

Dragon Postage Dues

Issued in 1908 in concert with the introduction of the Native Women definitives, the Dragon postage dues similarly remained in use, with variations, for two decades. These were the first stamps prepared from inception as postage dues for Indochina.



Dragon Postage Dues Design

The central element in the design of the postage due stamps came from the statues that guard the entrances to the Angkor temple complex.



Dragon Postage Dues
Color Shades



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Dragon Postage Dues Millesimes

The digit printed in the central selvedge indicates the year of printing and, in French, is called the “millesime.” For the Dragon Postage Dues, the “8” represented 1908, the only year that the stamps were printed.



Dragon Postage Dues
Millesimes



Dragon Postage Dues Postmarks

1 centime



CHOLON
COCHINCHINE



HAIPHONG
TONKIN



SEPT PAGODES
TONKIN



HANOI
TONKIN

5 centimes



CHOLON
COCHINCHINE



HANOI R.P.
COLIS POSTAUX



RACHGIA
COCHINCHINE

Dragon Postage Dues Postmarks

5 centimes



CAIBE
COCHINCHINE



ANHOA
COCHINCHINE



LAO-TCHAY
TONKIN



HANOI
TONKIN



HAIPHONG
ANNAM



HANOI R.P.
COLIS POSTAUXE



NAM-DINH
TONKIN



POULO-CONDORE
COCHINCHINE



QUANG-YEN
TONKIN



SADEC
COCHINCHINE



STUNG-TRENG
CAMBODGE



VINH
ANNAM



YUNNAN-FOU
-CHINE

Dragon Postage Dues
Postmarks

10 centimes



BAC-NINH
TONKIN



BARIA
COCHINCHINE



BENTRE
COCHINCHINE



CAP SAINT JACQUES
COCHINCHINE



DAPCAU
TONKIN



DAP-CAU
TONKIN



DONG-DANG
TONKIN



FORT BAYARD
INDOCHINE



HAIPHONG
TONKIN



HANOI
TONKIN



HANOI R.P. COLIS POSTAUX
TONKIN



HOABINH
TONKIN



MYTHO
COCHINCHINE



LANG-SON
TONKIN

Dragon Postage Dues Postmarks

10 centimes



LAO-KAY
TONKIN



PHANRI
ANNAM



NINH-BINH
CAMBODGE



PHU-LANG-THUONG
TONKIN



PHANTHET
ANNAM



PNOMPENH
CAMBODGE



PNUMPENH
CAMBODGE



SADEC
COCHINCHINE



QUANG-NGAI
ANNAM



QUINHONE
TONKIN



SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE



SAIGON-PORT
COCHINCHINE

Dragon Postage Dues
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10 centimes



SONTAY
TONKIN



TAM-KY
ANNAM



TANCHAU
COCHINCHINE



TRAON
COCHINCHINE



THANH-HOA
ANNAM



THOI-THUAN
COCHINCHINE



TRAVINH
COCHINCHINE



VINHLONG
COCHINCHINE

Dragon Postage Dues
Postmarks

10 centimes



CANTHO
COCHINCHINE



CHOLON
COCHINCHINE



DALAT
ANNAM



HANOI R. P.
COLIS POSTAUX



LONGMY
COCHINCHINE



MONCAY
TONKIN

Dragon Postage Dues
Postmarks

20 centimes



BAC-NINH
TONKIN



BENTRE
COCHINCHINE



CAILAY
COCHINCHINE



CAP ST JACQUES
COCHINCHINE



CANTHO
COCHINCHINE



GOCONG
COCHINCHINE



GOCONG
COCHINCHINE



HAIPHONG
TONKIN



HANOI
TONKIN



HUE
ANNAM

Dragon Postage Dues Postmarks

20 centimes



KAMPOT
CAMBODGE



KOMPONG-TIAM
CAMBODGE



LACQUAN
TONKIN



LONGTHANH
COCHINCHINE



MOCAY
TONKIN



NINH-HOA
ANNAM



QUANG-YEN
TONKIN



RACHGIA
COCHINCHINE



PHU-LY
TONKIN



SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE



THANH-HOA
ANNAM



TUYEN-QUANG
TONKIN



VIENTIANE
LAOS

Dragon Postage Dues
Postmarks

20 centimes



CHOLON
COCHINCHINE



GIADINH
COCHINCHINE



LONGXUYEN
COCHINCHINE



SOAIRIENG
CAMBODGE

Dragon Postage Dues
Postmarks

30 centimes



SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE

50 centimes



HANOI R.P.
COLIS POSTAUX



HANOI
TONKIN



PNOMPENH
CAMBODGE



SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE

1 piaster



BATTAMBANG
CAMBODGE



YUNNAN-FOU
-CHINE

2 piasters



SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE

Dragon Postage Dues
Postmarks

HANOI



HANOI R.P. COLIS POSTAUX



HAIPHONG



Dragon Postage Dues
Postmarks

SAIGON-CENTRAL



Angkor Dragon Postage Dues Use of 2 centimes

The postage due penalty was twice the underpayment amount. The lowest denomination of the Angkor Dragon Postage Due series was 2 centimes corresponding to an underpayment of only 1 centime. Here the lowest value was favor cancelled on a picture postcard at Tourane, Annam in 1910.



POSTAL MARKINGS

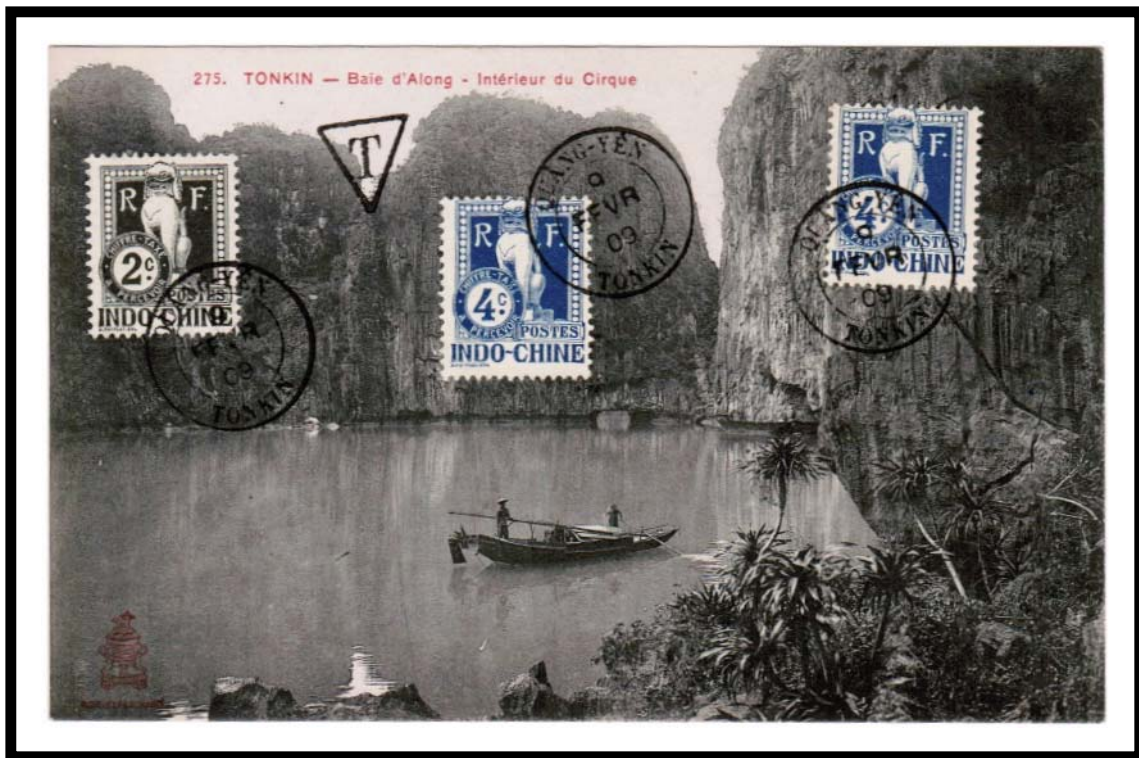
TOURANE ANNAM 23 FEVR 10 (blue)

REVERSE

TOURANE ANNAM 24 FEVR 10 (blue)

Dragon Postage Dues Use of 2 and 4 centimes

In 1909, an unpaid picture postcard sent locally at Quang-Yen was charged 10 cents postage due with three low value Angkor Dragon postage due stamps. Low values were typically used in multiples as the postage due amounts were calculated as twice the short-paid amount.



POSTAL MARKINGS
QUANG-YEN TONKIN 9 FEVR 09
"T" in triangle

Dragon Postage Dues Use of 5 centimes

An unfranked postcard posted from Haiphong was charged 10 cents postage due after arriving at Lang-Son in 1914. Since the amount due was twice the underpaid amount (always resulting in an even number), an odd denomination like the 5 centimes saw only limited usage.



POSTAL MARKINGS
LANG-SON TONKIN 14 OCT 14
REVERSE
HAIPHONG TONKIN 2-10 14
"T" in triangle

Dragon Postage Dues
Use of 10 centimes

An unfranked picture postcard sent to England in 1911 was cited for postage due at Hanoi before leaving Indochina. There is no corresponding indication that any due amount was collected in England.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI TONKIN 13 SEPT. 11

HANOI TONKIN 22 NOV. 11

"T" and "0.10" in blue crayon

Dragon Postage Dues Use of 10 centimes

The message on the reverse of this picture postcard posted from Langson to Yen-Bai exceeded five words. As a result, it was not eligible for the reduced postage rate of 5 centimes. Consequently, upon arrival, the card was charged 10 centimes postage due, twice the amount of the underpayment.



POSTAL MARKINGS

LANG-SON TONKIN 6 NOV 11
YEN-BAI TONKIN 8 NOV. 11

REVERSE

LANG-SON TONKIN 6 NOV 11
HANOI TONKIN 7 NOV 11
"T" in triangle
YEN-BAI TONKIN 8 NOV. 11

Dragon Postage Dues Use of 10 centimes

The sender posted a picture postcard celebrating Swiss National Day from Bern on the date of the holiday, 1 August 1912. The card was cited as underpaid with a large "T" in outline. At Hanoi, the amount due was determined to be 10 centimes based on the application of a 10-centime Angkor Dragon postage due stamp.

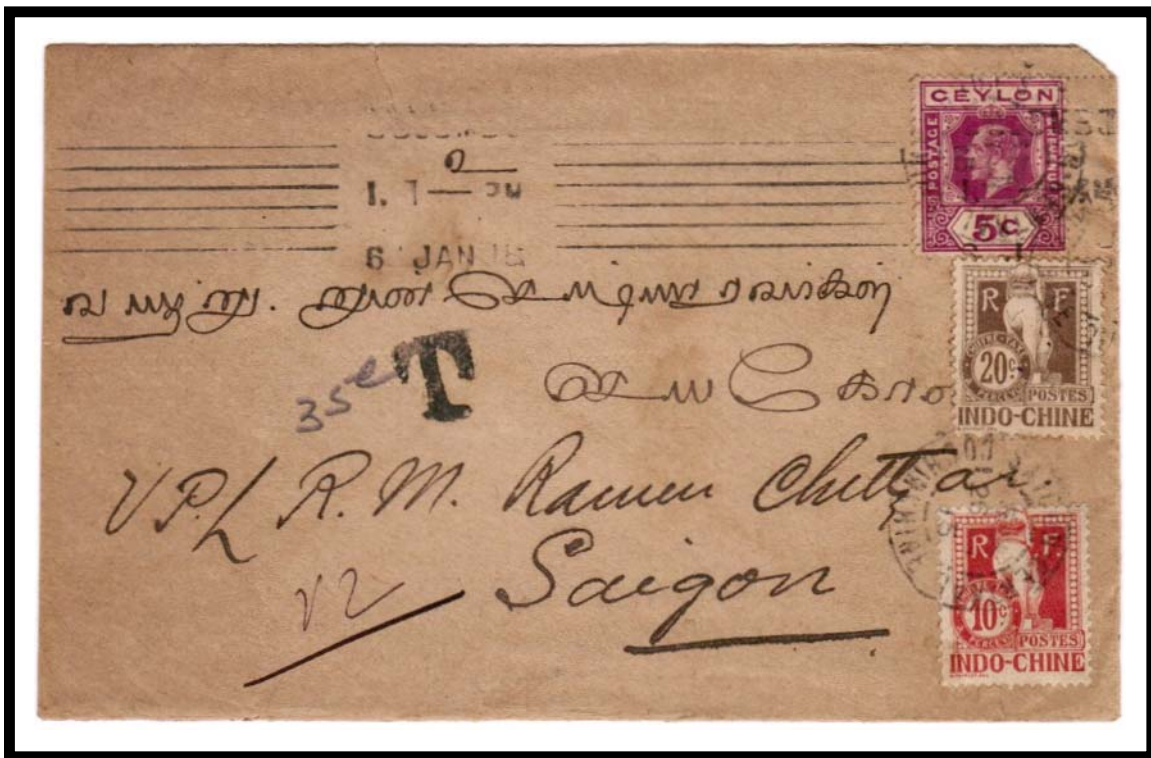


POSTAL MARKINGS

WENGEN (BERN) 1. VIII 12
HANOI TONKIN 4 SEPT 12

Dragon Postage Dues
Use of 10 and 20 centimes

A 1915 letter was posted from Ceylon with 5 cents postage. Upon arrival at Saigon, the mailing was charged 30 centimes postage due.



POSTAL MARKINGS

6 JAN 15
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 26-1 15
large "T"
"35c" in pencil
"V2" due amount confirmation signature

Dragon Postage Dues
Use of 10 and 40 centimes

In 1915, an unfranked letter from India was cited for 50 centimes postage due at Saigon with two Angkor Dragon postage due stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SATHIASANGHARAKOTTAI DUE ONE ANNA
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 4-12 15
large "T"

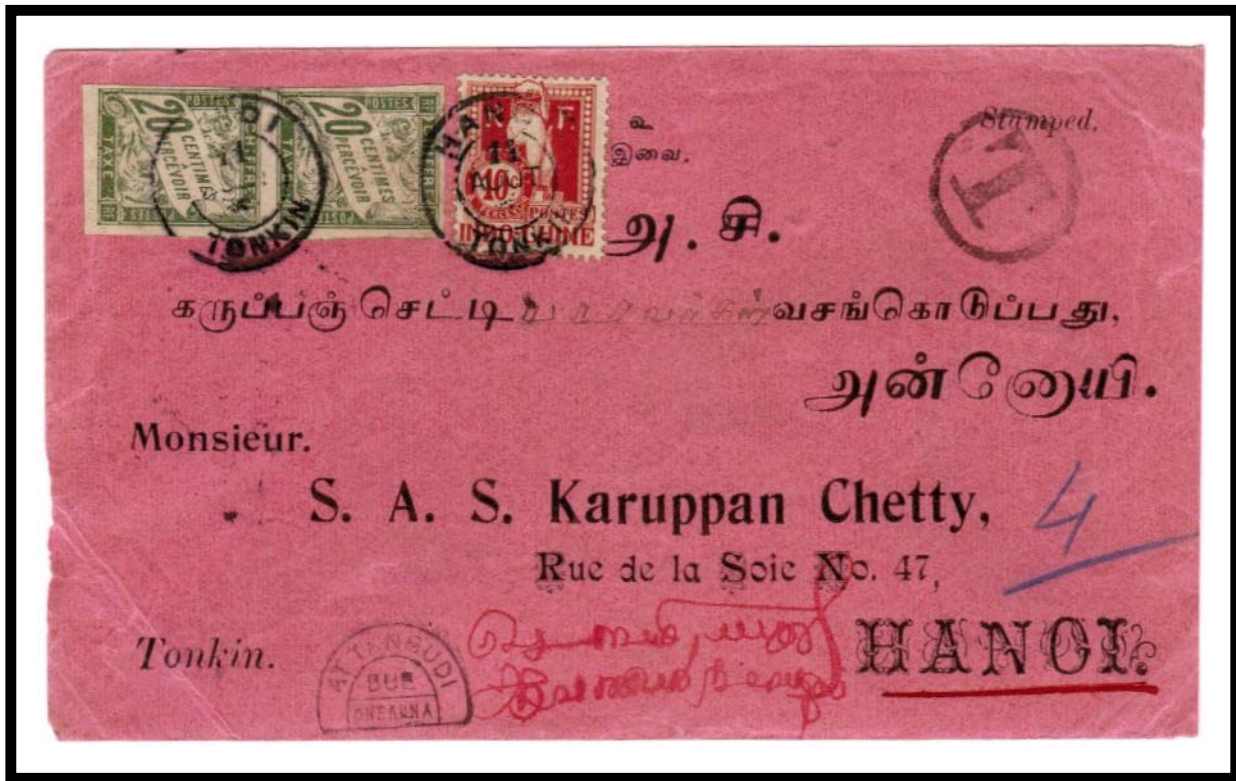
"V2" due amount confirmation signature

REVERSE

SATHIASANGHARAKOTTAI RAMNAD 5. 10. 15

Dragon Postage Dues Mixed Use of 10 centimes

In 1909, an unfranked letter from India to Hanoi was charged for 50 centimes postage due. In this case, a pair of 20 centime French Colonies postage due stamps was used with a single 10 centime Angkor Dragon to indicate the total amount required from the addressee.



POSTAL MARKINGS

ATTANGUDI DUE ONE ANNA
large "T" in circle
HANOI TONKIN 11 AOUT 09

REVERSE

ATTANGUDI MADRAS 12 JL. 09
SINGAPORE JY 29 1909
HAIPHONG TONKIN 10 AOUT 09
HANOI TONKIN 10 AOUT 09

Dragon Postage Dues
Use of 20 centimes

In 1917, a domestic postcard sent between soldiers at Langson and Dong-Dang was charged 20 cents postage due - twice the 10 cent postcard rate.



POSTAL MARKINGS
LANGSON TONKIN 31-10 17
"T" in triangle
DONG-DANG TONKIN 3-11 17

Dragon Postage Dues
Use of 20 centimes

An unpaid letter posted through the rural postal system to Cap Saint Jacques was cited for postage in the amount of 20 centimes, double the 10-centime letter rate in effect at the time.



POSTAL MARKINGS

GO-VAP POSTE RURALE PROVINCE DE GIA-DINH
GIADINH COCHINCHINE 7 FEVR 10

T in triangle

CAP ST JACQUES COCHINCHINE 8 FEVR 10

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 7 FEVR 10

Dragon Postage Dues
Use of 40 centimes

A small, half anna, postal stationery envelope sent from India was underpaid for delivery to Indochina. Upon arrival at Saigon, the mailing was charged 40 centimes postage due.



POSTAL MARKINGS

MADURA 1 MAY 13
large "T"

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 16-5 13
"V2" due amount confirmation signature
"40c" in blue crayon

REVERSE

SINGAPORE 11 MY 1913

Dragon Postage Dues
Use of 50 centimes

An unfranked letter from India to Saigon in 1917 was cited for postage due with a 50 cent Angkor Dragon postage due stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS

KOTTAIYUR DUE AS.

large "T" in circle

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 22-9 17

"V2" due amount confirmation signature in blue crayon

REVERSE

KOTTAIYUR 31 AUG. 1913