



NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION "PAKISTAN 2008"

23rd to 25th February, 2008
Expo Centre, Karachi.

The Stamp Society of Pakistan organised National Stamp Exhibition jointly sponsored by Dawn Group, Philatelic Federation of Pakistan based on FIAP rules from 23rd Feb to 25th February, 2008, titled "PAKISTAN 2008" celebrating "60 Years of Stamp Issue of Pakistan", at Expo Centre, Karachi. This exhibition was supposed to be held from 28th to 30th December, 2007, but it had to be postponed due to disturbance in the country following the death of Benazir Bhutto.

The exhibition was a roaring success as it had many first and was attended in large numbers on all 3 days and 100 Frames attracted crowd of all ages. The Special Postmark was made by the Pakistan Post to commemorate this event.

The Exhibits

The competitive stamp exhibits of various collectors from all over Pakistan were on display and judged on competitiveness in 8 different classes (i) Traditional, (ii) Postal History, (iii) Postal Stationary, (iv) Aero-philately, (v) Thematic, (vi) Revenue, (vii) Youth, and (viii) Literature. Mr. Iqbal Nanjee, President of SSOP, was the Commissioner General of the exhibition whereas the Jury member comprised of Dr. Isani, Mr. Aslam Zahid and Khalid Malik.

The highlights of exhibits relating to Pakistan and other entries of Middle East, Rest of the World and un-Philatelic are as follows and the medal level announced:-

Traditional

Muhammad Jamil Ahmed	The State of Bhawalpur.	5 Frames	GOLD
Iqbal Nanjee	Turkey Empire Issues (1876-90)	5 Frames	GOLD
Iqbal Nanjee	Poonch State (1876-1888)	5 Frames	GOLD
Iqbal Nanjee	Bhopal 1872-1895 and Fore-runners.	5 Frames	GOLD
Afzal Hussain	Ottoman 1892-97 Arms Issues	5 Frames	LARGE VERMEIL
Hashim Zia Jaffri	Palestine Stamps and Postal Markings of Mandate Administration.	5 Frames	VERMEIL
Haji Wali Mohammad	Emir Saud Definitive	5 Frames	LARGE SILVER
Hussain Ahmed	Bahrain, Indian and British Administration.	1 Frame	SILVER

Syed Fasihuddin (Peshawar)	Pakistan (Nastik Machine overprint - 1947 to 1949)	1 Frame	SILVER
Imran-ul-Huda	Egypt	2 Frames	BRONZE
Khalid Malik	The odd shaped stamps of Tonga.	2 Frames	NON COMPETATIVE

Postal History

Rafiq Kasbati	Pakistan Pre-independence Postal Markings	5 Frames	GOLD
Mohammad Ali Jahangir	India - 19th Century Post Marks	5 Frames	GOLD
Waseem Shafi	Gibraltar Post	1 Frame	VERMEIL
Ali Raza	The evolution of Bangladesh	5 Frames	LARGE SILVER
Shahid A. Nazir	Ghana Inflation Period	5 Frames	LARGE SILVER
Waseem Shafi	Pakistan Pre-independence Postal Markings	1 Frame	SILVER
Arshad Abdullah	Pakistan 1965 & 1971 War Censored and POW Mail	5 Frames	SILVER
Mohammad Rizwan	Pakistan Pre-independence Box Slogans.	1 Frame	SILVER
Mohammad Rizwan	Pakistan (Karachi) Pre-independence Postal Markings	1 Frame	SILVER
Hashim Zia Jaffri	War Mail of 1971 of Pakistan	1 Frame	SILVER
Nafees Ansari	German State. Pre stamps mail Ackern and Baden	1 Frame	SILVER
Aneel Ahmad (Peshawar)	Definitive Series of 1929, Iran (Inland Postal History).	1 Frame	SILVER
Waseem Shafi	India Victorian Mail	1 Frame	SILVER
Mohammad Ali Jahangir	Great Britain - The Stampless Mail	1 Frame	BRONZE
M. Hassan Farooqi	Stamps of Indian Convention and Feudatory States.	1 Frame	Certificate of Participation

Postal Stationery

Rafiq Kasbati	Postal Stationery of Pakistan 1947-1965	5 Frames	GOLD
Mohammad Ali Ajmeri (Sukkur)	Golden Jubilee of Pakistan Resolution 1940-1990.	4 Frames	SILVER
Syed Imtiaz Hussain (Peshawar)	AQ Letter sheet (1st Official letter sheet of the World) (1608-1797)	1 Frame	SILVER

Thematic

Shahid A. Nazir	Stamp Collecting	5 Frames	VERMEIL
Syed Abdul Noor	World Architecture	5 Frames	SILVER
Mohammad Ali	Pakistan - as seen from the eyes of the world	5 Frames	SILVER
Nadeem Allahrakha	Camel	1 Frame	BRONZE
Saeed Gul	Masks in performing arts.	1 Frame	BRONZE
Allauddin (Peshawar)	Folklore Masks (Masks Dances in Festivals and Carnivals celebration).	1 Frame	BRONZE

Revenues

Afzal Hussain	Bhawalpur Revenue (1876-1950)	5 Frames	GOLD
Rafiq Kasbati	Lasbella Court papers	2 Frames	SILVER
Nafees Ahmed Ansari	Bhawalpur Stamp Papers	1 Frame	SILVER

Youth

Adnan Hussain	Bahrain (1933-1976)	3 Frames	LARGE SILVER
Haji Shoaib	Saudi Arabia, Ottoman to King Hussain Issues	1 Frame	VERMEIL
Muhammad Junaid Qadri (Peshawar)	Pakistan First Decimal Surcharges, 1961.	1 Frame	SILVER
A. Ahad / M. Saad	CRICKET	5 Frames	VERMEIL
Adnan Hussain	Lion-King of the Jungle	3 Frames	LARGE SILVER

Literature

Haji Shoaib	Dubai	1 Book	SILVER
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This was the first ever biggest event in the history of standard National Stamp Exhibition of Pakistan. With the World Class arrangements and the large picturesque settings, specially made wall skins depicting Pakistani stamps, seating sofas for study and deliberation created a very lively atmosphere. The senior management of Dawn Group and the Senior Post's officials of the Postal Administration deserves all the appreciation and we should commend their contribution and silent effort in holding such a stamp exhibition.

Special Cancellations

Pakistan Post issued three special cancellations on each day of Exhibition (i) Pakistan 2008, (ii) Jinnah Day, & (iii) Youth Day, on 23rd to 25th February, 2008, respectively. A dedicated Philatelic Counter of Pakistan Post was established at the Exhibition Hall for the issuance of Special cancellations and Sale of Philatelic material.

Stalls

A large number of philatelic and numismatic materials were available for sale to enthusiasts at the Stamps Dealers and Pakistan Post stall. The exhibition was further enhanced due to the participation of the book sellers, painting exhibition, etc, in the same hall. The colourful surroundings and Philatelic stalls made the venue very lively each day for all stamp lovers and exhibitors from all over the country.

In the words of the senior Executive of the Dawn Group, "We wish we had thought of having stamp exhibition earlier. This indeed has been an excellent event and we shall continue this sort of exhibition as part of the Lifestyle Exhibitions in future as well".

Stamp Drawing Competition

The highlight of the exhibition was the stamp drawing competition for 2 hours duration of two aged groups of children between the age of 4 to 9 and 10 to 16 years. The stamp drawing competition attracted children from the city as well as from Hyderabad. This was indeed a landmark occasion as the results were astonishing for the excellent quality of the coloured themes produced.

Competition was held at the same venue on two different days for two different age groups on which about 100 children participated. Prizes for 1st to 3rd and one Special Prize were awarded in both categories. One of the youngest, Master Danial of Karachi was only 4½ years old whose stamp was selected and he got second prize. The stamps drawing of the winning young artists were selected to reproduce as an essay for Children Stamps.

The drawings were judged by Mr. Adil Salahuddin the noted stamp designer and Mr. Shahid Zaki, the famous miniature artist of Pakistan who has many paintings of International repute to his credit.

Stamp Auction

The grand stamp auction on 24th February, 2008 was organized at Hotel Jabees which was participated by collectors and dealers alike and was a success.

Prize Distribution

The prizes were awarded to the exhibitors, ranging from bronze to Gold level. In the 1 and 2 Frames classes also, there was a wide variety of exhibits and were awarded prizes upto Vermeil level.

Dinner

SSOP hosted a well attended dinner on night of the final day of the exhibition at Defence Club in Karachi which was attended by the Exhibitors and Senior Officials of Pakistan Post.

Glimpses of the exhibition are attached.

We wish all participants a great success in future exhibitions and for active participation in the international events over the years.