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Subject: Invitation to Nominate Experts for the Select Committee on APPU Omnibus Stamp Issue

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Greetings from the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU).

The 2025 APPU Executive Council (EC) meeting held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, approved the proposal to initiate a coordinated "Omnibus Stamp Issue" among APPU member countries to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of APPU in 2027.

The initiative is part of APPU's ongoing efforts to promote philately among member countries. The proposed Omnibus Stamp Issue will symbolize regional unity while allowing countries to showcase their national identity through a shared design and synchronized release. The detailed presentation made during the EC meeting is attached to this letter for quick reference and further details of the Omnibus stamp issue.

To take this initiative forward, the APPU is establishing a Select Committee comprising representatives from interested member countries and philatelic experts. The Committee will be responsible for:

- Finalizing the common theme for the stamp issue;
- Coordinating the design framework;
- Preparing promotional and implementation guidelines;
- Recommending a final proposal for approval at the 14th APPU Congress in 2026.

We now invite nominations from APPU member countries to be part of this Select Committee. Countries may nominate one or more experts with relevant experience in philately, stamp design, or related fields. Kindly send your nominations in the attached format **by 31 August 2025** to the APPU Bureau at **admin@appu-bureau.org**.

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We look forward to your active participation in this unique regional initiative in philately, which will serve as a meaningful tribute to APPU's legacy and the spirit of cooperation among its member countries.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,


Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh
Secretary-General

Nomination Form for APPU Select Committee on Omnibus Stamp Issue

APPU Member Country	
Nominating Authority (Name and designation)	
Expert Details	
Full name of the expert	
Current Designation	
E-mail	

Brief bio/ profile of the expert

(Insert text here)

Please send the filled nomination form to admin@appu-bureau.org by 31 August 2025



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Release an Omnibus stamp in 2027

Presentation by the APPU Bureau

Executive Council Meeting
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
4 July 2025



What is an Omnibus Stamp?

An Omnibus Stamp Issue refers to a set of postage stamps issued by multiple countries using a common theme and often a harmonized design. While each participating postal administration releases the stamp under its own name and denomination, the shared design elements and synchronized release date reflect a joint celebration or commemoration.

Do we have examples?



- ASEAN: ASEAN Posts has coordinated the release of 3 issues of Omnibus stamps.
- British Commonwealth: Numerous omnibus issues, such as the 1949 Universal Postal Union 75th Anniversary stamps, featured common designs across more than 70 countries.
- Europa Postage Stamps: Annual joint issue of stamps with common design or themes by postal administrations of the CEPT/ PostEurop.
- West African Postal Administrations have issued stamps with common themes such as regional integration, heritage, and economic development.



Omnibus stamp in 2027

- The APPU Bureau proposes a regional Omnibus Stamp Issue in 2027 among interested member countries of the region with the following core features:
 - **Theme:** A common theme, to be finalized collectively, reflecting shared values, achievements, or aspirations (e.g., Diversity in the Region, Flora, Fauna, Postal Heritage, etc).
 - **Design:** A harmonized design framework, allowing for national customization while retaining regional coherence.
 - **Release:** A coordinated release schedule by all participating countries.
 - **Support:** Support from the APPU Bureau in coordination, promotion, and philatelic outreach.

Timeline



- APPU EC 2025: In-principle approval of the proposal.
- Between APPU EC 2025 and APPU Congress 2026: A Select Committee (comprising interested member countries and philatelic experts) will be formed to:
 - Finalize the theme.
 - Coordinate design development.
 - Prepare promotional material and implementation guidelines.
- APPU Congress 2026: Formal approval of the theme, design, and release schedule.
- 1 April 2027: Simultaneous release of the omnibus stamps across participating member countries in commemoration of the 65th anniversary of APPU.



Thank you!