

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR JAPANESE PHILATELY

The International Society for Japanese Philately was founded in Canada in 1945. Membership is worldwide and open to any philatelist of ethical reputation.

The Society is non-political and non-commercial with only one objective: to promote an intelligent interest in the philately and postal history of **Japan** and former Japanese **colonies** (Korea, Sakhalin [Karafuto], Taiwan), **territories** (Kwantung, the South Manchurian Railway Zone, and the mandated Caroline, Mariana and Marshall Islands) and **occupied areas** (China and Southeast Asia), including Manchoukuo, the Ryūkyū Islands, Japanese seapost offices and other civilian and military post **offices abroad**, and **foreign post offices in Japan**.

The ISJP's chief endeavor is publishing, and it has 3 major series of publications, all in 8½ x 11 inch size, with high-quality illustrations.

(1) The magazine **Japanese Philately** (usually 4 issues a year), copiously illustrated with photographs and maps, and concentrating on information that is likely to be of lasting value, in both short and long articles. The usual length of an issue is at least 40 pages, with occasional issues of even greater length.

(2) **Cumulative indexes to Japanese Philately**. Each issue of the magazine has a conventional table of contents on the third page, but the ISJP has also pioneered in publishing very detailed and systematic indexes that permit a reader to locate quickly whatever has appeared in **Japanese Philately** on any subject. The full index is available on our website.

(3) A series of **ISJP Monographs**, each consisting of a single study too long for inclusion in **Japanese Philately**. Monographs are usually supplied to members either free or at printing cost.

The ISJP also offers members many other benefits, such as the following:

- (4) a highly respected expertization service.
- (5) a question-and-answer column in **Japanese Philately**.
- (6) back issues of **Japanese Philately** as long as stocks last.
- (7) photocopy and flash drive services for copies of articles and for anything we have published in **Japanese Philately** and the **ISJP monographs**, including the full run of the journal.
- (8) each member may have two free 4-line advertisements each year in **Japanese Philately**, and additional advertising space at very low rates.
- (9) a Japanese postal stationery new issue service.
- (10) the ISJP Library, which provides information and scholarly works to members on subjects related to Japanese philately. Materials may be borrowed from the Library by mail.

Whether your philatelic interest in Japan or related areas is recent or of long standing, and whether it is general or specialized, we think you will find membership in the ISJP beneficial and enjoyable, for reasons discussed on the next page. It is one of the world's largest specialist societies, with members in about thirty nations.

Please detach this application form and
mail with remittance for US\$16.00
payable to **ISJP** to:

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our account...

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This signed application form should
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Japan is an interesting and important country, and its stamps, postal markings, and postal stationery are well-designed and well-produced. Collectors are also attracted to Japanese philately because the possible fields of collecting are so numerous and varied. For example: classic regular issues, modern regular issues, special issues, topicals, perforation varieties, printing varieties, paper varieties, postal stationery, postal markings, covers, postal history, specimen overprints, revenues and forgeries.

Some ISJP members collect only one or a few of these; others collect most or all of them. Some collect material from all parts of the Japanese empire; other collect only Japan proper, or only Manchoukuo or Ryūkyū Islands or one or more Japanese occupied areas in China or Southeast Asia. Some ISJP members are just starting a Japanese collection, others have had many years of experience in the Japanese field, and still others are somewhere in between. Whether a member's interests are general or specialized, the ISJP's objective is to provide (at low cost) useful information not available elsewhere.

When the Society was organized in 1945, it had only three members. Since then it has grown to be one of the world's largest single-nation specialist societies, passing the 1,000-member mark in 1968. Because the unit cost of printing decreases as the quantity increases, a large society can publish a large magazine at a modest price, with room for greater variety of articles.

On the other hand, the ISJP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with no paid employees. Except for printing, the ISJP's work is done entirely by unpaid volunteers in their spare time. This is why issues of **Japanese Philately** cannot be published on a precise rigid schedule like that of a general philatelic magazine blessed with a full-time salaried editorial and clerical staff. We try to work in an efficient and professional manner but we are not a business and could not survive if we had to pay for the long hours of service that are donated to the Society. The ISJP has been very fortunate over the years in having so many members willing to contribute their time and share their knowledge with others.

A year's volume of **Japanese Philately** usually totals more than 150 pages. The printers we have used since 1964 provide high-quality reproduction of text, photographs, maps and other illustrations on 8½ x 11 inch pages that open flat, and which are now printed in full color. The ISJP publishes far more pages than most other specialist-society magazines, and uses far more maps and more and larger illustrations. In the American Philatelic Society's first National Philatelic Literature Competition, **Japanese Philately** won the Grand Award as the best periodical produced by a specialist society. At international exhibitions around the world, **Japanese Philately** has consistently placed at or near the top in literature awards. Most recently, it won a large vermeil at JAPEX 1999.

Since ISJP members are spread over the world, with some on almost every continent, it is not practical to hold general meetings or to sponsor exhibitions, but the Society encourages formation of autonomous regional chapters which do hold regular meetings and sponsor or take part in exhibitions. Currently, we have active chapters in London (United Kingdom), Washington DC (USA) and Southern California (USA).

To join the ISJP, please detach and complete the application form at the right, and mail it to the address shown below, with a remittance for US\$16.00 payable to **ISJP**. All memberships are on a calendar-year basis. Regardless of when you join, you will receive all issues of **Japanese Philately** published for that year. Thereafter, each year's dues are payable by 31 December of the preceding year.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I hereby apply for membership in the International Society for Japanese Philately, and enclose payment of US\$16.00 which includes a subscription to **Japanese Philately**.

I wish to join for calendar year 20 . *Please **PRINT** or **TYPE**.*

Title _____ Name _____

Mailing address _____

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Age _____ Occupation _____

Citizen of _____. Applicants with APO or FPO addresses are asked to indicate the country of assignment: _____

How did you learn of the ISJP? _____

For former members of the ISJP: What was your membership number? _____

Please check each of the following that you actively collect:

JAPAN

- a 19th century definitives
- b 20th century definitives
- b1 21st century definitives
- c special (commemorative) issues
- d postal stationery
- e specimen overprints (mihon)
- f first day covers
- g other covers & cancellations
- h forgeries & fakes
- i revenue stamps _____
- j topicals _____
- k other _____

MANCHOUKUO

- a stamps
- b postal stationery
- c covers & cancellations

JAPANESE COLONIES

- b postal stationery
- c covers & cancellations

OCCUPIED AREAS

- a stamps
- b postal stationery
- c covers & cancellations

RYŪKYŪ ISLANDS

- a stamps
- b postal stationery
- c covers & cancellations

In what year did you begin forming a Japanese-area collection? _____

Are the collections checked above:

- x your principal philatelic interest?
- y one of several equally important philatelic interests?
- z only a sideline or secondary philatelic interest to you?

Are you a dealer in Japanese-area philatelic items? _____

International & national philatelic societies of which you are a member: _____

Have you ever been refused admission to a philatelic society? _____

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Date _____ 20 ____ Signature _____

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