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**NEW ISSUE NEWS**




FIG.1: 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF TTPOST COMMEMORATIVE COVER

The second issue released was a commemorative cover to mark the 20th Anniversary of the T&T Postal Corporation on the 14th August 2019. The issue consisted of a commemorative cover which had a printed image that had the appearance of a $10.00 stamp. It was not a stamp as it was only available on the cover and with an imitation cancellation. The 'Imitation $10.00 stamp' illustrated the National Mail Centre with TTPost delivery panel vans and a QR Code. The QR (Quick Response) Code is a machine readable code which can be read by a smartphone. Reading the QR Code sends one to the TTPost website. Five hundred Commemorative covers were produced and sold at $23.00 each.




FIG.2: TTPOST STAFF AT 20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COVER CEREMONY
FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: NATALIE ROCKE, KIMLIN SUI – ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, PAMELA QUESTAL-JAMES, TRICIA SCIPIO – STAMPS & PHILATELIC




FIG.3: 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF TTPOST $1.00 STAMP

Taking a jump to the sixth issue released on the 16th December was a single $1.00 stamp to mark the 20th Anniversary of TTPost. The stamp was similar to the design of the 'Imitation Stamp' on the TTPost 20th Anniversary Commemorative cover. The major differences were the 20th Anniversary logo in the design, the $1.00 denomination and the country's name added. The stamp was large - 72mm x 48mm. The reason was that, the QR Code could not be made smaller; therefore, the remainder of the stamp had to be larger. The stamp was printed by Cartor Security Printers, France. The graphic design was done by Troy Rhodes. The quantity printed was 500,000. No FDC's were produced.




FIG.4: 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF EXPRESS MAIL SERVICE COOPERATIVE

The third issue released on the 10th September commemorated the 20th Anniversary of the Express Mail Service (EMS) Co-operative. The issue consisted of a single $1.00 stamp illustrating a map of the world. This design was provided by the Universal Postal Union as it was a joint issue with them. The stamp was printed by Cartor Security Printers, France. The quantity printed was 100,000. The FDC was printed by Klipart Caribbean Ltd. Four $1 stamps were affixed to each FDC which was sold at $23.00 each.

The fourth issue of 2019 commemorated the 45th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between T&T and the People's Republic of China, it consisted of five self-adhesive stamps: $5.00 – Chinese Peony (*Paeonia lactifors*); $10.00 – The Double Chaconia (*Warszewiczia coccinea*); $15.00 – The West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*); $20.00 – The Giant Panda (*Alluropoda melanoleuco*); $25.00 – The Ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*). The pictorial cancellation featured Chinese musical instruments and the steelpan. The cancellation was dated 20th June 2019, the anniversary date.

Two FDC's were produced – one with the $5, $10 and $15 stamps and the other with the $20 and $25 stamps. The FDC's were only available in a Presentation Pack ('Folder'). The five

self-adhesive stamps were not printed separately, but together in a strip. The five stamps were sold as a set on their backing paper with the selvage removed. The Presentation Pack contained one set of the five stamps and the two FDC's and was sold at $185.00. The set of five stamps was sold at $75.00

The issue was launched at a ceremony at the PRC Embassy in Maraval on 25th September. The issue was placed on sale after that date. Some of our members expressed concern about the high denominations of the stamps. The quantity of stamps printed was 3,500 sets including what was contained in the P/P. The quantity of P/P's produced was 1,500 of which 1,000 went to the PRC Embassy. The graphic design was done by Maser Ltd. of Port of Spain and the printer was Lowe Martin Group of Canada.




FIG.5: 45th ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN T&T AND CHINA. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: EULA ROGERS – CHAIRPERSON OF TTPOST, EMBASSY OFFICIAL, SENATOR THE HON. PAULA GOPEE-SCOON AND HIS EXCELLENCY, SONG YUMIN- CHINESE AMBASSADOR.

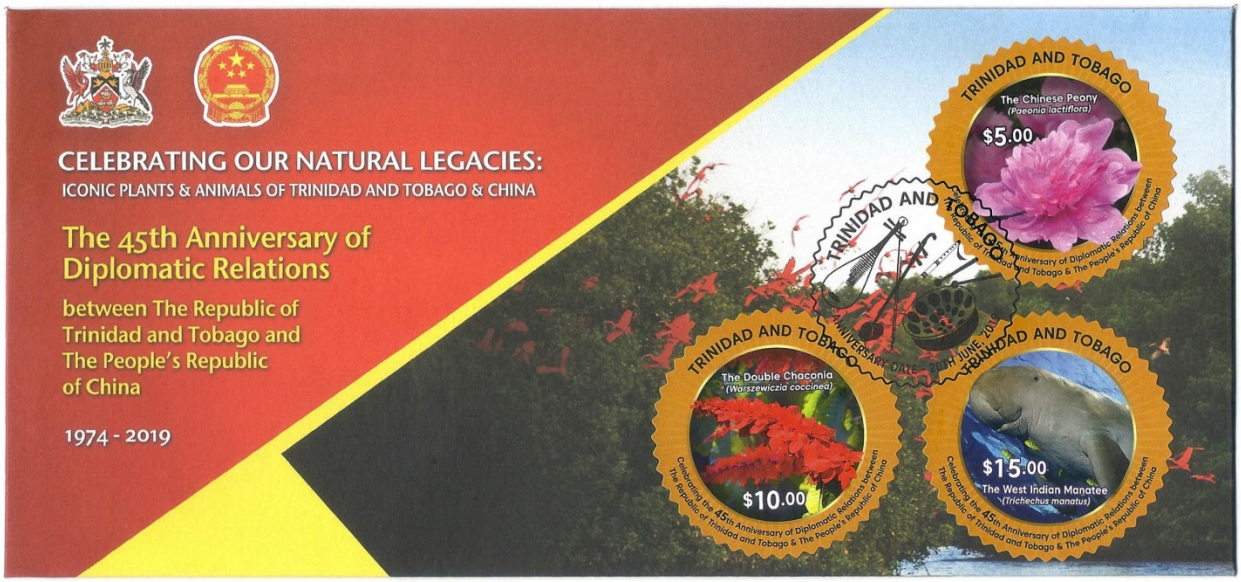



FIG.6: THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN T&T AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FDC




FIG.7: $2.00 OVERPRINT OF THE STAMPS OF THE 2010 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY MINIATURE SHEET (SG #1158)

The fifth issue released on the 27th November consisted of an overprint of $2.00 on the stamps of the two miniature sheets of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity/London 2010 (SG #MS1157 & 1158 and Sc #848 & 849). There were ten stamps on each miniature sheet, therefore, twenty stamps were overprinted each $2.00. Klipart Caribbean Ltd. did the overprint. A 'decorative' obliterator bar was used across the bottom of each stamp. Most of the top and bottom of the miniature sheet which contained descriptive text was cut-off leaving a much smaller miniature sheet (95mm X 179mm). No FDC's were produced. A combined total of 89,000 of the two miniature sheets were overprinted.

## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th February 2020 at St. Mary's College, Frederick St., Port of Spain. Nominations are required for all posts for the 2020/21 session. Please respond and nominate any member whom you believe could serve well, but please have your nominee sanction their acceptance.

### AGENDA

1. Election of officers for the 2020/21 session
2. Election of the Board of Trustees.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

All ordinary members are reminded that the 2020 dues were due by the 31st December 2019. The 2020 dues for local members are adults $30.00 and juniors $20.00. Please send early. Your dues can be paid either at the meetings or mail it to P.O. Box 596, Port of Spain. For overseas members, the dues are UK £6.00 and all others US $10.00. Please make cheques payable to the Philatelic Society of Trinidad & Tobago. Ordinary members can pay two or more years at a time based on the annual given above. Life membership is TT$500.00 for local members and US $150.00 for overseas members. Due to bank charges in T&T, we ask our overseas members to send payment via a bank money order (bank manager's cheque) or personal cheque drawn on a USA bank. Please do not make any payment using a Postal Order.