETHER
SG60
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Like stamps themselves, logos carry meaning in compact form. The SG60 Stamp Exhibition logo blends heritage and celebration into a single mark:

- Oval frame — recalls classic Malayan stamp borders.
- Radiating lines — symbolise progress, connection, and inclusivity.
- Bold red 'SG60' — anchors the design in Singapore's national colours, representing unity, identity, and pride.

Tagline — "Stamped Together SG60"

The tagline embodies the exhibition's ethos. Just as stamps connect people across time, place, and generation, Stamped Together SG60 celebrates how philately captures our nation's shared journey — echoing the SG60 national theme 'Building Our Singapore Together.'

MY REFLECTIONS AND COMMENTS ON SERVING AS A JURY MEMBER AT THAILAND 2025

Tony Thackery



I have been asked to share my reflections and comments on serving as a jury member at Thailand 2025.

First I express my appreciation and gratitude for being invited to serve on the jury at this well organised exhibition. I had attended the exhibition at Bangkok in 2023 when I attended the worthwhile FIAP Jury Academy that was well conducted by Mr Koichi Sato and Dr Andrew Cheung. Accordingly I was familiar with the surroundings.

The exhibits and dealer stands were placed on the lower floor of the Grand Postal Building, Bangkok. The lighting was mainly adequate although some exhibits could have been under better lighting. However I would much prefer exhibits to be shown under these conditions as opposed to some exhibitions I have attended where sunlight was able to pour in through the windows allowing sun to shine directly onto covers and stamps. At some exhibitions organisers take the precaution of throwing sheets temporarily over the exhibits until the sun shining on them moves on.

Although I am a relative newcomer to judging at FIAP I have been a national judge for over 20 years so am able to make comparisons. What I can say about this exhibition is that the judging leadership went to much effort to make all of us feel welcome and to be able to get into our work feeling very much at ease. There was plenty of humor displayed whilst we went about the serious work of trying our best for all those exhibitors who had often put in much money to show the best material available and a huge effort into preparing their exhibits. Judging is not just assessing how good an exhibit is but carefully comparing it to other exhibits to bring about an overall evenness and fairness. Much of the credit for ensuring that such fairness occurred must go to the team leaders who had the big picture in mind.

While rarity or difficulty of acquisition is always a major factor especially at the highest medal levels, treatment is very important for all exhibits especially for those that do not contain the great rarities. Good treatment enables all exhibitors to get better medals than possibly their material deserves.

The main message I would like to give to exhibitors is to improve their treatment by working on their Title Page to ensure that their title accurately reflects what their exhibit is about. Their title page should clearly include the scope of what they are going to show us. They must have a clear plan of how they are going to tell the story that they want told and that their plan should link to page numbers so we can easily find what they are outlining. A long list of rarities outlined on the opening page is not necessary if there is a good key telling us how to recognise the rarities or the exhibitor's own research as they emerge throughout the exhibit. I always say to exhibitors help us to help you.

Finally again I express my appreciation to Thailand 2025 for allowing me to participate with many fine philatelists at an event that I found very enjoyable and of course a big thank you to the exhibitors.

ROCUPEX 2025 – TAICHUNG & THAILAND STAMP EXHIBITION

Chen Wen-Shiang

To enhance the philatelic friendship and mutual exchanges between Chinese Taipei and Thailand, during the 27th Asian International Stamp Exhibition in November 2011, both sides reached a consensus to co-host national-level joint stamp exhibitions in turn each year. The first Joint Stamp Exhibition was held in Bangkok, Thailand in March 2013, and in October 2014 it returned to Fengyuan, Taichung, in conjunction with Chinese Taipei's National Stamp Exhibition. The event was suspended in 2015 due to certain circumstances, but resumed in March 2016 in Chiang Mai, northern Thailand. In 2017, Fengyuan, Taichung hosted the exhibition again, and in 2018 it returned to Thailand, being held from March 23 to 25 in Bangkok at the historic former General Post Office building, which has over 80 years of history. The sixth Joint Stamp Exhibition took place in 2019 at the Postal Museum in Taipei. Thereafter, the outbreak of the global COVID-19 pandemic caused a five-year suspension of the event starting in 2020. With the easing of the pandemic in 2025, the Joint Stamp Exhibition was once again held in Taichung. This steadfast commitment symbolizes the profound philatelic bonds and enduring friendship between the philatelic communities of Chinese Taipei and Thailand.

The “ROCUPEX 2025 Taichung & Thailand Stamp Exhibition” was held from June 26 to 30, 2025, at the Yatang Hall of the Ministry of Culture's Cultural Heritage Park in Taichung City. This event marked the seventh time that both sides have co-hosted the National Stamp Exhibition and the Thailand-Chinese Taipei Joint Stamp Exhibition. Thailand sent two commissioners (Mr. Metin Leeyakasa and Mr. Phongstorn Phowborom), while Chinese Taipei appointed eight commissioners. In the competitive class, a total of 256 frames of exhibits were presented, including 11 youth exhibits comprising 38 frames. Chinese Taipei contributed 34 exhibits with 165 frames, while Thailand presented 20 exhibits with 91 frames. Together with display pages and invited exhibits, the exhibition featured a total of 295 frames. This was a small-scale yet high-quality philatelic exhibition, reflecting the strong philatelic standards of both countries.

June 26 marked the opening day, featuring a grand opening ceremony and the launch event for the “**Recreational Activities Stamps (Series III)**.” Speeches were delivered by Mr. Chiang, General Manager of Chunghwa Post (Fig. 1), Mr. Chen Yu-An, Vice President of the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP), and Mr. Prakrit Foongvanich (Fig. 2), Vice President of the Philatelic Association of Thailand. The ceremony concluded with a ribbon-cutting jointly conducted by distinguished guests from both sides.



Fig 1



Fig 2

The exhibition lasted for five days, with each day highlighting a different theme: June 26 – Culture Day, June 27 – Taichung Day, June 28 – Thailand Day, June 29 – Philately Day, and June 30 – Creativity Day. In addition to setting up a temporary post office sales area for philatelic products in the activity zone, the Taichung Post Office also provided a temporary cancellation and mail acceptance counter, a postage label printing area, and a philatelic marketplace. Chunghwa Post issued a commemorative postmark, and the temporary post office featured a different special cancellation each day based on the daily theme. Each day also saw the release of various commemorative covers, including those issued by Chunghwa Post headquarters, Taichung Post Office, guided-tour covers, and lecture covers. As in past practice, the Philatelic Association of Thailand also produced a special commemorative cancellation exclusively for the exhibition, available for visitors at the venue as a philatelic keepsake.

ROCUPEX 2025 – TAICHUNG & THAILAND STAMP EXHIBITION

Chen Wen-Shiang



The organizers thoughtfully arranged daily scheduled expert-guided tours of the exhibits. In the afternoon of June 28, two special lectures were held:

“Inauguration of Our National Leaders and Related Philatelic Materials” by Mr. Hui-Ching Ho

“Collecting Covers, Preserving History” by Dr. Wen-Shiang Chen (Fig. 3 - left)

On June 29, Mr. Yu-Huang Peng presented the 3rd philatelic lecture: “An Introduction to Taiwan’s Commissioned Postal Agencies.” The organizers also arranged a one-day sightseeing tour of Taichung City for international guests, commissioners, and jurors participating in the exhibition.

The Jury President for this exhibition was Mr. Chen Yu-An. The Philatelic Association of Thailand appointed three international jurors: Mr. Prakrit Foongvanich, Mr. Jenwit Apichainunt, and Mr. Phairot Jiraprasertkun. Chinese Taipei also appointed five national jurors with national or international jury qualifications: Mr. Shih-Cheng Hsiao (who also served as Executive Secretary), Mr. Cheng-Hui Huang, Mr. Ho-Sen Chen, Mr. Wen-Long Tsai, and Mr. Yi-Fu Chen. In addition, Mr. Kun-Ming Hou was recommended as an apprentice juror for this exhibition (Fig. 4 - right).



On the morning of Saturday, June 28, the preliminary judging was completed. Jury President Chen Yu-An, besides evaluating the apprentice juror, convened the entire jury panel to conduct a frame-by-frame review of the exhibits in sequential order. This included exchanging views and experiences, consolidating overall scoring, recommending candidates for the Grand Prix National and the Grand Prix International Awards, and allocating special prizes. Preparations were also made for the exhibitor–jury feedback session scheduled on June 30. In the afternoon, the jury completed the signing of the jury report and the preparation of the awards list, thereby concluding the judging process.



On June 29, the Palmares dinner was held in the International Hall on the second floor of the National Hotel, Taichung. Members of the philatelic societies of both countries, international friends, exhibitors, and their families gathered together, with about 300 guests in attendance. The evening proceeded with the presentation of competitive class awards in order. The Grand Prix National (GPN) was awarded to the exhibit “Nicaraguan Railway Ticket-based Provisional Stamps and Uses” by Mr. Chang Chih-Ming (Fig. 5 - left). The Grand Prix International (GPI) was awarded to the exhibit “DAI NIPPON Airmail Services from Thailand (1940–1945)” by Mr. Charnchai Karnasuta.

ROYALPEX 2025

Norman Banfield

Organised by the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, this was a New Zealand National exhibition held 7-9 March in Palmerston North. The exhibition was opened by the Mayor of Palmerston North City, Grant Smith.

The 87 exhibitors provided 512 frames including 113 from Australia and 35 from the United Kingdom. The exhibition included the "Royal Challenge" with teams of four entries (2 x 5 and 2 x 8 frames) from Royal Philatelic Societies of New Zealand, Sydney, Victoria and London. The Challenge was won by RPSL with 353 points - one more than Victoria.

The standard of entries was generally high with 13 Large Gold and 34 Gold multi-frame exhibits. The Jury included 10 judges from New Zealand and 2 from Australia plus 4 apprentices. The Grand Award went to Jian Zhang for "*Peoples Republic of China 'W' Series Issues 1967-1970*".

A new award - RPSNZ "Gerald Elliott Award" for an exhibit to encourage people into philately - won by Lindsay Chitty for his Open exhibit "*Maoritanga of New Zealand - the Culture of a Proud Race*".

The venue was the Barber Hall and interconnected Bell Hall - good lighting and plenty of space for frames and dealers' tables. Thanks go to the Organising Committee and also to members of the Manawatu Philatelic Society (Palmerston North) for help with the venue arrangements, putting up frames and mounting/dismounting exhibits.

The Palmares was held in the official hotel just a short walk from the exhibition.

► Gerald Elliott Memorial Award presented to Lindsay Chitty (left)

Frames in Bell Hall ▼



▲ Official Opening by Mayor of Palmerston North

▲ Palmares

SYDNEY STAMP AND COIN EXPO 2025

Ian McMahon

Sydney Stamp and Coin Expo 2025 was an Australian National Philatelic Exhibition held 20-23 March 2025 at the Wentworth Park Sporting Complex, Glebe, Sydney. It was organised by the Philatelic Association of New South Wales under the auspices of the Australian Philatelic Federation. It included 101 competitive entries from Australia, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates and India.

The Best in Show award was won by Geoff Lewis's exhibit *Mail routes in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans, plus the routes between the oceans*. The other nominations for the award being Tom Gosse and *The King George VI Large Key Type Revenue and Postage High Value Stamps 1937-1953 used for Postage* and Bruce Chadderton's *Descent Into the Abyss*.

The Australasian Challenge, a competition between teams from each of the Australian states, the Australian Capital Territory and New Zealand, was won by New South Wales with Victoria the runner-up. A prize for the best exhibit in the Challenge went to *Wayne Donaldson's Sweden & Great Britain: Mail Connections 1581 – 1880*.

The Jury was chaired by Geoff Kellow and comprised 16 members plus three apprentices, and included members from New Zealand and United Arab Emirates members of the Jury

The exhibition was well intended and included over 30 dealers from Australia, New Zealand, UK, and the USA as well as Australia Post. Four society's held meetings at the Exhibition: Australian Airmail Society, Postal Stationery Society of Australia, Philatelic Society of New South Wales and Australian Postcard Society.



◀ Sydney 2025 Jury: Front: John Dibiase, Md Zahidul Islam, Denise Rosenfeldt Geoff Kellow (Chair), Peter Allan (Secretary), Javid Mohammed, Nigel Carter, Frank Pauer, Ed Wolf, Paula Sager (Assistant Secretary), Vijay Shukla (Apprentice).
Back: Jim Johnstone, Tony Griffin, David Benson, Ian Culshaw (Apprentice), Christopher Smith (Apprentice), Stephen Browne, Russell Boylan, Martin Treadwell

▼ Postal Stationery Society of Australia Meeting



Dealers' Hall ▼



UPDATES FROM FIAP MEMBER FEDERATIONS

The Annual General Meeting of The Philatelic Society of Sri Lanka was held on 6 November 2025 and the following members were appointed as the new office bearers:

President	Anura Samaraweera
Vice Presidents	Jehan Noor / Kavan Ranatunga
Secretary	Mahesh Kannangara
Treasurer	Justin Khan
Immediate Past President	Ravindra Ratnapala



At the Annual Assembly of the Chinese Taipei Philatelic Federation on 4 October 2025, the following office bearers were elected for the term 2025-2028:

President	Michael Ho
Honorary Presidents	Huang Ming-Fang Chen Yu-An
Vice Presidents	Hou Kun-Ming Yang Min-Kuan
General Secretary	Lin Tzu-Mu Chen Wen-Shiang

The 29th Annual General Meeting of the Nepal Philatelic Society was successfully concluded at the General Post Office Meeting Hall, Kathmandu, on 30 August 2025, under the supervision of the Chief Election Officer, Mr. Sital Singh Ukheda. A new 9-member Working Committee has been elected unopposed through the same General Assembly:

Chairman	Chandra Rabi Shrestha
Vice Chairman	Shyam Prasad Pradhan
General Secretary	Deependra Ratna Shakya
Treasurer	Kishore Sharma
Secretary	Milan Chandra Joshi



▲ Left to right: Vidur Sharma Upadhyay , Pravin Lal Singh, Shyam Prasad Pradhan, Kedar P. Pradhan (Immediate Past President), Chandra Rabi Shrestha, Deependra Ratna Shakya , Milan Chandra Joshi, Miss Saru Shrestha , Kishore Sharma and Sagar Bhusal

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THE KOREA PHILATELISTS ASSOCIATION (KPHA)

The Korea Philatelists Association (KPHA) was established as a non-profit social organization, which represents the philatelists of the DPRK as well as overseas Koreans and foreigners collecting Korean stamps. Its predecessor is the Philatelists Union of the DPRK, which was organized on December 19, 1963. The union was renamed the KPHA on March 15, 2023. It arranges exchanges among philatelists, disseminates stamp-related knowledge in society and organizes forums, workshops and experience-swapping meetings on collecting Korean stamps. It also helps philatelists to present stamps they have collected at international and national stamp exhibitions, and promotes friendly exchanges with philatelic organizations in other countries and regions. It admits overseas Koreans and foreigners as its members and actively assists their collecting of Korean stamps. It joined the FIP on June 15, 1965 and the FIAP on March 8, 2010.

Procedure for joining KPHA

*Persons wishing to join the KPHA shall submit a written application for admission, and admission shall be decided by the Executive Committee of the KPHA after deliberating the application.

If he/she joins the KPHA, he/she shall pay an admission fee of 5 US\$.

*Members shall pay a membership fee.

-The membership fee shall be 10 US\$ for a year.

-The membership fee shall be paid at any time of the year he/she likes, and the payment receipt shall be issued by the Executive Committee of the KPHA.

-The membership fee shall be paid directly or through a bank, and in case payment is impossible for unavoidable reasons, the failure of it shall be notified to the Executive Committee of the KPHA.

-When members fail to pay the membership fee for more than 24 months, they shall automatically be removed from the membership list.

Preferential treatment to be received when joining the KPHA

— Members can visit the DPRK in accordance with their intention and agreement of the KPHA.

— Members shall be given priority in receiving such philately-related printed matters as stamp album and new catalogue issued by the State Stamp Bureau of the DPRK.

— Members can buy new Korean stamps at discount prices.

— Members, who are to participate in the stamp exhibitions held in the DPRK, shall be provided with counters.

— Members, who are visiting the DPRK, shall be provided with various preferential treatments at the Korea Stamp Museum and Korea Stamp Exhibition Hall.

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OBITUARY



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Mohamad Aktar Sayeed, a beloved member of our Association Sayeed departed from us on 2 May 2024, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of passion and dedication to philately that will not be forgotten.

Sayeed joined our Association in 1997 and quickly became an integral part of our community. He actively participated in international and regional exhibitions, promoting the philatelic hobby he held dear to his heart. As a true ambassador of philately, Sayeed represented the Emirates Philatelic Association with unparalleled distinction. He won the Grand Prix d'Honneur at the TAIPEI 2005 Stamp Exhibition, Grand Prix Champion at ESPANA 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition, and Grand Prix International award at the EFIRO 2008 World Stamp Exhibition, alongside numerous large gold and gold medals at the World Stamps Exhibitions.

We will always remember Sayeed for his kindness, boundless enthusiasm, and steadfast commitment to the world of philately. His invaluable contributions to our Association and the wider philatelic community will forever be cherished, and his absence will be deeply felt. During this difficult time, we extend our deepest condolences to Sayeed's family and friends. May they find solace and strength in their cherished memories of him ~~ Emirates Philatelic Association

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JENNY BANFIELD MNZM



Jenny Banfield celebrated her 90th birthday this year and in the June King's Birthday Honours List was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit – MNZM - for services to Philately. The medal was presented to Jenny by the Governor General at an Investiture Ceremony on 4 September 2024.

Jenny entered the philatelic world at age 65 and in 2004 became President of the New Zealand Philatelic Federation. She became a trustee and convenor of the New Zealand National Philatelic Trust 2004-2018. Became a National Judge in 2007, judging in New Zealand (at 16 exhibitions), in Australia, U.A.E and Qatar. She has exhibited internationally in six different classes – awarded one Large Gold, eight Gold and five Large Vermeil.

As Commissioner, Jenny represented New Zealand at ten FIP or FIAP exhibitions 2008-2022. Jenny represented New Zealand on the FIP Maximaphily Commission – Secretary 2012-2016, Chairman 2016-2022 – the first New Zealander to head a FIP Commission. She simplified the Maximaphily SREV and Guidelines making it easier for exhibitors and judges from all countries to understand. Received the FIP Medal of Appreciation for Maximaphily in 2023. Introduced a simplified Bin Room Procedure at MACAO 2018 – since adopted worldwide. New Zealand Delegate to the FIP Revenue Commission.

NZPF added the following important contributions Jenny has made to philately:

- *Has prompted more nominations for various NZPF awards and established its Medal of Philatelic Excellence (equivalent to a national RDP)
- *Travelled widely around New Zealand giving talks and seminars and generally encouraging people to become involved in exhibiting
- *Promoted exhibiting internationally in the Open and Picture Postcard classes
- *The Revenue class has been changed forever with her exhibit on the social effects of taxes.

Before philately, Jenny was involved in Gymnastics as Club President, Head Coach, and as a national Judge. She also received a Civic Award for work in the community.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA



The Philatelic Society of Sri Lanka organized a one day exhibition at the Mahawali Center in Colombo on 19th October 2024. About 250 visitors attended the exhibitions. The exhibition was held from 10am to 5pm. It was organized to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the Philatelic Society of Sri Lanka (Est 1978) and the 50th Anniversary of FIAP where the Philatelic Society of Sri Lanka is a member and the representative from Sri Lanka.

There were 30 frames on display of which 3 were 5 frames and the others one frame. Out of these other than 5 one frame exhibits all others had previously been exhibited at FIP/FIAP exhibitions and had won medals and were awarded certificates. PSSSL was of the view that it was a good moment to show these exhibits that had won awards to the philatelic community in Sri Lanka. There was wide media coverage and the attendees truly appreciated the efforts of PSSSL to organize this one day exhibition. The response from the public was encouraging.

CALENDAR

2026				
DUBAI 2026 (FIP World Stamp Exhibition)	4-8 February	Dubai, UAE	FIP Consultant Prakob Chirakiti	FIP Patronage FIAP Auspices
MACAO 2026 (FIP World Stamp Exhibition)	26 June – 1 July	Macau	FIP Consultant Abdulla M T Khoory Assistant FIP Consultant Prakob Chirakiti	FIP Patronage FIAP Auspices
BANDUNG 2026 (FIAP Asian International Stamp Exhibition)	27-31 August	Bandung, Indonesia	FIAP Co-ordinator Charnchai Karnasuta Assistant FIAP Co-ordinator Prakob Chirakiti	FIAP Patronage
PHILATAIPEI 2026 (FIP World Stamp Exhibition)	20-25 November	Taipei, Chinese Taipei	FIP Consultant Prakob Chirakiti Assistant FIP Consultant Richard Tan	FIP Patronage FIAP Auspices
2027				
THAILAND 2027 (FIAP Asian International Stamp Exhibition)	April	Bangkok, Thailand	FIAP Co-ordinator To be advised	FIAP Patronage
MELBOURNE 2027 (FIAP Asian International Stamp Exhibition)	September / October	Melbourne, Australia	FIAP Co-ordinator Chen Yu-an	FIAP Patronage
HONG KONG 2027 (FIAP Asian International Stamp Exhibition)	To be advised	Hong Kong	FIAP Co-ordinator To be advised	FIAP Patronage
BANGLADESH 2027 (FIAP Asian International Stamp Exhibition)	To be advised	Bangladesh	FIAP Co-ordinator To be advised	FIAP Patronage

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