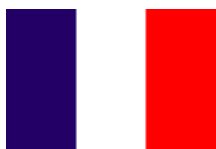


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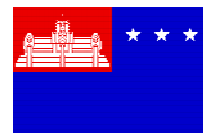
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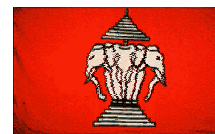
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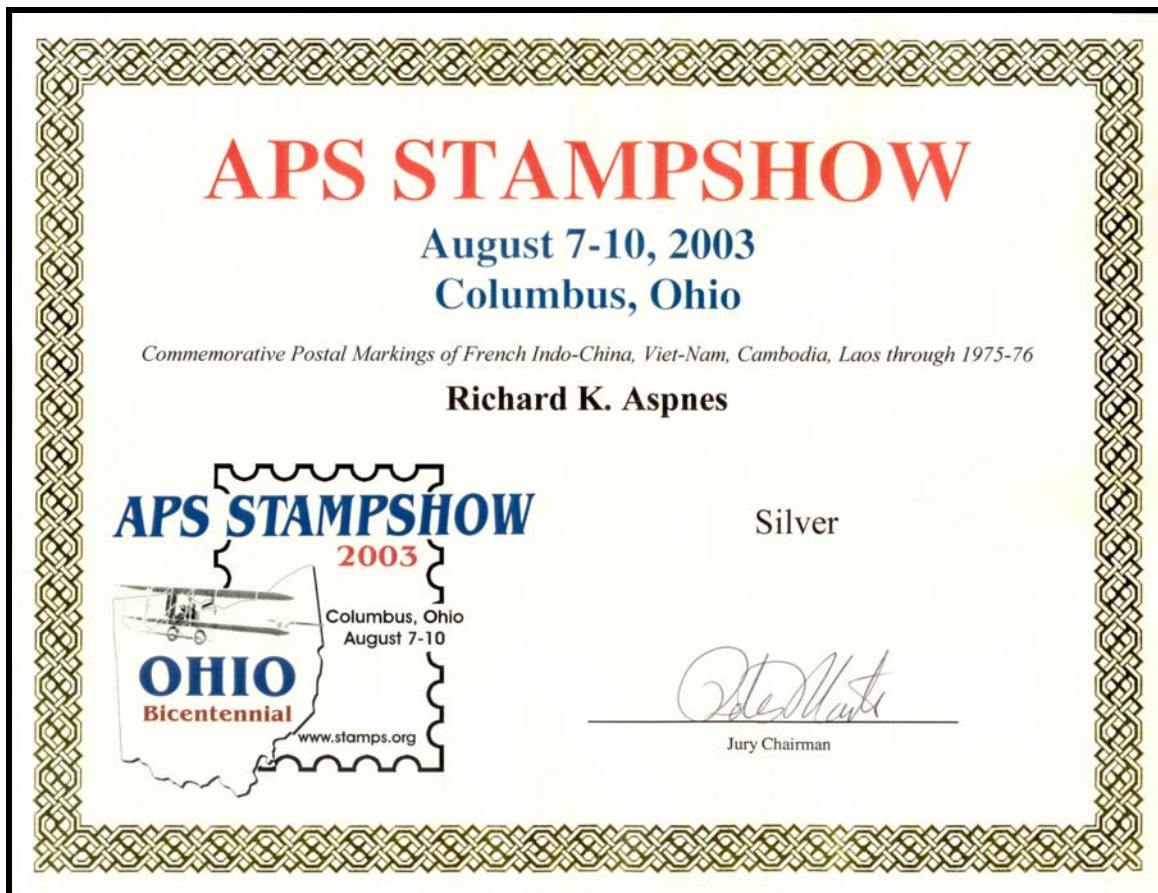
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Purpose of this Catalog

Since I started collecting the philatelic material of South East Asia, I included the varied, colorful, and numerous First Day Covers (FDC) of South Viet Nam. As I become more knowledgeable and experienced, I extended this collecting interest to all of the countries of what once was French Indo-China. I discovered the practice of commemorating events, not only postage stamp issues, was wide spread during the French Indo-China Government period, including the war years, and subsequently until the current time. For reasons not fully understood (although the size of the market certainly was an influence), the majority of early commemorative material was produced in what is now Viet Nam, with a scattering of material from other population centers in Cambodia and Laos.

I am attempting to document in a complete fashion, all commemorative events that were memorialized by some type of philatelic item.

Generally, listings terminate in 1975 as a result of the change of government control and the installation of communist governments. The exception is Section 7, N.L.F. of South Viet-Nam, that continues through the unification of Viet-Nam in 1976.

Introduction to the Society of Indo-China Philatelists

The Society publishes The Indo-China Philatelist (ICP) quarterly. The Society of Indo-China Philatelists is affiliate #38 of the American Philatelic Society. Membership and subscription information is available from the Society Executive Secretary, Ron Bentley, 2600 North 24th Street, Arlington, VA 22207.

URL: <http://www.sicp-online.org>

Reference is made to various articles contained in the ICP in the form of "ICP, Vol. X, No. 1, page xxx".



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Technical Notes

I am a novice at philatelic publications, and a student philatelic author. I am, however, quite versed and informed at personal computer technology. So in attempting to combine the two disciplines, this is a first edition document produced with Microsoft Word, and using a Hewlett-Packard Model 6250 color scanner. The images are scanned a resolution of 300 bpi, and in full color. The detailed handstamps and cancels are scanned as required to allow for the necessary details.

Translations

When possible a “rough and ready” translation from French or Vietnamese is provided, especially for those unusual phrases.

Catalog Numbering

Identification and numbering are always difficult issues to address successfully in a new checklist or catalog. With the number system of “Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogues” copyrighted, use of that identification system is subject to licenses and potential fees. As this is a catalog of commemorative markings, which by their very nature represent dates, and events with dates, I decided on a non-numerical sequence identification system. Entries are identified by the commemorative date (in the international date format of, two-digit day, three-character month abbreviation, and four-digit year,) with an alphabetic suffix for different and distinct items, i.e. **10Mar1942A**. In this fashion, revisions are easily accommodated, and new material can added without renumbering adjacent items.

Items will use a suffix to the date format of **DDMmmYYYY**:

- **CS** for “Carte Souvenir”,
- **FD** for First Day Cover,
- **FF** for First Flight Cover,
- **MC** for Maximum Card,
- **PS** for Official and Unofficial ‘Presentation Sheets’,
- **SB** for Souvenir Booklet,
- **SE** for Special Event,
- **SS** for Souvenir Sheet, and

- **SP** for Souvenir page.

Different hand-stamps, cancellation designs or cachets will be listed with an alphabetic suffix, i.e. **A**, **B**, **C**, etc. What I discovered during the process of collecting and cataloging covers, this system of numbering became difficult due to the number of covers – in some instances over 26 difference designs and city of issues. In future editions I will add a numeric city identifier and start the alphabetic sequence with **A** for each city, thus **FD2A**.

Each country and year of this catalog will constitute a distinct section for ease of production, updating and distribution.

Items Listed -- As stated previously stated, the purpose of this catalog is to document all dated commemorative events, postage stamp issues, first flights, and other events of a philatelic nature. This clearly includes postal covers of any type. It also includes maximum cards, souvenir sheets, and booklets (although the vast majority of these were also documented with covers) and a somewhat unique Carte Souvenir issued in South Viet-Nam.

Reference Sources

Special mention is necessary of three invaluable reference works used for obtaining collateral information for use in the Indo-China section and most especially the Viet-Nam section.

The first is the most comprehensive work in existence on Viet-Nam philately. The front and back covers are illustrated below.

1. Nguyen Bao Tung, Buu-Hoa Viet-Nam 1951-1971, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Saigon, Republic of Viet-Nam

The second, most unfortunately exists complete only in unpublished manuscript, and is the acknowledged reference for Indo-China until the period of the several countries independence. The French stamp association “COL.FRA” is undertaking to reprint the complete work, section by section.

2. Jacques Desrousseaux, Postes & Courriers Français en Extreme-Orient, 1984, unpublished manuscript.

The third is the last of the ‘standard’ Republic of Viet-Nam postage stamp catalogs.

3. Hoàng Long, Vietnamese Postage Stamp Catalog, 1974, Philatelic Publishing Co., Vietnam, P.O. Box 62, Saigon/Cholon, Republic of Viet-Nam

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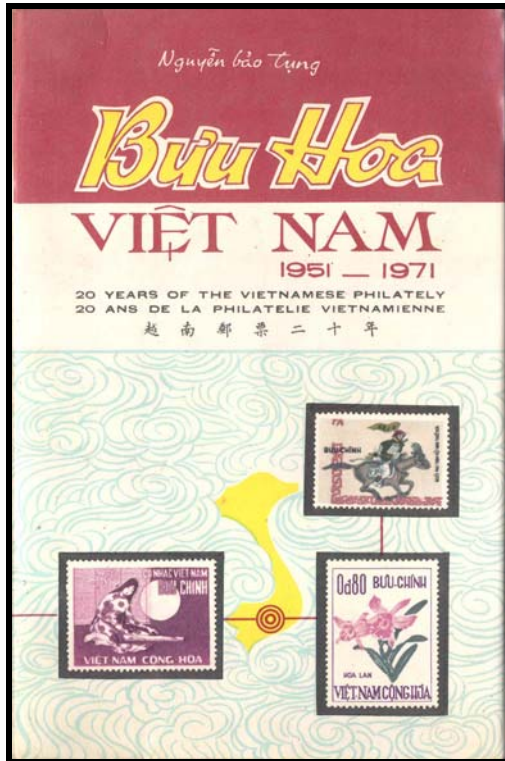
An excellent source of information on various labels of Indo-China:

4. Terry A. Barham, Exposition, Propaganda and Charity Labels of French Indochina in Southeast Asia, 1997, T-Bar Publications

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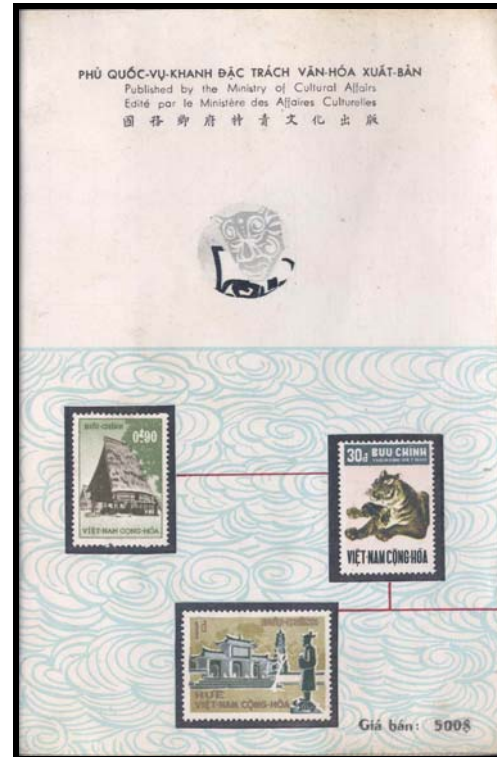
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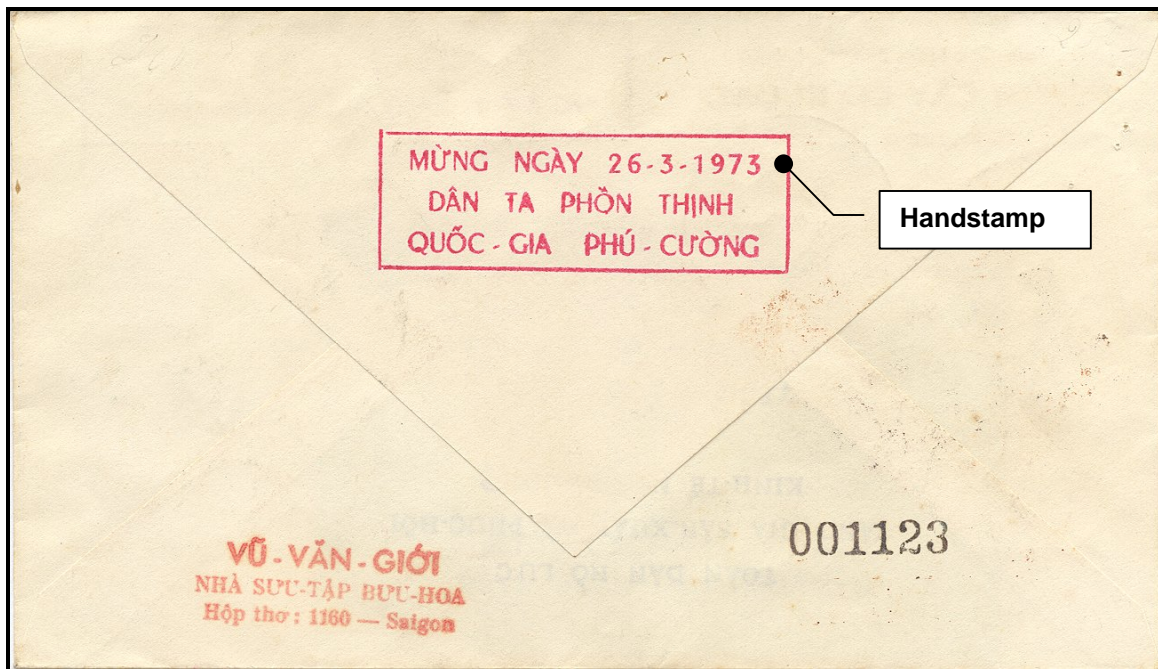
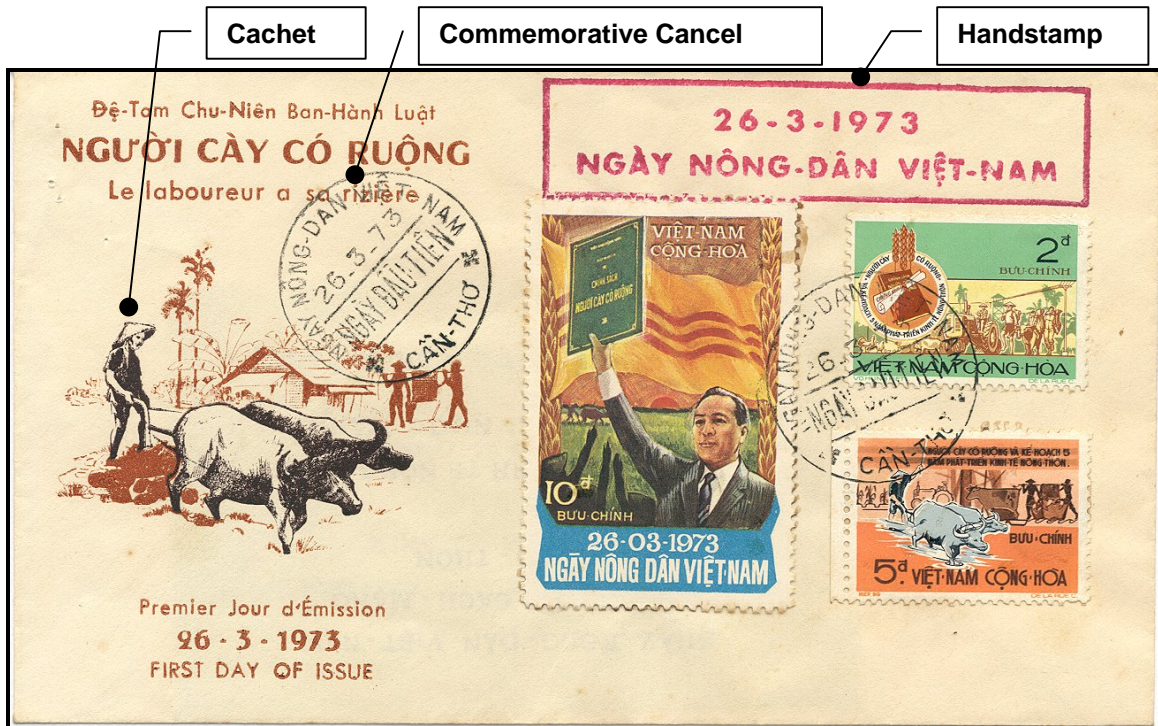


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Back cover



DEFINITION OF TERMS



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MAP OF INDO-CHINA



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