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Ancient Chinese Paintings from the National Palace Museum Postage Stamps — 24 Solar Terms (Winter)

After releasing "Ancient Chinese Paintings from the National Palace Museum Postage Stamps – 24 Solar Terms (Autumn)" on August 3, 2022, Chunghwa Post has followed up with a series of stamps drawn from the *Ink Marvels from a Forest of Pearls (IV)* by Zhang Ruoai of the Qing dynasty, a work held in the National Palace Museum. The second set contains six stamps, each valued at NT\$ 12, depicting winter with its six solar terms: Beginning of Winter, Light Snow, Heavy Snow, Winter Solstice, Lesser Cold, and Greater Cold. The six stamps are in a se-tenant block and the shaped perforations are at the center of the long sides of the stamps.

The *Ink Marvels from a Forest of Pearls* is a collection of large paintings gathered into twelve albums in the time of the Qianlong Emperor. The

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albums are named after the Twelve Terrestrial Branches, the fourth album being entrusted to Zhang Ruoai, who painted the 24 solar terms and expressed each term by landscape painting. The paintings use the styles of the ancient masters to express the climate, show customary activities and the state of the natural world, and depict the variations proper to the given term.

The further information about this issue is as follows:

- 1. First day of issue: November 3, 2022
- 2. Sheet composition: $12 (6 \times 2)$
- 3. Paper used: Phosphorescent stamp paper
- 4. Designer: Chart Design Co., Ltd.
- 5. Printer: Southern Colour Print Ltd. (New Zealand)

By-issues:

- (1) First Day Cover (220 mm × 158 mm): NT\$3 apiece
- (2) Folder (with or without mount): NT\$8 apiece
- (3) Loose-leaf album page: NT\$16 apiece
- (4) Maximum cards: NT\$60 a set
- (5) Pre-cancelled FDC affixed with a full set of stamps: NT\$75 apiece
- (6) Pre-cancelled maximum cards: NT\$132 a set

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.

- 6. Stamp size: 36×64.5 (mm)
- 7. Color: Colorful
- 8. Process: Offset
- 9. Perforation: 14



Taiwan Scenery Postage Stamps — Changhua County

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As part of the series Taiwan Scenery inaugurated in 2016, Chunghwa Post has offered a special set of four stamps, dedicated to famous scenic spots in Changhua County. Descriptions of the stamps follow:

- 1. Changhua Railway Roundhouse (NT\$8): The Taiwan Railway Administration (Changhua Section) locomotive shed is a building dating from 1922. The tracks spread in a fan shape from the central turntable into the locomotive shed, which is thus called the Fanshaped Locomotive Shed or Roundhouse. After a busy time on the line, all kinds of engines have come to the turntable and been slowly moved into the shed for repairs, maintenance and outfitting, giving the roundhouse its alternative name of Locomotive Hotel.
- 2. Lugang Mazu Temple (NT\$8): Founded at late Ming to early Qing dynasty, this temple houses one of the inaugural Mazu statues from Meizhou Mazu Temple. Crowds worship surrounded by the solemn beauty of the temple' s architecture, with its carved eaves and painted doorposts of unique inventiveness. The colorful paintings and carvings in stone and wood are all exquisite and unmatched, so it is called a temple of art and is an important, famous place of pilgrimage in Lugang.
- 3. Wanggong Fishing Port (NT\$12): The Wanggong area is a very distinctive fishing village on Taiwan's west coast. Wanggong oysters are renowned throughout Taiwan. The village has rich natural coastal scenery – mangrove forests, water birds, fiddler crabs and mudskippers – and cultural assets characteristic of a fishing village – the harbor, Fangyuan Lighthouse,



sea-watching platform and bamboo rafts. "Wanggong Music Festival" combines music, fireworks and local tradition, which all make Wanggong a popular tourist destination.

4. Natural Ecological Education Center (NT\$28): The Center is housed in a building which leaps out like a dolphin. It lies at the mouth of the Dadu River beside very important national wetlands with abundant flora and fauna and is the best place to learn about the ecology of the west coast. Come and enjoy a rich and informative ecological trip.

Personal greeting stamps without marginal inscriptions have been released along with the stamps, which feature a full set of "Taiwan Scenery Postage Stamps – Changhua County." These customizable stamps are suited to collect.



The further information about this issue is as follows:

- 1. First day of issue: November 11, 2022
- 2. Sheet composition: 20 (4×5)
- 3. Paper used: Phosphorescent stamp paper
- 4. Designer: Delta Design Corporation
- 5. Printer: China Color Printing Co., Ltd.

By-issues:

- (1) First Day Cover (195 mm × 120 mm): NT\$3 apiece
- (2) Folder (with or without mount): NT\$8 apiece
- (3) Loose-leaf album page: NT\$8 apiece
- (4) Pre-cancelled FDC affixed with one NT\$8denominated stamp: NT\$11 apiece
- (5) Pre-cancelled FDC affixed with a full set of stamps: NT\$59 apiece

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- 6. Stamp size: 50×30 (mm)
- 7. Color: Colorful
- 8. Process: Offset
- 9. Perforation: $13 \times 12^{\frac{1}{2}}$





