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**SALIENT FEATURES**

Size of Stamp	: 50.5 x 35 mm
Size of Print	: 47.5 x 32 mm
Number of Stamps in a sheet	: 4 x 8 = 32 stamps
Perforation	: 13 C
Denomination	: Rs. 8/- each design
Colours	: Multi colour
Printing Technology	: Litho Offset
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Gum	: PVA
Quantity	: 0.2 Million (1 lacs each design)
Designer	: Naveed Awan
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Pakistan and Singapore share a longstanding history of friendly and cordial relations. Bilateral ties between the two countries have grown from strength to strength since the establishment of diplomatic relations in August, 1966. Both countries cooperate and work closely at the bilateral and multilateral levels in regional and international fora and understand the interests of each other. They share similar perceptions on most international and regional issues and also support each others' candidatures in international fora. Leaders and officials from both sides interact regularly to exchange views on issues of mutual interest. A number of high level visits from both sides have also been exchanged. Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, the founding father of Singapore, undertook memorable visits to Pakistan in 1988 and 1992. Former Singaporean Prime Minister Mr. Goh Chok Tong visited Pakistan in 2004. Leadership from Pakistan, including former President General Zia ul Haq, former Prime Ministers Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto and Mr. Shaukat Aziz also undertook visits to Singapore during their respective tenures. The prime Minister of Pakistan Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif visited Singapore during his earlier tenures in 1991, 1992, and 1999. All these visits have served to further strengthen the bilateral relations between two countries. On the economic front, a number of agreements, including Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement, Investment Guarantee Agreement and Air Services Agreement have been concluded for facilitation of trade and investment. Besides, a number of other Agreements/Memorandums of Understanding are also in place.

2. The flourishing commercial relations between Pakistan and Singapore are also manifested by growing bilateral trade and investment. During the past Singapore invested in a number of projects in Pakistan. Business from both sides continue to identify opportunities for mutual collaboration. People to people contacts are also growing. The Pakistani community living in Singapore has contributed significantly to the social and economic progress of the country. Singapore provides training to Pakistani public servants under Singapore Cooperation Programme. The visits by Pakistani officials to Singapore constitute valuable pillar of people to people interactions and promote better understanding of each other.

3. Pakistan and Singapore share a common desire to expand their bilateral cooperation and deepen their ties. The 50th anniversary celebrations are the practical demonstration of the resolve of the two sides to make positive strides in their relations.

To celebrate the Golden Jubilee of establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Singapore, Pakistan High Commission in Singapore suggested that Pakistan Post may issue a commemorative stamp on the occasion.

Singapore Post proposed that theme of the stamp, to be issued on the completion of the 50 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Singapore, may be National Flowers of both the countries, meaning that Pakistan Post may prepare a stamp design showing Jasmine, the national flower of Pakistan and Singapore Post's stamp show its national flower Vanda Miss Joaquim.

#### **JASMINE**

*Jasminum officinale*, known as the common jasmine or simply jasmine, is a species of flowering plant in the olive family Oleaceae, The genus name jasmine is derived from the Persian Yasmeen meaning "The Gift from God", also known as Chambelli in local language.

Jasmine symbolizes attachments, represents amiability, modesty and motherhood therefore Jasmine named the National Flower of Pakistan.

Jasmine is a very unique and beautiful flower which demonstrates the uniqueness of the nature. The Jasmine flower has gleaming and shiny leaves and has pleasant and graceful fragrance as well. The flower grows in clusters and shrubs and the most preferred season is in summers, and for growth and grooming the lower it needs plenty of water, fertilizers and bright sunshine.

#### **Vanda Miss Joaquim**

Vanda Miss Joaquim 'Agnes' (*Papilionanthe Miss Joaquim 'Agnes'*) (*Vanda teres* x *Vanda hookeriana*) (*Papilionanthe teres* x *papilionanthe hookeriana*)

This hybrid is hardy and free flowering. Described by the first director of the Gardens Mr. H N Ridley in 1893, this was the first orchid hybrid to be described from Singapore. Ridley named the plant after Agnes Joaquim in whose garden the hybrid originated. It was selected to be the National Flower of Singapore in 1981.

It was awarded first class Certificate by the Royal Horticultural Society in London, and was selected as Singapore's National flower for its vibrant colours, hardiness and resilience-qualities that reflect the Singapore spirit. A few varieties of Vanda Miss Joaquim exist and these are the results of the crossing of the different varieties or forms of the species parent. The original one that was described by Ridely was given the varietal name 'Agnès' by Holttum.

On 50 Years of Establishment Diplomatic Relations Pakistan and Singapore Joint Issue, the commemorative postage stamps of Rs.8/- denomination each design (set of 2) is being issued by Pakistan Post on October 18, 2016.

#### **TERMS OF SALE**

The Commemorative Postage Stamps will be available for sale from October 18, 2016 at all important Post Offices in the country.

Overseas orders for Stamps, First Day of Issue Covers and Leaflets should be addressed to the Manager, Philatelic Bureau, Karachi GPO or Manager, National Philatelic Bureau, Islamabad GPO, accompanied by a Bank Draft or Crossed Cheque encashable in Pakistan.

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