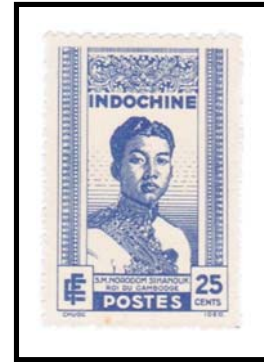
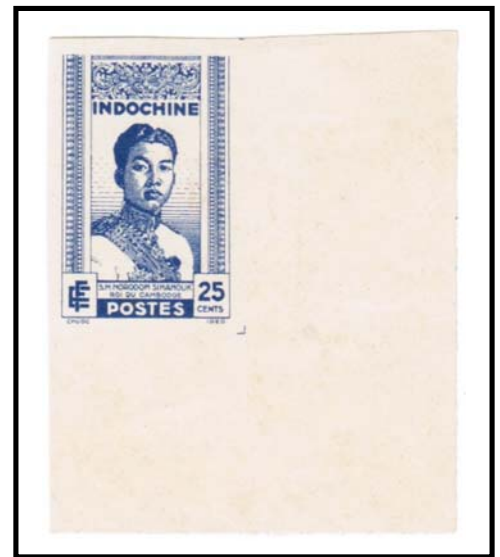


Sihanouk Coronation

The first locally printed stamps under the Vichy regime commemorated the coronation of Norodom Sihanouk as the King of Cambodia.



IMPERFORATE VARIETIES



Sihanouk Coronation
Imperforate Pairs



Sihanouk Coronation Shades





Sihanouk Coronation
Perforation Variety



Each horizontal perforation has been doubled on this block of ten 6-cent Sihanouk Coronation stamps.



Sihanouk Coronation
Postmarks



VINHLONG



HANOI-FOIRE



STUNG-TRENG



slogan



VENUNSAI



KEP



PNOM-PENH



SAIGON-PRINCIPAL

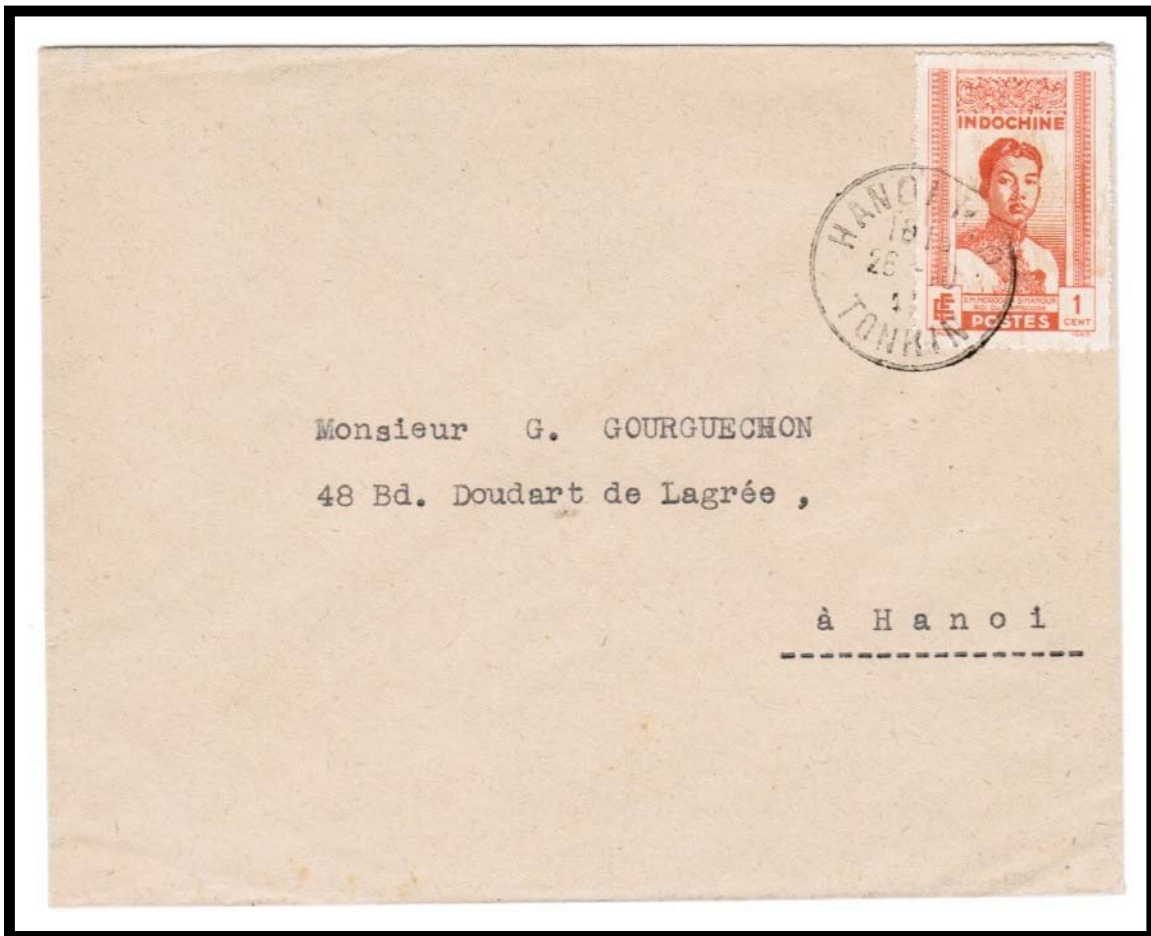
Sihanouk Coronation Postmarks



PNOM-PENH

Sihanouk Coronation
Use of 1 cent

A single 1-cent Sihanouk commemorative stamp was favor-canceled at Hanoi on 28 October 1941, two weeks after the stamp was first issued.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 28-10 41

Sihanouk Coronation
Use of 1 cent

At a time when the local letter rate was 6 cents, a letter franked with three of the 10-cent values from the Sihanouk Coronation commemorative series escaped citation for postage due.



POSTAL MARKINGS

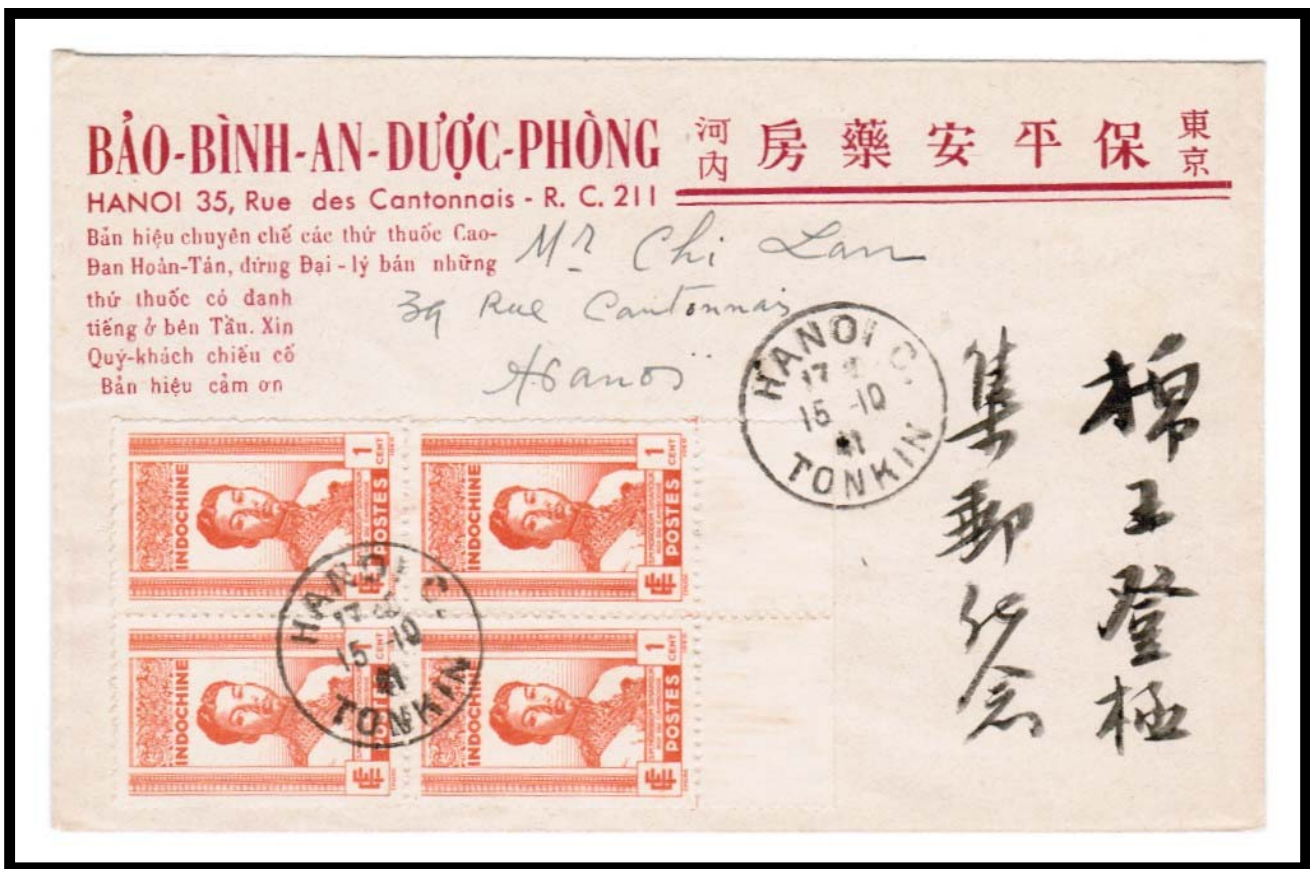
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 29-10 41
slogan handstamp

REVERSE

PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 29-10 41

Sihanouk
Use of 1 cent

The sender affixed a block of four 1-cent Sihanouk commemorative stamps for a local mailing in 1941.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI C. TONKIN 15-10 41

Sihanouk Coronation
Use of 1 cent

With additional postage on the reverse, six 1-cent Sihanouk stamps contributed to the postage for a registered mailing from Pnompenh to Hanoi in 1941.



POSTAL MARKINGS

PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 25-10 41
registration label

REVERSE

PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 25-10 41
slogan handstamp
HANOI R.P. TONKIN 29-10 41

Sihanouk Coronation Faked Cover

A two-color printed envelope used the stamp design as a cachet. Undoubtedly, it was prepared well after World War II, as printing materials were in short supply during the hostilities.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI R. P. TONKIN 5-4 42 (fake)

Sihanouk Coronation
Use of 6 cents

Soon after issuance in late 1941, a 6-cent Sihanouk Coronation commemorative stamp paid the internal letter rate for a mailing from Kratie, Cambodia to Saigon, Cochinchina.



POSTAL MARKINGS
KRATIE CAMBODGE 27-10 41

Sihanouk Coronation First Day of Issue

To celebrate the coronation of the young king of Cambodia, a set of three stamps was issued on 15 October 1941.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI A TONKIN 15-10 41
registration label

REVERSE

HANOI R. P. TONKIN 15-10 41

Sihanouk Coronation Usage

Complementing the stamps themselves, the postal service prepared a handstamp for the Coronation Festival, which spanned 25-30 October 1941.



POSTAL MARKINGS

PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 25-10 41
commemorative handstamp

REVERSE

PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 25-10 41

Sihanouk Coronation State Visit Envelope

As royalty, an official visit by the King of Cambodia was a major political and social event. The king's first state visit to Hanoi, on 5 April 1942, was commemorated with this specially printed envelope.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI R. P. TONKIN 5-4 42

REVERSE

HANOI R. P. TONKIN 5-4 42