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

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Dragon Postage Dues
Postmarks

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

GOCONG
COCHINCHINE

CANTHO
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
AN Nam

QUANG-YEN
TONKIN

RACHGIA
COCHINCHINE

PHU-LY
TONKIN

SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE

THANH-HOA
AN Nam

TUYEN-QUANG
TONKIN

VIENTIANE
LAOS
Dragon Postage Dues
Postmarks

20 centimes

CHOLON
COCHINCHINE

GIADINH
COCHINCHINE

LONGXUYEN
COCHINCHINE

SOAIRQENG
CAMBODGE
Dragon Postage Dues
Postmarks

30 centimes

![30 centimes stamp](image1)

SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE

50 centimes

![50 centimes stamp 1](image2)
![50 centimes stamp 2](image3)
![50 centimes stamp 3](image4)
![50 centimes stamp 4](image5)

HANOI R.P.
COLIS POSTAUX
HANOI TONKIN
PNOMPENH
CAMBODGE
SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE

1 piaster

![1 piaster stamp 1](image6)
![1 piaster stamp 2](image7)

BATTAMBANG
CAMBODGE
YUNNAN-FOU
-CHINE

2 piasters

![2 piasters stamp](image8)

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 DEGIA-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