



To mark Sydney Olympic

On 11th September, 2000 France released these se-tenant stamps to mark the Sydney Olympic held in Australia. The modern era of the Olympic Games began in 1896 in Athens



thanks to the efforts of the Frenchman, Pierre de Coubertin. They initially consisted in an event entitled "the Games of the Olympiad" (Summer Games), but the Olympic Games subsequently grew to take in other disciplines with the eventual founding of the Winter Games. These two beautiful stamps feature the various discipline of Olympic Games.

50 Years of Australian Television

On 24th October, 2006 Australia released five stamps to mark 50 years of Television. The idea of television had been around in Europe and America for decades prior to its introduction into Australia. On 16th September, 1956 the Australian public was introduced to this remarkable new broadcast medium. This stamp issue celebrated Australian-produced programmes like **In Melbourne Tonight**, **Homicide** (see stamp), **Dateline**, **Neighbours** and **Kath & Kim**.



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Indian Saint - Vivekananda

On 17th January, 1963 India released this stamp depicting Swami Vivekananda, one of the greatest religious heroes and social reformers of India. The stamp was released by Indian Post & Telegraph Department on the occasion of Swamiji's birth centenary.

Swami Vivekananda's earlier name was Narendranath Dutta. He was born in Calcutta in 1863. His father, Biswanath Dutta, was a pleader and mother Bhubaneswari Devi was a pious lady. As a student he was bright and passed the B.A. examination with Honours in Philosophy. He had a strong curiosity for God and religion. His quest for knowledge was satisfied only after his meeting with Sri Ramkrishna. On the passing away of Ramkrishna he made an extensive tour all over India. During this tour he came in close touch with the misery of mass. He went to the parliament of religions at Chicago and made a great impact of the greatness of Hindu religion all over the world. Coming back to India he established the Belur Math and the Ramkrishna Mission. In fact he is the idol of youth and nationalism of modern India.



UN Peace Stamp

The United Nations General Assembly in resolution 55/282 of 7th September, 2001, decided that, beginning in 2002, the International Day of Peace should be observed on 21st September each year. The Assembly declared that the Day should be observed as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, and an invitation to all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities during the Day. It invited all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, regional and

non-governmental organizations and individuals to commemorate the Day in an appropriate manner, including through education and public awareness and to cooperate with the United Nations in establishing a global ceasefire. In response to this important resolution, the United Nations Postal Administration decided to commemorate the International Day of Peace by adopting a three-year annual global peace stamp issuance commencing on 21st September, 2004



Last year was the third and final year for the "My Dream for Peace One Day" stamp series. On 21st September, 2006, UNPA issued six commemorative stamps on the theme. The 39-cent design shows the drawing of Cheuk Tat Li, Hong Kong, China – the winner of Grand Prize of global peace poster contest organized by Lions Clubs International.

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