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Philatelic Issue: 2025 - The Year of The Snake

According to the Chinese Zodiac, the year 2025 is the year of the snake. This ancient zodiac, an essential part of Chinese culture, is based on the East Asian lunar calendar which consists of a cyclical 12-year pattern with each year associated with one of 12 animals. The sequence of animals in the Chinese zodiac is as follows: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, ram, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. Each animal is believed to possess distinct traits, which are said to influence the personalities of individuals born in that year. The snake is a creature renowned for its sharp wit, calm demeanour, and intelligent nature. The ability to shed its skin, symbolises the process of letting go of the old and embracing the new.

To commemorate the Year of the Snake, which began on January 29, 2025, MaltaPost shall launch a set of two new stamps, carrying a denomination of €0.45 and €2.21, one designed by Chinese designer Fang Jun and the other by local artist Fabio Agius.

This set will be issued in a sheet of 10 stamps, with each stamp measuring 35mm x 35mm, a comb perforation of 13.77 x 13.66 and bearing the Maltese Cross watermark. The sheets measure 98mm x 203mm and were produced by Printex Ltd in the offset process. The issue consists of 500,000 of the €0.45 stamp and 22,000 of the €2.21 stamp.

The stamps will be available from all Post Offices in Malta and Gozo from Wednesday 12 February 2025. Orders may be placed online at www.maltaphilately.com or by mail from the Philatelic Bureau, MaltaPost p.l.c., 305, Qormi Road, Marsa, MTP 1001; by telephone 2596 1740 or via e-mail info@maltaphilately.com



Ħarġa Filatelika : 2025 – Is-Sena tas-Serp

Skont iż-Żodijaku Ċiniż, is-sena 2025 hija s-sena tas-serp. Dan iż-Żodijaku antik, li jagħmel parti essenzjali mill-kultura Ċiniża, huwa bbażat fuq il-kalendarju lunari tal-Asja tal-Lvant li tikkonsisti f'mudell ċikliku ta' 12-il sena b'kull sena assoċjata ma' wieħed minn 12-il animal. Is-sekwenza tal-animali fiż-Żodijaku Ċiniż hija kif ġej: il-far, il-barri, it-tigra, il-fenek, id-dragun, is-serp, iż-żiemel, il-muntun, ix-xadina, is-serduk, il-kelb u l-ħanżir. Huwa mifhum li kull animal jippossjedi karatteristiċi distinti, li jingħad li jinfluwenzaw il-personalitajiet tal-individwi mwielda f'dik is-sena partikolari. Is-serp huwa kreatura magħrufa għall-intelliġenza u l-imġiba kalma tiegħu. Il-kapaċità li jinża l-ġilda tiegħu tissimbolizza l-proċess li tħalli warajk l-qadim u tħaddan il-ġdid.

Biex tfakkar is-Sena tas-Serp, li bdiet fid-29 ta' Jannar 2025, MaltaPost se tniedi sett ta' żewġ bolli ġodda, b'denominazzjoni ta' €0.45 u ta' €2.21, waħda magħmula mid-disinjatur Ċiniż Fang Jun u l-oħra mill-artist lokali Fabio Agius.

Dan is-sett jinħareġ f'folja ta' għaxar bolli, b'kull bolla ta' daqs 35mm x 35mm, b'perforazzjoni ta' 13.77 x 13.66 u għandha "watermark" bis-salib ta' Malta. Kull folja hija ta' daqs 98mm x 203mm u ġiet stampata minn Printex Limited bi proċess offset. Il-ħarġa tikkonsisti f'500,000 bolla tal-€0.45 u 20,000 bolla tal-€2.21.

Din il-ħarġa filatelika se tkun għall-bejgħ mill-Ferġhat Postali f' Malta u Għawdex mill-Erbgħa 12 ta' Frar 2024. Ordnijiet jistgħu jsiru onlajn fuq <https://www.maltaphilately.com/> jew bil-posta mill-Philatelic Bureau, MaltaPost p.l.c., 305, Triq Ħal Qormi, Marsa, MTP 1001 – telefon 2596 1740 – email info@maltaphilately.com