University City

The two stamps sold in 1942 to benefit University City were the first of several semi-postal issued for politically popular causes. In 1944, the low value was overprinted in black giving it a new denomination of 10 cents + 2 cents.

When overprinted, a serial number was applied in the bottom margin of the sheet.
University City

A stamp-postcard combination represents an after-the-fact attempt to create a “maximum card.” The postcard’s caption makes no mention of the significance of the buildings on Boulevard Bobillot (now Lê Thánh Tông street).
University City

Early postcard depicting School of Medicine had arched entryway but lacked the two-level roof structure that was added later.
This postcard incorrectly locates Hanoi Université on Paul Bert Street. The particular building shown on the picture postcard had been the Magasins Generaux Debeaux Freres since 1885.
A two-color postcard is somewhat later than the other postcards. A telephone and power pole in the foreground dates the postcard’s image.
University City Varieties

IMPERFORATE

PERFORATED 11

PERFORATED 14

PERFORATED 11

PERFORATED 14
University City
Color Shades
University City
Overprint Shifts
University City
Postmarks

BINH-DINH
ANNAM

DALAT
ANNAM

TRANGBOM
COCHINCHINE

TUYHOA
ANNAM

VINHLONG
COCHINCHINE

HANOI R.P.
TONKIN

SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHIE

SAIGON-PRINCIPAL
COCHINCHINE
University City
Postmarks

DALAT
ANNAM

SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE

HANOI R.P.
TONKIN

PLEIKU
ANNAM

HANOI R.P.
TONKIN
University City
First Day of Issue

Two semi-postal stamps were sold starting on 1 June 1942 to benefit the University City in Hanoi.

POSTAL MARKINGS
PNOM-PENN CAMBODGE 1-6 42
REVERSE
PNOM-PENN CAMBODGE 1-6 42
University City
First Day of Issue

The two University City commemoratives were used on the first day of issue for a local registered letter. Effective 16 April 1942, new postal rates had gone into effect. Postage for this letter was calculated as follows:

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**POSTAL MARKINGS**

HANOI A TONKIN 1-6 42
registration label

REVERSE

HANOI R. P. BIS TONKIN 1-6 42
HANOI R. P. TONKIN 1-6 42
University City
Use of 6 + 2 cents

The 6c + 2c University City semi-postal stamp paid for delivery of commercial correspondence in October, 1942.

POSTAL MARKINGS
CHO-DIEN TONKIN  30-10 42
REVERSE
TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN  1-11 42
HANOI BIS TONKIN  3-11 42
HANOI R.P. TONKIN  3-11 42
Effective 16 October 1944, the internal letter rate was increased from 10 cents to 15 cents. Evidently, this sender jumped the gun and franked his letter with 15 cents worth of postage the month before the increase went into effect.
For an official wartime mailing from Mytho Province, the envelope had been constructed from folded ledger paper. A single copy of the high-value semi-postal stamp paid the postage.
University City
Usage

Both values of the semi-postal series were favor cancelled on 20 December 1942, the opening day for the Saigon Fair.

POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-FOIRE-EXPOSITION 20-12 42
Occasionally, envelopes with printed cachets were prepared in conjunction with the introduction of new stamps.
New Value University City
Usage

The revalued University City semi-postal stamp contributed to the franking for this early postwar airmail letter to France in 1946.

POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 3-2 46
REVERSE
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 3-2 46