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The Stamp Issues of the Beijing Olympic Games

by Kwan Kwok-Yiu

The Beijing Olympics will be remembered for, among many things, the massive number of volunteers and numerous new world records. As Olympic and sport stamp collectors, we are able to memorialize the Games through collecting the stamps issued by the host country.

Sticking to the host country tradition, China Post issued numerous stamps immediately prior to the opening of the Games on 8 August 2008, with more during the Games themselves.



Horses in Games and Sports of Different Cultures

by Joan Ortí Ferreres

Human evolution from the dawn of man through the present day has been possible because of invention and the ability to control different objects and elements. Certainly fire and the invention of the wheel were factors which allowed the major development of the human race. The control and domestication of certain animals has also been a big step for humanity. Among animals, the horse has perhaps helped us to advance the most quickly and firmly.

With the advancement of human civilization and satisfaction of basic day-to-day needs, horses were used to pass the time. So began competitions.



Deadly Sichuan Earthquake Shakes Up the 2008 Beijing Olympic Torch Relay

by Andrew Urushima

The 2008 Olympic torch relay was a truly memorable event marked by emotional and political highs and lows, culminating in the igniting of the cauldron over Beijing's "Bird's Nest" Olympic Stadium by Chinese Olympic gymnastics champion, Li Ning.

With all of the advance preparations ... no one could have foreseen, or made contingency plans for, the massive and destructive earthquake that hit Sichuan Province on May 12, 2008.



National Post Card Week Celebrates Sports & Olympics

by Kon Sokolyk

One of the greatest pleasures that I derive from collecting is unexpectedly coming across material previously unknown to me. And so it happened a few months ago. As I was browsing through a shoebox of post cards, I encountered a batch of intriguing cards commemorating National Post Card Week (NPCW).