I am honoured to serve as honorary editor. To enhance the communication with members and the industry for news and articles, we have formed an editorial board with Dr. Andrew Cheung, Mr. Malcolm Hammersley and Mr. Robert Schneider as members. The team takes this opportunity to thank Ms. Anna Lee, the immediate past honorary editor, for her efforts and contribution. We have the vision of further enhancing the quality of the Newsletter, for disseminating the activities of our Society, in particular our efforts in promoting philately, for introducing local and overseas philatelic news and for recording findings with philatelic interest. We welcome comments and short articles in philately from members and the industry, either in English or Chinese. For long article, we shall reserve it for the yearly journal. Owing to the constraint of space, we reserve the right not to publish or just extract the essences of the submission. We hope you will enjoy the monthly reading. Since I have just started the learning process as editor, errors may occur here and there. Your tolerance will be much appreciated.

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**June 2018 monthly members meeting**

Woo Kwan Lee & Lo conference room on 25/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Hong Kong at 6:30pm on 21st June (Thursday). Andrew Cheung will speak on “Recent China forgeries on the Internet”.  

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With a quorum in attendance, the meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Before proceeding with the agenda items, the Chairman of the AGM, Malcolm Hammersley, clarified that only those persons whose names appear on the register of members could attend the AGM and vote in person or by proxy. Applicants for membership whose applications had not been properly submitted to the Society for processing, including those applications which were handed to the Secretary just before the commencement of the AGM, did not have the right to vote.

In accordance with the provision of Section 592 of the Companies Ordinance, the Chairman of the Meeting demanded a poll.

Proceedings:

1. Approval of the Minutes of last year’s AGM held on 18 May 2017
Proposed by Robert Schneider and seconded by William Kwan, the Minutes were approved with 320 votes in favour and 1 vote against.

2. Presentation of the HKPS Committee’s Annual Report
Proposed by Robert Schneider and seconded by William Kwan, the tabled Annual Report was approved with 270 votes in favour and 52 against.

3. Adoption of the Financial Report and Audited Accounts
Dennis Chow proposed and KL Poon seconded to adopt the tabled Financial Report and Audited Accounts which was approved with 270 votes in favour and 53 against.

4. Appointment of Auditors
Since our Auditors had submitted their resignation, the Treasurer was to look for a replacement and would seek members’ approval by way of a postal vote.

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5. Election of the HKPS Committee
It had been agreed by the Committee to employ an impartial auditor to regulate the election procedures to ensure the fairness of the election. Accordingly, Patrick Wong CPA Ltd was appointed to advise on proper procedures and to count the votes cast by members present and by proxies. The results are as follows:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm followed by the Annual Dinner.

Stephen T Y Chan
Hon. Secretary
**Auction News**

A sizzling hot month for Hong Kong and China stamps and covers in auctions, home and abroad.

**25 - 26 May 2018, 24th Kelleher & Rogers, Hong Kong**

1920+ lots comprising China and Other Asia Countries. The sale is particularly strong in China Silver Yuan postal history represented by covers bearing different postage paid franker labels and postage paid cachets. There is also a good selection of Thai material including De La Rue and Waterloo essays, proofs and stamps of the King Chulalongkorn (King Rama V) period formed by Herbert Herman. As a consequence, this huge offering has attracted collectors from Thailand visiting Hong Kong especially for this part of the sale.

**26 May 2018, Philachina, Hong Kong**

Following the Kelleher sale in the afternoon will be Philachina's own sale featuring 490+ lots of China (including Hong Kong) and other Asian countries stamps and covers as well as 110+ lots of coins, banknotes, shares and bonds. For the Hong Kong Treaty Port aficionados, there are many covers from Shanghai with HK stamps cancelled blue and black "S1" killer.

**28 May - 2 June 2018, Corinphila, Zurich**

This 5,800+ lots mega-sale of one-week duration represents the most comprehensive range of material of recent years offered by Corinphila - both in terms of number of lots and the value of the material being offered.

Two items undoubtedly steal the limelight being an 'Inverted Swan' of Western Australia and a China 'Small One Dollar'.

Lot 2398: China 1897 Red Revenue “Small One Dollar” 1897, unused example signed on reverse by Holcombe. Number 13 on the Huang Kwang-sheng listing.

Lot 3517: Western Australia 1854 4d blue INVERTED SWAN variety, (technically an 'Inverted Frame' error) used example with light cancel.

L.N. Williams in Encyclopedia of Rare and Famous Stamps (1997) listed 14 recorded genuine examples of this variety, of which seven are housed in museums and institutional collections (The Royal Collection; British Library, London; Australian Museum, Sydney; Mitchell Library, Sydney; Western Australia Museum, Perth and National Museum of Ireland, Dublin. From the remaining seven examples in private hands, no less than four are in one private collection (Dr. Arthur Woo) who won the Grand Prix National in Australia 2013 World Stamp Exhibition.

**28 May, 2018, HKPNC, Hong Kong**

HKPNC is the first mail auction company in Hong Kong giving up printed catalogue and changing to digital format. The 11st mail auction has a rare QV $1/96c with Chinese character block of 18 and 1954 QEII set of 14 complete sheet of 100.

**5-6 June 2018, 11-15 June 2018, Christoph Gärtner, Germany**

There are some interesting Hong Kong and China lots and a Private Treaty Sale.

**9-11 June 2018 and 30 June 2018, John Bull Auctions, Hong Kong**

The General Sale with over 1,200 lots, The People's Republic of China & Liberated Areas Stamps and Postal History with 1,000 lots, Stephen Yen's Northeast Provinces Regional Collection & Postal History of Mongolia with 273 lots and another portion of David Toong's Collection comprising 345 lots.

In addition on 30 June 2018, JB will be offering over 1,200 lots of Hong Kong, China & Worldwide Coins and Banknotes.

**20-21 June 2018, Cavendish, Derby**

Featuring a fine array of Hong Kong KGVI and QEII materials including specimens, requisition and plate number blocks.
This three-day sale at the Excelsior Hotel, Kellett Room comprising over 2,500 lots, with four catalogues and including a number of important specialized collections. There is a broad and deep range of material encompassing the full spectrum of the philately and postal history of China, People’s Republic, Hong Kong, and Asia.

The China section includes more items from the Jane and Dan Sten Olsson collection of Large Dragons. Highlight is the iconic 5 October 1878 envelope from Peking to Shanghai bearing a 5ca. pair and single. This is the earliest recorded usage of the Large Dragons on cover, and thus the earliest cover franked with Imperial China stamps. In addition, there are exceptional essays and proofs, complete sheets, rare Settings, and other important Large Dragon covers including spectacular frankings, as well as France and Japan combinations. The specialized offering of 1894 60th Birthday of the Dowager Empress and 1897 New Currency surcharges includes large multiples, varieties, cancellations and covers, with the various printings represented in choice quality. A superlative mint example of the “Red Ruby” — the large figures surcharge 1.5mm. setting on the Dowager first printing 30c. on 24ca. (ex Dr. Robert C.H. Lee, “Isleham”).

The 1897 Red Revenue surcharges include the legendary “Small One Dollar”, an outstanding mint block of four of the small figures 2c. on 3c. with surcharge inverted and two stamps also showing the comma for stop and inverted “s” in “cents” varieties, large figures surcharge $5 on 3c. with surcharge inverted, as well as a choice offering of cancellations. The Coiling Dragons and later issues are well represented, with a fine showing of the Provisional Neutrality overprints, the Hall of Classics $2 with centre inverted, and unissued Postage Dues. There are also fine sections of Postal Stationery, I-Chan Mail, Chinese Provinces with Sinkiang airmails, People’s Republic of China rarities, Taiwan, and Foreign Post Offices.

Hong Kong and Treaty Ports section is highlighted by an unused 96c. olive-bistre, two complete c.t.o. panes of the 1891 Jubilee issue with plate no. 2 on the top and bottom margin, the Philippe Orsetti collection of security markings and perfin covers, and a very fine usage of the rare “Large Crown Shanghae Post Office Paid Webb type 1” handstamp of which 17 examples are known. This is #8 on the list compiled by HKPS. (http://hkpsociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/large-crown.pdf)

Offered by Spink in its auction on 18 May, this is a Hong Kong 1880 Q.V. 1c. postal stationery card (dated 5.5.88) from Kowloon Customs to the Imperial Maritime Customs, Tamsui cancelled by a light strike of the unframed “KOWLOON CUSTOMS/MAIL MATTER” in blue. The message relates to responsibility of shipping losses and it is believed to be unique. Webb described this marking on page 207 (note that the illustration in Webb is slightly different to this one).
WESTPEX is the biggest Stamp show at the western of US, one of the most important exhibitions of the National World Series of Philately Shows (WSP shows). It was held at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront hotel, from 27-29th April, 2018. This is the 58 annual philatelic exhibition. Guest societies include: American Air Mail Society, Women Exhibitors and Rhodesian Study Circle. For the American exhibit’s style, the exhibit can be one or more frames. At this show, I found four exhibits of 10 frames. The exhibition’s Awards are eight levels, from LG to B. Five judges’ names and their specialties areas were published at WESTPEX website a few months before the opening date. Exhibitor could decide sending entry form or not.

There are 55 exhibits in 282 frames. The result of multi-frame exhibits are LG(8), G(11), LV(7), V(3), LS(8), S(3), SB(3); single-frame exhibits are G(4), LV(2), V(2), LS(2), S(1); youth multi-frame exhibit is V(1). The Grand Award winner is the eight-frame exhibit of Santiago Cruz, “SCADTA’S First Issues - A Traditional Approach to Airmail Stamps”. It is entitled to compete at StampShow 2018 World Series of Philately Competition for the highest national award, “Champion of Champions” in next August.

Chinese subject exhibits include: “Postal Rates during the Gold Yuan Era: The Chinese Hyperinflation of 1948-49”, by Hugh Lawrence, LG medal. David You Lu’s famous exhibit, “Chinese Airmails & Forerunners”, Gold medal. “Wei Hai Wei, China 1895-1949” by Dr. Sam Chiu, LV medal. It is surprising that “Imperial China 1897 Red Revenue Surcharges and Cancellations” (4 frames) was awarded Large Silver medal only. Last year, the same exhibit at SESCAL 2017 was awarded LG medal add APS research medal. Different judges give different results!

My Pre-stamp Period of Ecuador exhibit won the Gold medal with Special award at Collectors Club Award of Merit. This result was the same as the Hong Kong STAMPEX. I was suggested to further develop the treatment.

Some interesting experience on food: There are Chinese restaurants within ten-minute drive from the hotel. However, I would recommend the very delicious lobster from New England Lobster Market & Eatery, which takes five-minute walk from Marriott Hotel. The Lobster rolls and lobster corn chowder were very enjoying! For shopping, take the complimentary hotel shuttle to the San Francisco Airport, then take a BART train, one can easily reach the downtown of San Francisco. There, a shopping spree can start in Macy’s at the Union Square.

Most information of this exhibition can be found at: www.westpex.com.
ISRAEL 2018 Awards

ISRAEL 2018, a specialized World Stamp Championship Exhibition under FIP patronage, was held in Jerusalem on 27 – 31 May. One traditional and three literature entries from Hong Kong were shown with the following results.

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S H S Perfin

The next perfin in the series is III 55B S D & E Co. It has 60 holes with letter height of 6mm. Only one perfin is known, with a Shanghai 1907 cancel.

III 56 is S H S. It has been attributed to Sing Hwa Savings of Shanghai. We have no information on this Company. It has 33 holes with letter height of 6mm. It is found on stamps of Victoria and Edward VII.

III 57 is S K. It has been reported as having 22 holes of letter height of 6mm. It is listed in the Tiles perfin listing. We do not have an image or information on this perfin.

If any reader has these perfins or information on the companies they may belong to. Please email me the details.

If you have any proving covers, can you please email me a scan, and as much information as possible?

My email is rodsell@rodsell.com, as readers know compiling the data is a slow process, however every bit of information is very useful.

Thank you, I hope you enjoy these bits of commercial history of Hong Kong.
A fantastic Hong Kong Branch Office cover or not?

On page 110, Webb described Sai Kung Webb type A c.d.s. as a 27.5mm/17.5mm double-ring c.d.s. He quoted Surgeon Captain Bishop saying that the sub-office had been open for twenty-five years before he ‘discovered’ it in 1935. Webb reported only one cover in extant; the cover was posted by Bishop to himself bearing type A c.d.s. 23 July 1935.

Proud described an earlier Sai Kung c.d.s. (Proud D1) of the type common to Branch Offices opened after 1910s i.e. double-ring c.d.s. with ‘X’ below and his only recorded date is 5 March 1914. Proud then re-named Webb type A as Proud D2; the earliest recorded date (ERD) is still Bishop’s but he extended the usage to 5 November 1939 (LRD). Not mentioned by Proud (see page 831), the LRD is probably struck on a KGVI definitive stamp or KGV Silver Jubilee stamp or KGVI Coronation stamp.

Records are made to be broken, all of a sudden; a large printed OHMS envelope appeared in the stamp market franked.

1935 KGV Silver Jubilee 3c, 5c, 10cx2 and 20cx2 cancelled Webb type A dated ‘NOON, 25 JUN 35’, one month earlier than the only recorded ERD by Bishop, Webb and Proud. It was apparently sent by registered/insured mail (note the red Insurance label) to a “John Mitchie Esq. at GPO, Hong Kong” The 68c postage paid must have been the postage + registration fee + insurance fee.

The registration cachet has never been seen before and it appears to be an adaptation of the small rectangular boxed registration cachet Proud RL10 (see Proud page 390) with the letters S and K (Sai Kung) replacing Hong Kong in the top and middle section (date) and No. in the bottom section. Further interesting feature of this envelope is the oval ‘Water Police/GR Crown/Hong Kong’ mark on bottom left corner and backflap in stuck in black.

On reverse, Webb type L c.d.s. (Maltese Cross with two thick bars at each side) as arrival, date unclear. However, one would have thought a ‘Registered’ c.d.s. should have been used as an arrival c.d.s. for such mail which would be treated separately from ordinary mail. Despite the heavy vertical and horizontal creases, it is a most desirable cover being the earliest recorded and the only recorded with the registration cachet.

Let’s check the Sai Kung c.d.s. first.

It is plainly obvious the illustrations from Webb is just a drawing (quite badly done!) based on the cancel of the Bishop cover. Proud’s illustration is an improvement, nevertheless, the date is still hand-drawn.

HKPS committee member Rob Schneider told us that an example of this Sai Kung c.d.s. dated 3 OCT 35 on a 5c Silver Jubilee stamp was sold in December 2012 Interasia auction (lot 3368, page 327).

Obviously, an accurate ‘diagnosis’ cannot be made by just looking at a picture of the ‘patient’, therefore, let’s leave it to the expert to figure out whether this is a sensational find or a blatant fake providing that the ‘patient’ is willing to be examined.
With effect from 24 May 2018, postage labels will include the Chinese inscriptions of “中國香港” and “郵資已付” (if applicable).

Specimens of the revised design for the postage label are given below; https://www.hongkongpoststamps.hk/eng/newsletter/2018/05/20180508b.htm

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**Collect Hong Kong Stamps**

**Inclusive Communication**

**Issue Date: 7.6.2018**
**Design: Ching-Tsui CHAN**

Next to verbal and written words, sign language and Braille are important media for communication. Hongkong Post’s “Inclusive Communication” set of six special stamps features six common sign language phrases with corresponding Braille. This is an important way to promote sign language and Braille for a more inclusive society. The design of the sheetlet is highly creative. Special lenticular printing makes the “Inclusive Communication” message in sign language come alive.

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**Children Stamps – Fun with Numbers and Symbols**

**Issue Date: 17.7.2018**
**Design: Alex TANG**

Numbers and symbols are indispensable in everyday communication. This set of sixteen special stamps features numerals from 0 to 9 and the “+”, “-”, “x”, “÷”, “%” and “=” symbols. Kids can make up different math formulae with them or express special meanings. Just be creative!