



Ryukyu Islands

POSTAL ISSUES

FIRST REGULAR ISSUE

July 1, 1948 (First Printing)



Cycad 1a



Lily



Cycad 3a



Sailing Ship 4a



Lily



Sailing Ship



Farmer 7a

On this first regular issue of the Ryukyu Islands, the 5 sen and 20 sen values depict the native (Sotetsu) palm which provides leaves for decoration and a stalk for food in times of famine. The 10 sen and 20 sen values depict the Yuri, a lily which blooms throughout the Ryukyus during the Easter season. The 30 sen and 50 sen depict Chinese Junks which the Ryukyuans used to carry on trade with the south seas. The 1 yen shows an Okinawan farmer ready to face a new era after the sufferings of World War II.

REGULAR ISSUE

1950



Roof Tiles 8



Native Girl 9



Shuri Castle 10



Dragon



Women



Sea Shells 13

On this second regular issue, the 50 sen depicts a Shi-shi or a ceramic lion which is set on roof tops to ward off evil spirits. The 1 yen features a typical beauty from the capital city of Shuri. The 2 yen shows the former main palace of the Okinawan kings which was completely destroyed during World War II. A Ryu or the massive head of a dragon carved in stone and set in front to guard the palace appears on the 3 yen. Okinawan ladies in ancient dress are shown on the 4 yen. The final denomination, the 5 yen depicts sea shells commonly found along the beaches of Okinawa.



465.

52.50

517.50



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OVERPRINTS

1952

Type I



16 A

Type II



Roof Tiles 16

Type III



hinged 16B

Surcharge
transposed



16c(f)



Shuri Castle 17

The 10 yen surcharge on 50 sen was done at three different times resulting in three differences in the surcharging. Type I shows very little space between the bars, type II and type III both have wide spaced bars, but the latter has fine, thin print. In the case of the 100 yen on 2 yen, there is a small overprint (type II-A), large overprint (type II-B), and both small and large overprint on one stamp (type II-AB).



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EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 560019

05/22/2019

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: RYUKYU ISLANDS

<u>Cat. No.</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Denom.</u>	<u>Color</u>
16e (f)	1952	10y on 50s	dark carmine rose

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED, OG, SURCHARGE TRANPOSED.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE, NEVER HINGED, ON NORMALLY DRY GUM. *****



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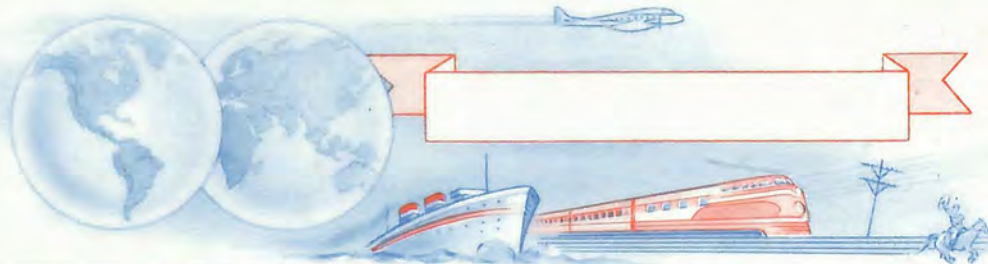
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For The Expert Committee
Chairman

Photocopies of this Certificate are not valid

Submitted by

KENNETH K. TAKAHASHI



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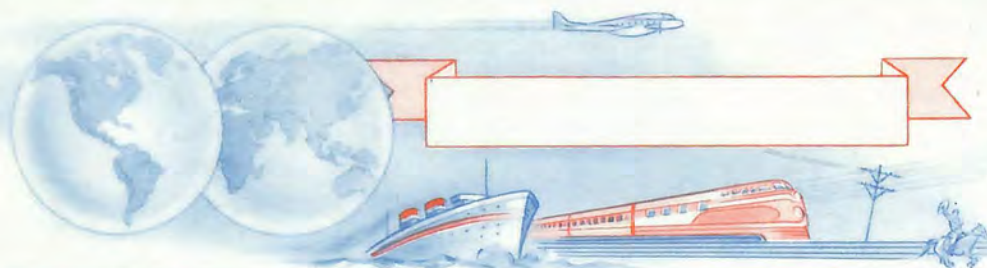
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Personal Seal of Postmaster
Joyn Tomiyama



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3x17



3x18

3x19



3x20



3x21

3x22

rare

rare

Additional Surcharge in Black



3x25

rare

rare



3x28



3x28a



3x29



3x30



3x31

140.00

50.00

250.00

430.00

RYUKYU ISLANDS

UNDER U. S. CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

RYUKYU GOVERNMENT

FIRST REVENUE ISSUE

琉球郵便

WATERMARKED - VERTICAL WAVY LINES

PERFORATED $13\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$

95 人 - SHUNYU
INCOME
TOP TWO CHARACTERS

EE 島 - INSHI
STAMPS
BOTTOM CHARACTERS

SHUNYU INSHI - REVENUE STAMPS

FOUR CHARACTERS IN CENTRAL PORTION READ - RYUKYU SEIFU - RYUKYU GOVERNMENT

LARGE CHARACTERS IN CENTER ARE THE DENOMINATION OF VALUE. LARGE CHARACTER AT RIGHT IS THE CHARACTER DENOTING YEN - (円)



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RYUKYU ISLANDS

UNDER U. S. CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

琉球郵便

REVENUE ISSUE

PROVISIONAL SECOND ISSUE

DENOMINATIONS ARE IN U.S. CURRENCY BUT WITH JAPANESE SYMBOLS
TOTAL QUANTITIES PRINTED ARE SHOWN

SEPTEMBER 16, 1958

TYPOGRAPHY

UNGUMMED

UNWATERMARKED



R9 1¢ (118,000)



R10 3¢ (134,000)



R11 5¢ (188,000)



R12 10¢ (580,000)



R13 50¢ (116,000)



R14 \$1 (72,000)



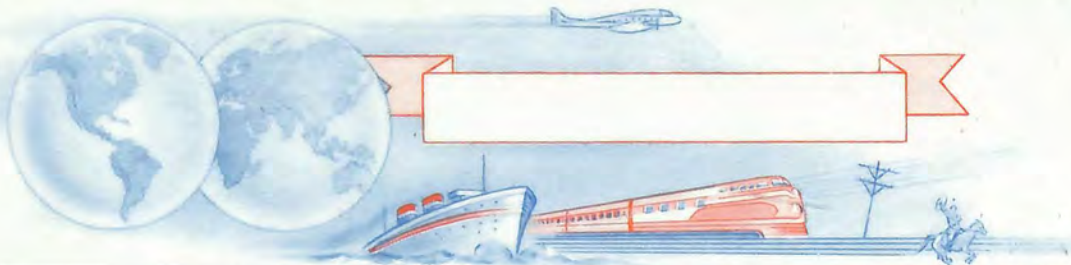
R15 \$5 (6,000)



R16 \$10 (7,000)

PERFORATION COMBINATIONS CONTAIN 10¼, 10¾, & 11

1375.00



RYUKYU ISLANDS
Provisional Revenue Issues
Miyako District (1948)



3XR1



3XR2



3XR3



3XR4



3XR5



3XR6



3XR7



3XR3



3XR5

400.00

80.00