



400th Birthday of Cheng Cheng-kung Commemorative Issue

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Cheng Cheng-kung (1624-1662) was born with the given name of Sen to a family from Fujian's Quanzhou. The emperor of the Southern Ming gave him the imperial surname of Zhu, with his given name changed to "Cheng-kung," which means success. Because he led resistance against Qing forces, a successor to the Southern Ming throne would give Cheng Cheng-kung the title "Prince of Yanping." This is why he was also called Koxinga ("prince with the national surname") or Cheng Yanping. Cheng and his forces landed at Luermen in Taiwan, expelled the Dutch, and opened much of the island to cultivation. Along with his son and grandson, he turned the page onto a new era in the history of the development of Taiwan. To commemorate Cheng Cheng-kung's 400th birthday, Chunghwa Post has specially issued a NT\$35 stamp.



It is described below: The stamp features "The Portrait of Koxinga" from National Taiwan Museum, which is the earliest and most accurate of his portraits. The background is an image from "Central Panel in Cursive Script," a work of Cheng's own calligraphy in the collection of the National Palace Museum that is composed of five-character quatrains in cursive script. The vigorous brushwork bears witness to the bold and upright character of this Confucian general.

The further information about this issue is as follows:

1. First day of issue: August 16, 2024
2. Sheet composition: 20 (5 × 4)
3. Paper used: Phosphorescent stamp paper
4. Designer: Tseng Kai-chih
5. Printer: Jiuh Guan Security Printing Company
6. Stamp size: 30 × 50 (mm)
7. Color: Colorful
8. Process: Offset
9. Perforation: 13½ × 12½

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\$35-denominated stamp: NT\$38 apiece



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 the following branches: Taipei Beimen, Shilin, Wenshan Jingmei, Yangming-shan, Shiding, Shenkeng, Pingsi, Kinmen, Matsu, Beitou, Neihu, Nangang, Muzha, Keelung Ai 3rd Road, Banqiao Wenhua Rd., Sindian, Shulin, Sanchong Zhongshan Rd., Sinzhuang, Danshui, Yilan Zhongshan Rd., Luodong, Taoyuan Chenggong Rd., Zhongli, Longtan, Yangmei, Hsinchu Wuchang St., Jhubei, Zhudong, Hukou, Miaoli Zhongmiao, Taichung Minquan Rd., Fongyuan, Wuri Mingdao, Changhua Zhongyang Rd., Yuanlin, Nantou Sanhe, Chiayi Wenhua Rd., Chiayi Yushan, Douliou Siping Rd., Tainan Chenggong Rd., Jiali, Sinying, Xinxing, Gangshan, Fongshan, Magong Jhongjheng Rd., Pingtung Minsheng Rd., Taitung Datong Rd., Chenggong and Hualien Guo-an. For further information about the locations of commemorative cachets, please refer to our website at <http://www.post.gov.tw>.



Conservation of Birds Postage Stamps (Issue of 2024)

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Taiwan features a rich abundance of birds. So that the nation's citizens may cultivate an appreciation for bird species and develop a raised consciousness about the need for conservation, Chunghwa Post has released a new set of four stamps on birds of prey in Taiwan, including *Falco tinnunculus*, *Accipiter virgatus*, *Circus melanoleucos*, and *Ictinaetus malayensis*. The stamps are described below:

1. *Falco tinnunculus* (NT\$6): With a body length of 33-39 cm, it is a typical bird of prey of open wild areas that primarily preys on small animals. Active and agile, they are often seen over grasslands, skillfully hovering in mid-air as they glide against the wind. The species can be found in coastal wetlands, agricultural lands, foothills, and farmlands in the mid- to high-elevation areas of mountains.
2. *Accipiter virgatus* (NT\$8): With a body length of 25-36 cm, it is the smallest and most elusive of all species of forest-dwelling resident birds of prey in Taiwan. Males have gray cheeks, whereas females have brown cheeks. Both have brown backs and wings. They inhabit various types of forests at low to mid altitudes. Due to their secretive



nature, sightings are comparatively rare. However, their distinctive call, a long series of chirps, is frequently heard in the forests.

3. *Circus melanoleucos* (NT\$12): It has a body length of 43-50 cm. Males are distinctly black and white, with black heads, chests, backs, and wingtips forming a sharp contrast with the white feathers of their abdomens and wings. The black on their wings and backs forms a distinctive trident pattern, making for one of the sharpest color contrasts in the plumage of any bird of prey in Taiwan. However, females are more mottled and subdued in color. They prefer environments such as paddy fields, wetlands, and marshes.
4. *Ichthyophaga malayensis* (NT\$28): It has a body length of 67-81 cm. Males and females are almost identical in size and color, with deep brown plumage throughout their bodies. They have the longest wingspan among all of Taiwan's resident birds and the darkest coloration among all of Taiwan's birds of prey. They inhabit broadleaved forests and coniferous and broadleaved mixed forest, from high-altitude areas of mountains to lower areas around human settlements. Their flight is steady and spectacular, and they do not undertake long-distance migrations.



The further information about this issue is as follows:

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| 2. Sheet composition: 18 (3 × 6) | 7. Color: Colorful |
| 3. Paper used: Phosphorescent stamp paper | 8. Process: Offset |
| 4. Drawer: Chi-jen Lai | 9. Perforation: 13 × 12½ |
| 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\$6-denominated stamp: NT\$9 apiece
- (5) Pre-cancelled FDC affixed with a full set of stamps: NT\$57 apiece



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