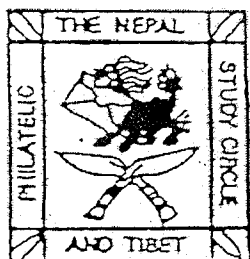

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Officer's Corner

Two years seem to have slipped by quickly since I last visited WESTPEX, so it was a pleasure to be able to meet up again with some of our members at this year's show. At the Society meeting on the Sunday our involvement on the internet was discussed and it was agreed that we should have the back issues of *Postal Himal* put on the Cambridge University website. This was completed early in August and all issues up to 2009 plus the Index can be found at <http://himalaya.socanth.cam.ac.uk/collections/journals/postalhimal/pdf>. The university site home page is www.crash.cam.ac.uk where you can find the menus for many journals relating to the Himalaya regions. A number of our members have expressed an interest in receiving *Postal Himal* by the internet instead of receiving hard copies through the post. This is the next step we will be working towards, so in the first instance those of you who wish to have this

service would you please contact our Editor with your request and supply an email address. Hopefully we will be able to get this organized and running in 2012.

I am always on the lookout for new forgeries and over the last six months I have come across some very good ones on eBay. They are the Nepal half-anna in vertical tete-beche pairs and are being sold as forgeries. I purchased ten from someone in Hong Kong and a further six, three of which were orange from a dealer in India. The quality was remarkable and if put in a general collection of Nepal I doubt if you would spot them. So it is another worrying aspect of what can be done in this high tech computer world we live in. I would be interested to know if any other members had seen those being advertised or if anyone else had purchased any.

Colin

Editor's Ramblings

With this issue we say farewell to Wolfgang Hellrigl, RDP, FRPSL, our Founder and Past President. He will be sorely missed, not just by us, but by the world of philately at large - for he was a giant in that world. A giant of research and knowledge, but yet always willing to converse with those who asked him to share some portion of his knowledge. And share it he did, both one on one and through the prodigious amount of literature which he either produced or co-produced. We shall not see one such as he again.

I hope that we will not have any more memorial issues for a long, long time. They are not enjoyable to put together.

With this issue we bring to a close the six part article by Binod K, Shrestha on 'The Himalayas on Nepalese Postage Stamps'. And

last issue saw the end of the article on Nepal Post Offices by Colin Hepper and Jaya Hari Jha (the photographer for the series).

Autumn is fast approaching and with it the traditional start of a new philatelic year. It is not too soon to begin planning to attend WESTPEX 2012. This is always an enjoyable show with plenty to see and lots to buy. Some also take advantage of the opportunity to indulge in trying favorite or new foods (see page 8 for an example). And there is always the NTPSC meeting which is held on the Sunday. We do have an enjoyable time at this meeting with good discussions and plenty of time also for show and tell. If you haven't been before, why not try to make it next year? The host hotel runs a 24 hour shuttle between the airport and the hotel.

UPCOMING:

WESTPEX 2012 April 27-29, San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel. NTPSC meeting April 29, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Wolfgang C. Hellrigl 1941-2010, RDP, FRPSL

by Alan Warren

Wolfgang Hellrigl, Founder and Past President of the Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle died November 23, 2010 after a long fight with leukemia. He conducted research on and wrote extensively about Nepal, Tibet and India. His philatelic and literature class exhibits won gold and large gold at many international shows.

His articles appeared in the *Collectors Club Philatelist*, *American Philatelic Congress Book*, *Stamp Lover*, *Fakes Forgeries Experts* journal, *Postal Himal*, *Flash* and *The Philatelist* among others. Among his many books are *The Native Postmarks of Nepal* (1978) with Colin Hepper, *Tibet: A Philatelic and Numismatic Bibliography* (1981), *Katalog der Posttempel von Nepal 1879-1935* (1982), *The Classic Stamps of Nepal* (1984) with Frank Vignola, *Nepal Postal History: the British-Indian Post Office in Nepal* (1991) and *The Postal Markings of Tibet* (1996).

Hellrigl was president of the Association Internationale des Experts Philatéliques (AIEP) from 1998 to 2005 and authored *The A.I.E.P. Handbook of Philatelic Expertising* (2004). He was awarded the AIEP's Hunziker Medal in 2008 and named an Honorary Member in 2009. Wolfgang was the recipient of Germany's Lindenberg Medal in 2008. He received the Tilleard Medal of the Royal Philatelic Society London, and three times won the Martin Memorial Trophy of the India Study Circle (1978, 1984, 1992). He was an accredited international literature judge and a former member of the FIP Commission for Philatelic Literature.

Wolfgang was a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London and signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 1994.

Wolfgang was the only philatelist known to have had the honor of having the Dalai Lama visit his home to look at his Tibet collection.

Wolfgang Hellrigl FRPSL, RDP

by Colin Hepper

In 1973 I first made contact with Wolfgang through an advertisement he placed in a UK stamp magazine, where he was looking to find fellow collectors of Nepal. Over the next 37 years we became good friends and started the development of the Nepal Study Circle.

He was a prolific writer and as there was no literature on the postal history of Nepal, he visited Nepal on many occasions to help his studies on this and encouraged me to join him in writing the first book on Nepalese postal history. The next book to be completed was the Classic issues of Nepal, where he encouraged Frank Vignola (another of our first members to join the group) to join him in the studies and be a co-author of the book.

In the early 1980s both he and I with our families would join our President Pierre Couvreur at his home in the south of France for philatelic weekends to discuss the development of our society.

Wolfgang continued his studies of Nepal and Tibet and was given numerous awards for his publications. I was honoured to be able to give the introduction and proposal for him at the signing of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, an honour which he thoroughly deserved.

In recent years with the major studies of Nepal being completed, he turned to another difficult subject, the postal history of Mongolia. The book was completed and published just before he died.

Without doubt, almost single handed, he raised the standard of collecting Nepal. The articles and books he has written will be used for study for many years to come. In his passing I have lost a good friend and the Study Circle has lost a wonderful ambassador.

WHAT A PRINCE!

by Leo Martyn

Wolfgang Hellrigl was a genuine philatelist. He was an avid scholar, an intellectual, author of many books (prime references) and articles, and was awarded International Large Gold medals for his exhibits and books.

He was President of the International Association of Philatelic Experts (A.I.E.P.) and The Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle and received many honors from various philatelic organizations.

Though he was much acclaimed and admired, he was a very kind and humble man, ready to share his considerable expertise and knowledge freely.

I knew him personally and will miss our communications and meetings. He was a true Prince indeed.

Wolfgang Hellrigl

by Jaya Hari Jha

I am very sad and grieved to hear about the sad death of Mr. Wolfgang Hellrigl. It is indeed a great loss for Nepalese Philately. His contribution towards Nepalese Philately was exemplary. I had a great desire to meet him but it could not be fulfilled. His demise is a loss for NTPSC as well. I pray to god for peace to his soul.

Wolfgang C. Hellrigl, RDP, FRPSL

by Richard M. Hanchett

I had heard about Wolfgang before I ever met or corresponded with him. We did not meet often, two or three times I believe, at various international shows. But Wolfgang was always the same - very quite, very friendly, very knowledgeable and also attired just so. If he had been wearing an academic gown, it would not have been hard to imagine him as head of a University College or maybe even as the Provost preparing to lead a procession bearing the mace. He was a tall man with beard and moustache and he bore himself well. He was always a gentleman, both in manners and bearing.

We also corresponded over time - either in regards to an article for which I was seeking clarification or in reference to stamps and covers which I wished to purchase from him. One never had to worry that he was trying to sell something other than as he represented it and he never worried about one paying him over time - realizing that sometimes one didn't have a lot of ready cash and trusting the person to do as he had agreed to as Wolfgang would send the item first and then wait for the payment. No matter how busy the surroundings were, when you sat with Wolfgang, it seemed that serenity surrounded the area during the whole time that the discussion lasted.

We all, and I especially, shall miss him, but he is now past suffering and pain.

Rest In Peace, Wolfgang.

WOLFGANG C. HELLRIGL, FRPSL, RDP, 1941 - 2010

by George Harell

Wolfgang Hellrigl died on November 23, 2011. His death from leukemia brought to a close the career on one of the greatest philatelists of our time and a foremost expert, writer and collector of Nepal, Tibet, Mongolia and Jammu and Kashmir.

Wolfgang was born in Cologne, Germany in 1941 and spent much of his childhood in the South Tyrol, Italy. He studied economics at the University of Vienna 1960-66. Wolfgang returned to the South Tyrol in 1976 and continued his career in banking and life insurance.

Wolfgang started collecting stamps at an early age. His father was a serious philatelist and Wolfgang's fondness for collecting may have been kindled by a Nepal and Tibet collection he inherited. After high school, Wolfgang worked as an apprentice at the London stamp firm Bojanovic. At the time Wolfgang began his study of the stamps and postal history of Nepal, little had been written except for a few magazine articles and small books by HDS Haverbeck. He started serious research into Nepal and Tibet in the late 1960s. In 1973, he and Colin Hepper met through an advertisement Wolfgang placed in a philatelic publication which sought to find collectors interested in Nepal; together they coauthored the first book on Nepalese Postal History. *The Native Postmarks of Nepal* (1978). Wolfgang shortly thereafter published other handbooks: *The Classic Stamps of Nepal*, with co-author F. Vignola (1984), and *Nepal Postal History* (1991). All three handbooks were subsequently awarded the India Study Circle's Martin Memorial Literature Award and FIP gold medals. In 1987, Wolfgang received the Tilleard Medal from the RPSL, for his display of Nepal.

In 1976, Wolfgang and Colin Hepper founded the Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle and Wolfgang remained its President from 1989-1992. In 1996, Wolfgang published *The Postal Markings of Tibet*. The publications listed here represent only a fraction of Wolfgang's highly productive research career. He also produced bibliographies and numerous research articles on Nepal and Tibet in specialist journals.

In 1980 he joined the International Association of Philatelic Experts (A.I.E.P.), as an expert for Nepal, Tibet and Jammu and Kashmir. Wolfgang was elected to the A.I.E.P. Board in 1985 and served as its President from 1998 to 2005. He published *Philatelic Expertising* which was awarded a FIP gold medal in 2008. Wolfgang received both the AIEP Hunzicker Medal and the Lindenberg medal.

Wolfgang became a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society and in 1994 was invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. In 1997, Wolfgang received the singular honor of a visit to his home by the Dalai Lama to examine his Tibet collection.

In his later years, Wolfgang started an intensive study of the stamps and postal history of Mongolia. He completed the manuscript for his book *The Postal History of Mongolia, 1841 - 1941* just days before his death. It will be published by the Royal Philatelic Society in 2011. Wolfgang's interests in the India States centered on Jammu and Kashmir. In 1979 he wrote an article the *Dak Zauri*, and in 2005 his Jammu and Kashmir exhibition won the Grand Prix at the International Exhibition at Brno. His 2006 lecture to the Royal Philatelic Society entitled "Jammu and Kashmir" is still online (<http://www.rspl.org.uk/kashmir/index.html>), and is a brilliant, concise dissertation about the classic stamps of Jammu and Kashmir, illustrated with gems from his astounding collection. His interest in forgeries resulted in his publishing *The Forgeries of Poonch* and *The 'Brighton' Forgeries of Jammu and Kashmir*. Among other of his notable publications are, *The 'Jammu Seal Provisional'* and the *The Tete-Beeches and Semi-Tete Beeches of Jammu and Kashmir*.

Even though I never had the opportunity of meeting Wolfgang, we corresponded several times yearly, and I was always deeply impressed with his magnanimity in unstintingly sharing his monumental knowledge of Jammu and Kashmir, and the grace and humor with which he answered inquires. I wish this were not the last time I could write 'Many, many thanks' for our friendship. After your long, difficult illness, Wolfgang, may you rest in peace.

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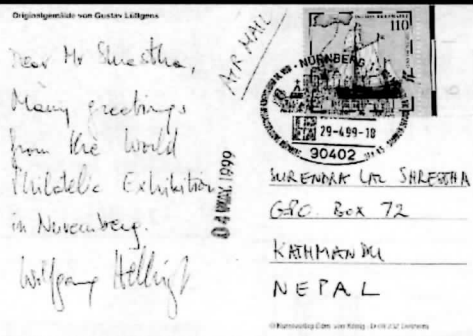
Dr. Wolfgang Hellrigl
by Johannes Bornmann

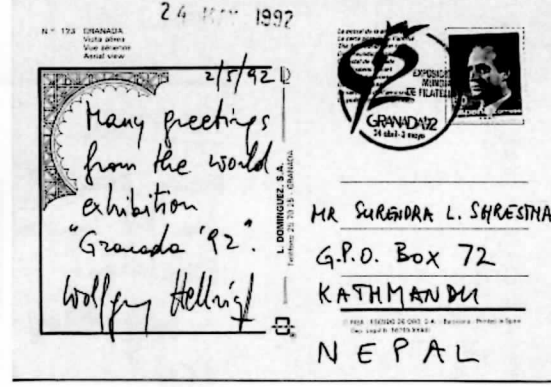
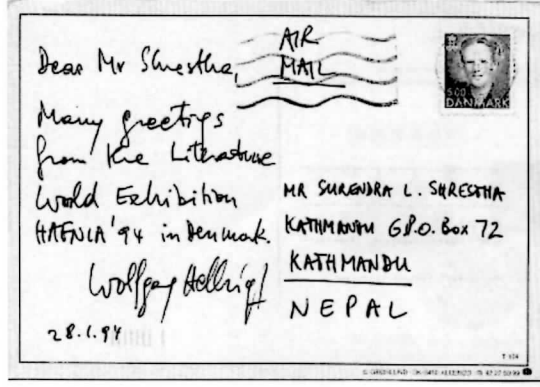
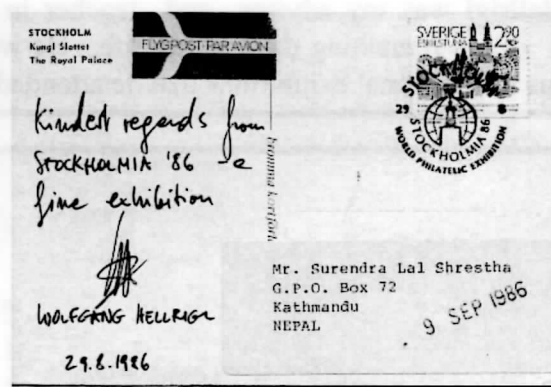
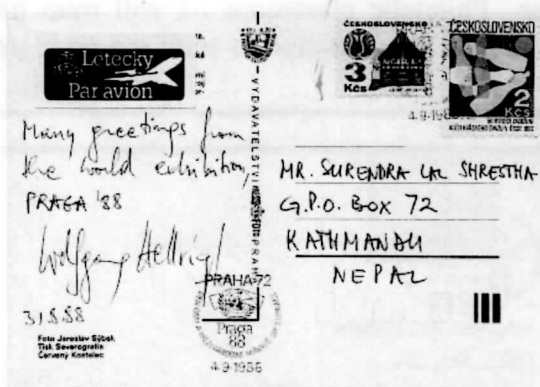
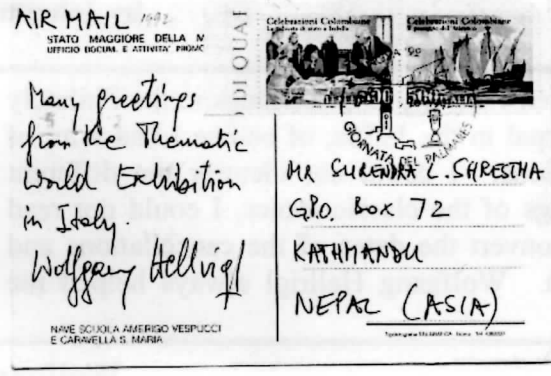
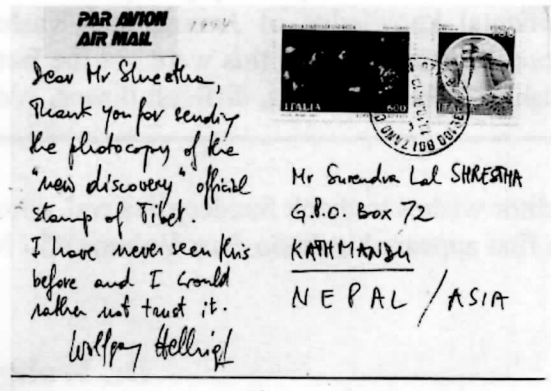
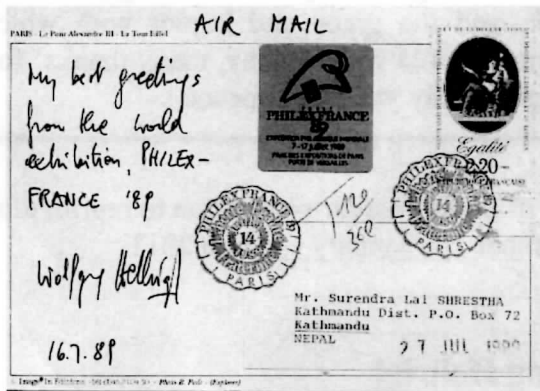
When I did my first footsteps in the Philately of Nepal in the 1970s, of course I had a lot of questions. I could not identify the different settings of the classic issues, I could not read not convert the dates of the cancellations and so on. Wolfgang Hellrigl always helped me

patiently like a "fatherly" friend. Though I was a "philatelic dwarf" compared to him, he spent a lot of time to explain to me many things by words and drafts. This is what I remember thinking of him, and I want to share it with you.

Wolfgang Hellrigl
by Surendra Lal Shrestha

Dr. Hellrigl was my adviser and teacher in the Philatelic classroom. I will miss him very much in my remaining days of my life. He was always kind enough to send me postcards from various international exhibitions that he attended.





How We Began by Colin Hepper FRPSL

Below is the initial letter that Wolfgang wrote and I copied and sent out to a list of collectors that he gave me (I have been Secretary ever since).



We are a very liberal, idealistic, international group with no affiliations to any philatelic society - although we have very cordial links with most India/Nepal societies - and we have no pecuniary interests whatsoever.

We plan to write articles on Nepalese philately and postal history. Since I launched the idea of group studies a year ago, some very keen members, especially from India, have joined our circle and we hope (sic) that gradually we will attract many more specialists.

The first aim of our organization is to collect all new information and results of research by individual members. In practice we handle it that way that someone volunteers to write a first draft (I am at present working on a draft for the 1/2 anna). This is then circulated amongst members for their comments, corrections, additions and ideas generally, whereby everyone should incorporate his own research work based on his collection. The material so gathered will then be pieced together and further evaluated.

Once we are satisfied that we have taken care of everything, we can proceed to publish our articles. I think that, with so many good journals around who have confirmed that they would all like to publish our writings, it would be a waste of time if we tried to compete with them by issuing our own paper. On the contrary, it will be nice if we can help them by offering our articles free of charge.

Our various articles should also raise some comments from readers so that, finally, we might well be in the position to print a handbook.

Personally, I believe that the greatest asset of our organization is to learn about so many new facts, based on material hidden in various collections throughout the world and which at times can be very relevant to one's own collection.

These are, in brief our ideas. Should you have any further questions, I would naturally be glad to be of help. Everyone is, of course, invited to put forward suggestions and ideas.

Our membership rules are very informal. There are no dues nor fees nor application forms - I firmly believe that enthusiasm is far more valuable to our cause than money!

So, if you would like to join our team, please drop us a line and your membership is established. I hope that you will take this step and would like to extend our warm welcome!

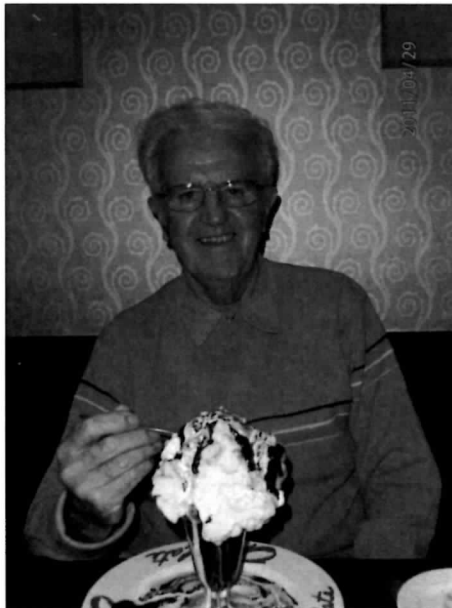
To enable us to know more about your collection, it would be of great help to have a brief description of your collection, especially of the scarcer sheets. And if you happened to be in the lucky position to have any unrecorded settings or unique items, could you perhaps forward a photocopy?

Finally, if you know of any fellow Nepal-enthusiast, please mention our name to him or invite him to join this our - your!- Study Circle.

1960 Children's Day Forgery by Colin Hepper

I recently came across the illustrated imperforate block of four 1960 Children's Day stamp which appears to have all the hallmarks of a well-produced forgery. It is printed on a very shiny paper with no gum and has a faint

Kathmandu G.P.O. postmark in the centre. As the sheet originated from an Internet dealer in India I would expect that there are more on the market.



A photo of our President enjoying a small dessert at Max's Opera Cafe while attending WESTPEX, 2011.

Emails to the Editor

From Sandeep Jaiswal:

Colin's cover (146:15) while being very pretty is purely philatelic in nature. Aaron Binder was a famous stamp dealer / collector who had an appreciation for over franked covers. I have seen several examples of such unnecessary overfranking on covers addressed to him from various Indian Feudatory States.

While I am no expert on Nepal postal history, I suspect that the Nepal stamps served no purpose as the letter was posted at an Imperial Post Office so the need for Nepal stamps did not exist.

From time to time the editor receives emails from individuals asking for donations of stamps. Following are requests that have been received - if you care to make a donation, please do so - it might result in some new philatelists.

I represent a group of people engaged in the popularization of philately among children in our city. We will be glad to get free of charge used postage stamps for starter young philatelists, for educational purposes.

Dmitry Leontenko
Kalinina str 10 Skvortsovo
Crimea Ukraine 97544

I am writing to you from Ukraine. Since childhood I have been collecting stamps. I request you to send free stamps and information about you to my address:

Poluchatel Obrasca
Korolyova Street 15, apart.18
Rivne, 33024
Ukraine

Hello! My name is Oksana. I - a girl. I am 11 years old. I have a younger brother Oleg. He was 10 years old. My brother and I fall in love with philately. 4 years now, we collect stamps all over the world. We have two great albums with the stamps and yet we are changing the repeated stamps with friends. Our vision is to collect stamps of all countries and to create the largest collection. Me and my brother are writing to you asking to send us your postage stamps to supplement our collection. We shall be very glad and grateful to you. I am sending you our photo. On it, I and my brother.

Thanks in advance! My Address:

OKSANA SOBOLEVA
117186 PROSPECT SEVASTOPOLSKI 23-75
MOSCOW RUSSIA
117186



The Himalayas on Nepalese Postage Stamps (conclusion)

by Binod K. Shrestha

Art Sketches of Nepal Himalaya

A number of stamps of Nepal have sketches of Nepal Himalaya on them, but one cannot

specifically identify which peak is being represented. Following is a list of those stamps.

Scott No.	Issued on	Occasion	Scott No.	Issued on	Occasion
206	16 Dec 1967	Go to Village National Campaign	309	20 Dec 1992	Bird Series
224	17 Sep 1960	Rhododendron Flower	521	1 Dec 1903	World AIDS Day
277	25 Oct 1973	Yak	549	23 Oct 1994	FAO World Food Day
284	20 May 1974	SOS Children's Village	554	20 Dec 1994	Mushroom Morchella conica
297	24 Feb 1975	Rara Lake	562	28 Dec 1994	Tilicho Lake
313	11 Apr 1976	Agriculture Year	570	1 Sep 1995	Animals
325-6	28 Dec 1976	King Birendra 31st Birthday	583	28 Dec 1995	SAARC 10th Anniversary
345	5 Jun 1978	World Environment Day	597	20 Nov 1996	Butterflies & Bird Series
426	30 Nov 1984	Wildlife	637	29 Nov 1998	Save Sight - Prevent Blindness
440	21 Dec 1985	International Youth Year	653	7 Jun 1999	Nayan
452	28 Dec 1986	International Year of Peace	670	5 May 2000	Tschorolpa Glacier Lake
455	28 Oct 1987	Scout Jamboree	720	9 Oct 2002	Tourism Series
476	31 Dec 1989	Rara Lake	718	9 Oct 2002	International Year of Mountains
490	3 May 1991	National Census	740	5 Mar 2004	United Mission to Nepal
501	24 Oct 1992	Protect the Environment	750	3 Nov 2004	Flora and Fauna
507	20 Dec 1992	Agricultural Development Bank	811	24 Dec 2008	Upper Mustang

E. List of Nepal Himalaya Related Stamps from other parts of the World

Below is a list of 113 stamps issued by 52 countries and territories with a picture of one of the Nepal Himalaya peaks. A few stamps (from

New Zealand and Tokelau) of Sir Edmund Hillary do not have a picture of one of the peaks but are still included in the list as they are part of a set.

Country	Description	Peak	Scott No.	Issued on
Australia	Australian Bicentennial Everest Expedition	Everest		13 Apr 1988
Belgium	Tintin in Tibet	Himalaya, Yeti		22 May 2007
Benin	Apollo Butterflies, Flower, Mountains	Machapuchhere		
Bhutan	Locomotives - Darjeeling train	Kanchenjunga	426	16 Jul 1984
Bhutan	Yeti: Folk Tales of Bhutan	Yeti	1129	1996
Bhutan	Flower, Mountains	Machapuchhere	1370	16 Dec 2002
Bhutan	Flower, Mountains	Machapuchhere	1376	
Bolivia	1 st Ascent of Everest, Bernardo Guarachi	Everest	1056	25 May 1999
Bolivia	10 th Anniversary of 1 st Ascent by Guarachi	Everest		28 Aug 2009
Bosnia Serbia	50 th Anniversary of 1 st Ascent of Everest	Everest	197	16 Apr 2003
Bulgaria	1 st Ascent of Everest, Bulgaria	Everest	2981	31 May 1984
Canada	International Year of Mountains	Everest	830	25 May 1965
China	Five Mountains, China	Everest	830	25 May 1965
China	1 st Ascent of Everest, China	Everest	1239-1241	26 Sep 1975
China	Mount Qomolangma	Everest	1735	1 Apr 1983
China	Elevation measurement of Qomolangma	Everest	3402	1 Oct 2004
China	Landscapes of China, Everest	Everest	3405	1 Oct 2004
China	Summer Olympics	Everest		2008
Dominica	International Year of Mountains	Everest	2367	15 Jul 2002
Dominica	History of Aviation	Everest	2428	21 Jun 2003
Ecuador	1 st Ascent of Everest, Ivan V. Ricaurte	Everest	1516	23 May 2000
France	50 th Anniversary of 1 st Ascent of Annapurna	Annapurna	2775	3 Jun 2000
Gambia	International Year of Mountains	Everest	1950	15 Jul 1997
Gambia	Sir Edmund Hillary	Everest, Hillary		2008
Gambia	Darjeeling - Himalaya	Machapuchhere		
Great Britain	Extreme Endeavours Series	Everest, Tenzing, Hillary	2119	29 Apr 2003

Country	Description	Peak	Scott No.	Issued on
Grenada	International Year of Mountains	Tawache	3262	1 Jul 2002
Grenada Grenadines	World Heritage Sagarmatha National Park	Namche Bazar	1984	3 Apr 1997
Guatemala	1 st Ascent of Everest, Jaime Vinals	Everest	488	22 Nov 2002
Guinea Bissau	Homage to Edmund Hillary	Everest, Tenzing, Hillary		
Guinea Bissau	Famous Explorers	Everest, Tenzing, Hillary		
Guinea Republic	Events of the 20 th Century	Everest, Tenzing, Hillary		
Guinea Republic	Tenzing and Hillary	Everest, Tenzing, Hillary		
Guyana	International Year of Mountains	Everest	3712	1 Jul 2002
Guyana	International Year of Mountains	Everest	3851	2004
India	1 st Ascent of Everest	Everest	244-245	2 Oct 1953
India	Plane over Kanchenjunga	Kanchenjunga	268	26 Jan 1955
India	1 st Ascent of Everest, India	Everest	404	15 Aug 1965
India	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	Everest	581	15 May 1973
India	Conquest of Kanchenjunga	Kanchenjunga	784-785	15 Jan 1978
India	Himalayan Railways	Kanchenjunga	1004	18 Dec 1982
India	Himalayan Peaks	Kanchenjunga	1223	19 May 1988
India	Indian Army Everest Expedition	Everest	1943	15 Jun 2002
India	50 th Anniversary of 1 st Ascent of Everest	Everest	2008	29 May 2003
India	Great Indian Trigonometrically Survey	Survey	2065-2067	27 Jun 2004
Indonesia	Flying Indonesian Flag	Ama Dablam	1807	28 Oct 1998
Indonesia	Mountains: Gunung	Everest		5 Jun 2003
Japan	1 st Ascent of Manaslu	Manaslu	631	3 Nov 1956
Kazakhstan	Climbing Everest	Everest	239	29 Jul 1998
Korea, North	Conqueror of Earth	Everest	1921	18 Feb 1980
Korea, South	Ascent of Everest: Korean Flag	Everest	1110	11 Nov 1977

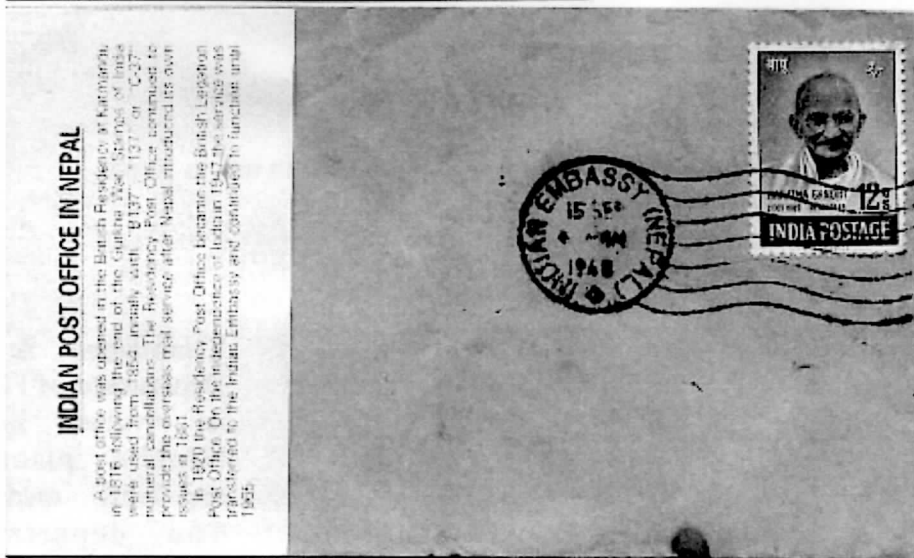
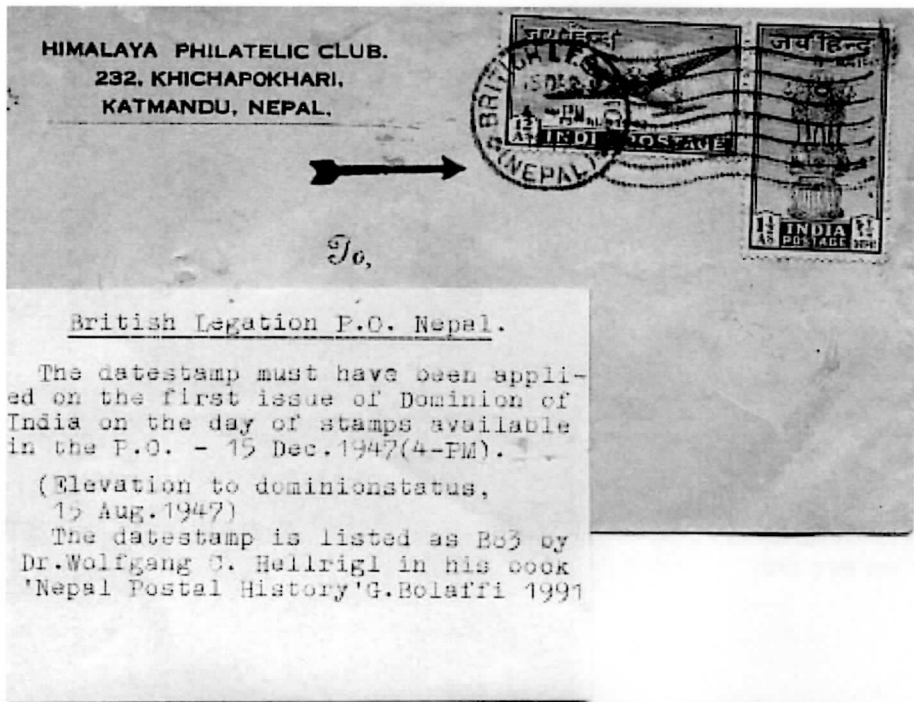
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Kyrgyzstan	Natural Wonders of the World: Everest	Everest	96	29 Dec 1995
Lebanon	1 st Ascent of Everest	Everest		2006
Lebanon	Maxime Cahya on Mount Everest	Everest		15 May 2006
Liberia	Famous People and Events of the 20 th Century	Everest, Hillary	1382	1 Dec 1998
Liberia	Philatelic Tour	Mountains - Everest		
Lithuania	1 st Ascent of Everest, Lithuania	Everest	398-399	20 Aug 1991
Lithuania	Ascent of Highest Peaks in each Continent	Everest	567	25 Feb 1997
Malaysia	Millennium Series: Everest Climbers	Everest	774	26 Feb 2000
Maldives	International Year of Mountains	Ama Dablam, Cholatse	2639	11 Jul 2002
Marshall Island	Decade of Perils and Progress	Everest, Tenzing, Hillary		
Monaco	50 th Anniversary of 1 st Ascent of Everest	Everest, Hillary	2307	29 Sep 2003
Mongolia	Mongolian Mountaineers on Himalayas	Everest	2486	1 Apr 2001
Mozambique	International Year of Mountains	Everest	1522	6 May 2002
Nevis	International Year of Mountains	Dhaulagiri, Chamlang	1302	26 Aug 2003
New Zealand	1950s Conquest of Everest	Everest, Hillary	1200	24 May 1994
New Zealand	Millennium Leading the Way: Everest	Everest, Hillary	1527	17 Nov 1999
New Zealand	50 th Anniversary of 1 st Ascent of Everest	Everest	1867-1868	29 May 2003
New Zealand	Wine Post: Edmund Hillary	Everest, Tenzing, Hillary		2008
New Zealand	Sir Edmund Hillary	Hillary		2008
New Zealand	Sir Edmund Hillary	Everest, Tenzing, Hillary		2008

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New Zealand	Health Stamps: Everest	Everest	B44-B45	4 Oct 1954
Palau	International Year of Mountains	Everest	684	17 Jun 2002
Palau	Sir Edmund Hillary	Everest, Hillary		2008
Philippines	Conquest of Everest by Filipinos	Everest	3071-3	23 Nov 2006
Poland	Polish Scientific Expedition	Kanchenjunga	2394	27 May 1980
Poland	In Honor of Jerzy Kukuczka	Everest	B148	17 Aug 1988
Romania	The Great Adventurers: Hillary	Everest, Hillary	3350	25 Dec 1985
Romania	World Stamp Series - Great Adventurers	Everest, Tenzing	4383	12 Jul 2000
Russia	First Soviet Everest Expedition	Everest	5106	20 Dec 1982
Sierra Leone	International Year of Mountains	Machapuchere, Everest	2555-6	1 Jul 2002
St. Vincent	International Year of Mountains	Ama Dablam	3036	1 Jul 2002
Tanzania	Selected Paintings of Xu Beihong	Himalayas	1981	1999
Togo	Millennium: 1950-1959	Everest, Tenzing	1953	5 Sep 2000
Tokelau	Everest: Hillary and Tenzing	Everest, Tenzing, Hillary		
Tokelau	Sir Edmund Hillary	Hillary		2008
Tristan da Cunha	Highest Mountain: Mount Everest	Everest	724	10 Jan 2003
Tuvalu	International Year of Mountains	Makalu	896	2 Oct 2002
United Nations	World Heritage: Sagarmatha National Park	Pumori	211	24 Jun 1994
United Nations	International Year of Mountains	Everest	317	24 May 2002
Yugoslavia	Ascent of Lhotse	Lhotse	2095	24 Apr 1991
Zambia	Millennium: 1950-2000	Everest, Hillary	856	7 Feb 2000
Zambia	International Year of Mountains	Everest	984	30 Jul 2002

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