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NO SUCH STREET
NUMBER
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SOPEX '75

Salutes Philatelic Week
And Stamp Collectors
Of The World



1948
"A Beauty Looking Back"
Moronobu



1956
"Kabuki Actor
Ichikawa Ebizo"
Sharaku



1955
"A Girl Blowing
Glass Toy"
Utamaro



1949
"Wild Geese Alighting
By Moonlight"
Hiroshige



In November 1947, Japan issued a souvenir sheet of five stamps commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Hiroshige, one of her most famous artists. This sheet also commemorated "Stamp Hobby Week". Since then, with the exceptions of 1950 - 1953, Japan has honored stamp collectors with an annual "Philatelic Week" stamp issued in April. The four stamps depicted above are examples of some of the finest Japanese art converted to

miniature philatelic masterpieces. The two stamps on the left and right were issued in one color only. The original art from which they were taken is shown for their striking colors. 1975 is the 25th anniversary of Japanese "Philatelic Week" issues. In honor of this anniversary and for the continuance of their high standards in stamp design, SOPEX '75 salutes the postal administration of Japan.

SAMUEL OSGOOD STAMP CLUB



12-13 APRIL 1975 LAWRENCE, MASS.





日本郵便 15+5



かんぽ 966 NIPPON

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NIPPON 合議記念



30 第16回万国郵便大合議記念











782



980



754



880



871



886



251



799



891



746



725



8



748



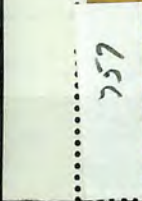
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1 TYPE 2



NO SECRET MARK

WOVE PAPER

KANGI #4 INCORRECT

1ST TALON "

2



#100 INCORRECT 百

TALON ON RT INCORRECT

MON INCORRECT *

3



VERY POOR PRINTING

SHIPPO WRONG

4



RT TALON INCORRECT

#100 CHARACTER INCORRECT

LEFT & RT inner border incorrect

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5



TALON R W INCORRECT

6



TALONS INCORRECT

ANTENNA UNDER NOT OVER

7



CANCEL COVERS SANKO ON LEFT

7



SANKO MOZO

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TALON RV INCORRECT

RAIMONS VERY IRREGULAR

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9



STEM LEFT FLOWERS DO NOT PASS IN FRONT OF PT. LEAF
CURVED ENDS OF ORNAMENTS DO NOT END IN BALLS

10



CROSSED BRANCHES HAVE DOUBLE LINES AND ARE WIDE
CHRYSANTHEMUM TOP REGULAR & SMOOTH
LOWEST FLOWER RT HAND STALK NOT ATTACHED TO LEFT HAND BRANCH

10



SAME AS ABOVE

11



THE ENDS OF CROSSED BRANCHES NOT REGULARLY TAPERED
STALKS ON LEFT DO NOT PASS IN FRONT OF THE TOP LEAF
NO DOTS ON ENDS OF FAN SHAPED ORNAMENTS

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SAME AS PRECEDING STAMP

13



STEM DOES NOT CROSS 1ST LEAF
STEMS SEPARATED
CTO

13



SAME AS ABOVE

13



SAME AS ABOVE
NOTE CANCEL USED TO COVER UP SOME ERRORS

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SAME AS PRECEDING

14



CHRYSANTHEMUM IN CLEAR

NO DOT IN LOWEST BLOSSOM

14



NO TAPERED SERFS ON E

3RD FLOWER NOT ATTACHED TO LEFT STEM

CANCEL HIDES WHETHER DOT PRESENT

14



NO DOT IN IN LOWEST BLOSSOM

NO TAPERED SERFS ON E

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CROSSED BRANCHES NOT TAPERED
NO TAPERED SERFS ON K
DOT NOT VISIBLE

15



NO EVIDENCE of CORRECTED ERROR OF 1 to 10
10 HAS WIDE SPACING

15



SAME AS ABOVE

16



SAME AS ABOVE

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INCORRECT SYLLABLE

NO DISTINCT V NOTCH IN CORNER ORNAMENTS

NO ROUND BUDS (?)

NO LEAF VEINS

18



V SHAPED CENTRAL DIVIDING LINE IN BELL SHAPED CORNER ORNAMENTS

NOT JAGGED BUT IS SMOOTH

STAMENS NOT CLUB SHAPED

18



SAME AS ABOVE

18



SAME AS ABOVE

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SYLLABLE 2

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SYLLABLE 1

STALKS FAIL TO CROSS IN FRONT OF TOP LEAF DIV LEFT

NO SHORT STEM BETWEEN 2nd & 4th LEAVES

33



LOWEST FLOWER NOT ATTACHED TO LEFT STEM



STALKS ON LEFT DO NOT PASS IN FRONT OF 1ST LEAF

ONLY 3 FLOWERS LEFT STALK INSTEAD OF 4

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36 syl 14



- 1 NO SHADING LINES WEST OF LOWER 6
- 2 ONLY SYLLABIC 14 IMITATED BY COMMON FORGERIES
- 3 OUTER LINE OF BORDER AT E NOT THICKER THAN INNER LINE

36 syl 14



SAME AS ABOVE EXCEPT FOR 3

38

same



HAS SANKO MOZO CHARACTERS
NO 6 SIDE VEINS IN ALL LEAVES OF KIRI MOIN

38

same



SAME AS ABOVE
NO 6 SIDE VEINS
HAS SANKO MOZO CHARACTERS

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STALKS DO NOT CROSS 1ST LEAF

DOES NOT HAVE 4 FLOWER ON LEFT STALK

35



CROSSED BRANCHES NO TAPERED

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BELL ORNAMENTS NOT JAGGED

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BELL SHAPED ORNAMENTS NO JAGGED

STAMENS NOT CLUBBED

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STALK DO NOT PASS IN FRONT OF 1ST LEAF
CORNER ORNAMENTS DO NOT END IN BALLS
SHORT STEM OF 2nd & 4th LEAF DO NOT PASS IN FRONT

40



SAME AS ABOVE

53



OBLITERATED
BY CANCEL

53



STALKS NOT SEPARATE ALL THE WAY
STEM OF 2nd & 4th DO NOT PASS IN FRONT

53



LOWEST FLOWER NOT CONNECTED TO LEFT STEM
SAME AS ABOVE

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LACK 6 VEINS IN EACH LEAF OF KIRI MON
STEM IN CORNER ORNAMENT DOES NOT GO TO BASE OF ORNAMENTS
CENTRAL BAND ORNAMENT NO BIFURCATED
PRINTING BLURRED

45



1. TOP HORIZONTAL STROKE OF LOWEST KANJI NOT SEPARATED FROM VERTICAL STROKE
2. ONLY ONE CURL INSTEAD OF TWO ON BACK OF DRAGON

46



ONLY SINGLE OUTER LINE OF CIRCULAR FRAME
S NOT SMALLER THAN OTHER LETTERS IN SEN

47



NO V NOTCH OF BIRDS TAIL
TOP RIGHT HAND LEAF NO CUT OFF

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BLURRED BY CANCEL

42



ALL CORNER ORNAMENT NOT SAME RD UPPER ENDS IN BALL
CROSS BRANCHES NOT TAPERED

43 syll 14



SYLLABLE 14
NO SHADING IN RIBBON UNDER 6



MORE THAN 12 SHADING LINES IN OVAL BUCKLE

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ONLY 2 LINES in OUTER FRAME CIRCLE INSTEAD OF 3

65



THIS FAKE WAS PRINTED BY A BLIND
OLD LADY. POOR PRINT