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MaltaPost Commemorates the 70th Anniversary of the Award of the George Cross to Malta

To commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the award of the George Cross to Malta, MaltaPost will, on the 14th April 2012, issue a stamp that will be set within a miniature sheet.

The miniature sheet bears a denomination of €4.16 and is a reproduction of a photograph of the ceremony where the George Cross was awarded to Malta. The stamp itself features the image of the George Cross.

Malta was awarded the George Cross by King George VI in a letter dated 15 April 1942 to the Island's Governor Lieutenant-General Sir William Dobbie: *"To honour her brave people I award the George Cross to the Island Fortress of Malta to bear witness to a heroism and devotion that will long be famous in history. Signed George R.I."*

30,000 miniature sheets will be produced, bearing a face value of €4.16. The size of the stamp is 44.0mm x 31.0mm with a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 (comb), while the miniature sheet measures 120mm x 80mm and was designed by MaltaPost. All stamps have been offset printed on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper by Printex Limited and are available in miniature sheets only.

Together with this miniature sheet, MaltaPost will issue a Limited Edition Silver Replica Stamp depicting the George Cross. This Silver Replica Stamp is a stunning reproduction of the €0.69 stamp from the Definitive Issue - Additional Values and is struck in 999.0 Silver. Each stamp is individually numbered and the issue is limited to a maximum of 2,000 pieces. The stamp will be presented in an elegant presentation box with Certificate of Authenticity.

The Philatelic Bureau will also publish a Commemorative Folder, which includes an individually numbered miniature sheet and a short message by the Hon Prime Minister Dr. Lawrence Gonzi. These Commemorative Folders can be reserved so as to also allow collectors to match the folder with the numbered silver replica order.

The set together with the Silver Stamp Replica and Commemorative Folder will be available for sale from all Post Offices from Saturday 14 April. Orders may be placed online at www.maltaphilately.com or by mail from the Philatelic Bureau, MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Triq Ħal Qormi, Marsa, MTP 1001 - Telephone 2596 1740 - e-mail: info@maltaphilately.com

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MaltaPost Tfakkar is-70 Anniversarju mill-Għoti tal-George Cross lil Malta

Biex tfakkar s-70 anniversarju tal-għoti tal-George Cross lil Malta, MaltaPost se toħroġ bolla f' miniature sheet fl-14 ta' April 2012.

Il-miniature sheet għandha denominazzjoni ta' €4.16 u hi riproduzzjoni ta' ritratt taç-čerimonja meta ingħata l-George Cross lil Malta. Il-bolla turi stampa tal-George Cross. Malta ngħatat il-George Cross mir-Re George VI tal-Ingilterra f'ittra bid-data tal-15 ta' April 1942 lill-Gvernatur Tenent Ġenerali Sir William Dobbie: *"To honour her brave people I award the George Cross to the Island Fortress of Malta to bear witness to a heroism and devotion that will long be famous in history. Signed George R.I."*

Se jkunu stampati 30,000 miniature sheet b'valur ta' €4.16. Id-daqs tal-bolla se tkun 44.0mm x 31.0mm b'perforazzjoni ta' 13.9 x 14.0 (comb), waqt li l-miniature sheet se tkun 120mm x 80mm u kienet disinjata mill-MaltaPost. Il-bolli kollha kienu stampati offset fuq karta watermarked bil-Maltese Cross minn Printex Limited u se jsiru fuq miniature sheets biss.

Flimkien mal-miniature sheet, MaltaPost se toħroġ edizzjoni limitata ta' Bolla Replika tal-fidda tal-George Cross. Il-Bolla Replika tal-fidda hi riproduzzjoni mill-isbaħ ta' bolla tas-€0.69 mid-Definitive Issue - Additional Values u hi b'999.0 fidda. Kull bolla hi numerata u s-sett hu limitat għal 2,000. Il-bolla se tkun preżentata f'kaxxa eleganti b'çertifikat ta' awtentiçità.

Il-Bureau Filateliku se joħroġ ukoll Commemorative Folder li se jinkludi miniature sheet u messaġġ qasir mill-Onorevoli Prim Ministru Dr. Lawrence Gonzi. Dawn il-Commemorative Folders jistgħu jkunu riservati biex b'hekk il-kollezzjonisti jkunu jistgħu jqabblu n-numru tal-Commemorative Folder ma' dak tal-Bolla Replika tal-fidda.

Is-sett flimkien mal-Bolla Replika tal-fidda u l-Commemorative Folder se jkunu għal-bejgħ mill-Ferġhat Postali kollha minn nhar is-Sibt 14 ta' April. Ordnijiet għal dan is-sett jistgħu jsiru mill-website www.maltaphilately.com jew bil-posta mill-Philatelic Bureau MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Triq Ħal Qormi, Marsa, MTP 1001 - Telephone 2596 1740 - e-mail: info@maltaphilately.com