

The Inauguration of the 16th-term President and Vice President Commemorative Issue

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Lai Ching-te and Hsiao Bi-khim won the elections to serve the 16th-term as president and vice president, respectively, of the Republic of China (Taiwan). To commemorate the event, Chunghwa Post has specially issued a set of four stamps and a souvenir sheet. The designs and special characteristics of the stamps are described below:

1.Stamp Designs: Forming a four-stamp se-tenant strip with simple line illustrations, the stamps employ window grilles that are a traditional element of Taiwanese architecture to symbolize "connection." The stamps explore how Taiwan connects to the world through democracy and freedom, technological innovation, medical rescue work, and cultural creativity.

- Democracy and Freedom (NT\$8): The people take the lead by choosing their own national leaders with their votes.
- (2) Technological Innovation (NT\$8): Taiwan's technological innovation is world famous and plays a pivotal role on the global stage.
- (3) Medical Rescue Work (NT\$15): A search-and-rescue dog is the central figure here, representing Taiwan's capacity to provide the world with medical aid and disaster assistance.
- (4) Cultural Creativity(NT\$15): The softpower that Taiwanyields through athletics,culture, and the arts is



emerging and gradually making its mark on the world.

2.Souvenir Sheet (NT\$28): The head and deputy head of state are looking out ahead toward the future. The window grilles in the background convey that the president and vice president will continue to lead Taiwan in establishing connections with the world.

A folio, containing one sheetlet and a souvenir sheet has been released along with the stamps. Designed with special and simple style, the folio is worth collecting.





The further information about this issue is as follows:

- 1. First day of issue: May 20, 2024
- 2. Sheet composition: 12 (4×3)
- 3. Paper used: Phosphorescent stamp paper
- 4. Designer: Star Cheng
- 5. Printer: China Color Printing Co., Ltd.
- 6. Stamp size: 32×32 (mm)
- 7. Color: Colorful
- 8. Process: Offset
- 9. Perforation: $12\frac{1}{2}$
- 10. Size of souvenir sheet: 122×56 (mm)
- 11. Stamp size of souvenir sheet: 64×40 (mm)

By-issues:

- (1) First Day Cover (195 mm × 120 mm): NT\$3 apiece
- (2) FDC for souvenir sheet (195 mm × 120 mm): NT\$3 apiece
- (3) Folder (with or without mount): NT\$8 apiece
- (4) Folder with mount for souvenir sheet: NT\$8 apiece
- (5) Loose-leaf album page: NT\$16 apiece
- (6) Pre-cancelled FDC affixed with a full set of stamps: NT\$49 apiece
- (7) Pre-cancelled FDC affixed with a souvenir sheet: NT\$31 apiece
- (8) Stamp folio:NT\$380 a copy

To purchase the relative philatelic products, please go directly to the post office branches, Postal Museum or order on line at https://stamp.post.gov.tw.

Cachet:

A commemorative cachet will be available at Postal Museum and post office branches throughout the country on the issuing date of the stamps.







