King Monivong

Multi-valued sets of stamps were issued in 1936 to honor members of royalty from previously conquered kingdoms. King Sisowath Monivong was the titular ruler of Cambodia.
King Monivong

Sisowath Monivong (1875-1941) became King of Cambodia upon the death of his father in 1927. Despite having fathered 24 children with eight wives, none of his offspring succeeded him. Believing that he would be pliable to their will, French officials installed Norodom Sihanouk as king.

PERIOD POSTCARD SHOWING KING MONIVONG ON HIS WAY TO THE ANNUAL WATER FESTIVAL.
Images of King Monivong appear side by side on a postcard and commemorative stamp.
King Monivong
Proof

The engraver, A. Deizers, penciled his signature on this proof printing of the 15-cent value.
King Monivong
1$ Proof

Engravers used proofs to ensure that the master die contains all the intended details without any flaws. Proofs were printed using colors that enhanced the details, not necessarily the colors of the issued stamps.
King Monivong
2$ Proof

A proof of the high value 2-piaster stamp was printed in blue while this denomination was ultimately printed with black ink.
King Monivong
Dated Corner Block

The date of printing was applied with black ink in the bottom right corner of the selvedge in DD.MM.YY format.
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CAP SAINT JACQUES
COCHINCHINE

KAMPOT
CAMBODGE

BATTAMBANG
CAMBODGE

PNOMPENH
CAMBODGE

SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE

SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE

SIEMREAP-ANGKOR
CAMBODGE

BATTAMBANG
CAMBODGE
King Monivong
Use of 2 cents

Two 2-cent King Monivong commemorative stamps paid for mailing a picture postcard to France in 1937. The postcard rate to France and colonies had been set at 4 cents since 1928.

POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 6-9 37
King Monivong
Use of 2 cents

Three 2-cent King Monivong stamps were combined with 3 cents worth of definitive stamps for the postage on a tourist's picture postcard mailed from Siem reap -Angkor to England in 1938.
King Monivong
Use of 4 cents

Sent under special rules for postcards with short messages, a single 4-cent King Monivong stamp paid for surface delivery to France.

POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 27-5 37
King Monivong
Use of 4 cents

A 4-cent Monivong stamp contributed to the 9-cents worth of franking on a tourist’s postcard sent to the United States in 1938. By just a week, the mailing beat the increase in the rate for foreign postcards from 9 cents to 10 cents effective 1 April 1938.
King Monivong
Use of 4 cents

Sent by surface mail to Africa, this cover carried a total 38 cents postage including a pair of 4-cent King Monivong commemorative stamps.

POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 13-4 38
registration label
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 14-4 38
SINGAPORE 27 AP 1938
MOMBASA KENYA 25 MY 38
TANGA REGISTERED 29 MY 1938
King Monivong
Use of 5 cents

Three 5-cent King Monivong stamps paid the correct postage to the United States for this mailing in a printed hotel envelope.

POSTAL MARKINGS
SIEMREAP-ANGKOR CAMIBODGE  25-3 37
slogan handstamp
REVERSE
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE  27-3 37
King Monivong
Use of 5, 10 and 15 cents

Postage for a 1937 mailing to Finland was paid with a combination of King Monivong commemorative stamps totaling 30 cents. Postage was calculated as follows:

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<td>foreign letter rate</td>
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<tr>
<td>registration fee</td>
<td>15 cents</td>
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<tr>
<td>total</td>
<td>30 cents</td>
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POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 12-1 37
registration label
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 13-1 37
KUOPIO 15.II.37
King Monivong
Use of 15 cents

A single 15-cent Kong Monivong commemorative stamp paid the foreign letter rate to Switzerland at the end of 1937, shortly before the rate was increased.

POSTAL MARKINGS
MIMOT CAMBODGE 15-12 37
REVERSE
KOMPONGCHAM CAMBODGE 15-12 37
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 16 DEC 37
King Monivong
Use of 20 cents

A single 20-cent King Monivong stamp paid for mailing an unsealed envelope to the United States in 1939.
Two examples of the 20-cent King Monivong issue paid the airmail postage from Saigon to South India in 1937. Postage was calculated as follows:

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<td>foreign letter rate</td>
<td>15 cents</td>
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<td>airmail surcharge for India</td>
<td>25 cents</td>
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<td>total</td>
<td>40 cents</td>
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**POSTAL MARKINGS**
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE  17-12 37
REVERSE
KILLASAVALPATTI  24 DEC. 37
King Monivong
Use of 30 cents

Postage for a registered mailing to England in 1937 was computed as follows:

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<td>registration fee</td>
<td>$0.15</td>
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<td>total</td>
<td>$0.30</td>
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POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 20-7 37
registration label

REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 21-7 37
REGISTERED PARKSTON, DORSET 23 AUG 37
King Monivong
Use of 50 cents

Three 50-cent King Monivong commemorative stamps paid the postage for an airmail letter sent from Saigon to Vancouver, Canada in 1940. Postage was computed as follows:

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<td>foreign letter rate</td>
<td>0.25 piasters</td>
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<td>airmail surcharge to Canada</td>
<td>1.25 piasters</td>
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<tr>
<td>total</td>
<td>1.50 piasters</td>
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POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 31-6 40
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 31-6 40
King Monivong
Use of 50 cents and 1 piaster

Registration and airmail fees led to a high 1$50 franking composed of the 50-cent and 1-piaster King Monivong stamps for a commercial mailing to the United States in 1937.

POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON CENTRAL COCHINCHINE  6-2 37
registration label
REVERSE
NEW YORK, N.Y. REG’Y DIV.  2-22 1937
NEW YORK, N.Y. (WALL ST. STA.) REGISTERED  FEB 23 1937
King Monivong
Use of 1 piaster

The postage for a 1939 mailing to Switzerland was overpaid with the 1-piaster Monivong commemorative stamp. The letter was handstamped “AFFANCI PAR L’EXPEDITEUR.”

POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 11-2 39
registration label
“FRANKED BY SENDER” handstamp
double black line “airmail cancellation” handstamp
REVERSE
ZURICH 7 BRIEFAUSGABE 19 II.39
King Monivong
Use of 1 piaster

A 1-piaster King Monivong commemorative stamp was used philatelically on a mailing from the Hanoi Fair in 1941.

POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI-FOIRE TONKIN 28-12 41
REVERSE
HANOI-FOIRE TONKIN 29-12 41
King Monivong
Use of 1 piaster

Two 1-piaster King Monivong stamps paid the postage for a letter to France via Pan American's Trans-Pacific service. The fee for this service, officially specified as 1.27 French francs, was based on currency exchange rates on the day of mailing.

POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 1-7 41
censor’s signature and censor’s resealing tape
REVERSE
AGEN R.P. LOT-ET-GARONNE 12.VIII 41
King Monivong
Use of 2 piasters

A 2-piaster King Monivong stamp was used for what must have been a very heavy mailing. Twice examined by censors, a total of 1.30 francs in postage due stamps is affixed on the reverse.

POSTAL MARKINGS
LOCNINH COCHINCHINE 5-10 41
airmail label censor tapes and handstamp
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 6-10 41
MARSEILLE-GARE-AVION BACHES DU RHONE 20-XI 41
PAU BAS PYRENEES 24-11 41
King Monivong
Usage

Three King Monivong commemorative stamps franked an airmail letter to Germany in 1937.

POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 2-4 37
framed Saigon-Marseille route instruction
two line airmail cancellation handstamp
AMBULANT 12. IV. 37
REVERSD
MARSEILLE-GARE-AVION BCHES DU RHONE 9 • IV 1937
King Monivong
Usage

Three King Monivong stamp values totaling 82 cents paid for a mailing in 1938. Postage was calculated as follows:

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<td>registration fee</td>
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<td>airmail surcharge</td>
<td>60 cents</td>
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POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 17-12 38
registration label
REVERSE
RIVESALTES PYRÉNÉES-ORLÉS 25-12 38
King Monivong
Usage

Four King Monivong commemoratives totaling 17 cents franked an airmail letter to France in 1938. Apparently, a 20-cent stamp had fallen off.

POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE  22-10 38
framed Saigon-Marseille routing instruction
REVERSE
TOUTRY COTE D'OR  29-10 38
King Monivong
Usage

Four stamps from the King Monivong commemorative series with a face value of 38 cents franked a surface-mail cover to the United States in 1938. At that time, the foreign letter rate was 18 cents per 20 grams.

POSTAL MARKINGS
SIEMREAP-ANGKOR CAMBODGE  1-5 38
REVERSE
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE  2-5 38
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE  3 MAI 38
King Monivong
Usage

A surface mailing from Cambodia to the United States in 1938 was franked with four different denominations of the King Monivong commemorative,
King Monivong Usage

Eight of the King Monivong commemoratives were employed on a registered philatelic envelope mailed from Saigon to England in 1938.