

Postage Stamps of Siam.

His Majesty King Prachadipok came to the throne on the 26th day of November 1925 and naturally the question of an issue of postage stamps, with the portrait of the new King, was brought forward.

For various reasons the matter was delayed until the year 1927 and the stocks of stamps of the previous issues continued in circulation.

The design for the new issue was put up for competition under a special committee presided over by His Royal Highness Prince Narisara Nuvattivongs (an uncle of H. M. the King).

The award for the Stang values was given to Khun Thep Laksonlekha (La Hutaphon), an official in the Ministry of the Royal Household, for the best design.

The order was placed with the Firm of Messrs. Waterlow & Sons of London on the 18th July 1927 for the following values :—



2	Stang	Brown	3,000,000
3	"	Green	5,000,000
5	"	Purple	6,500,000
10	"	Red	5,000,000
15	"	Blue	1,000,000
25	"	Orange on Black	500,000
50	"	Black on Orange	500,000

Head in first colour.

These stamps are engraved and printed in sheets of 100 on paper without watermark and are perforated 12½ by means of a line machine, the margins being perforated right through.

The full sheet contains 100 stamps.

Deliveries commenced in March and were completed in May 1928.

At the same time the Baht (Tical) values were considered and at first it was thought that the design for the Stang values should be followed for these higher values, but later His Majesty expressed the wish that the size should be larger and a design by Captain Mom Chao Gunvudhi Prija, an official in the Technical Office of the Royal State Railways of Siam, was adopted.

The design was a modification of the one submitted by Khun Thep Laksonlekha, the designer of the Stang values.

The order was placed with the Firm of Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, London, at the same time as that for the Stang values.



Values ordered :—

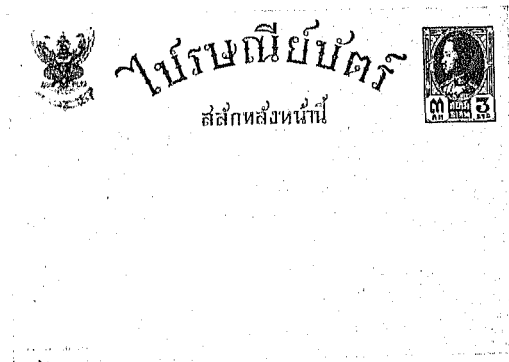
1	Baht Slate-grey on Slatish Blue	500,000
2	„ Sepia on Deep Rose	500,000
3	„ Slate-grey on Yellowish Green	500,000
5	„ Greyish Slate on Deep Mauve	500,000
10	„ Purple on Olive-brown	100,000
20	„ Deep Orange on Brown on Greenish Slate	100,000
40	„ Sepia on Dull Greenish Blue	100,000

These stamps are recess printed on white wove paper without watermark and are perforated 12½ with a line machine.

The total quantity of 2,300,000 was delivered in Bangkok on the 2nd May 1928.

Post Cards.

When the order for postage stamps was placed it was considered advisable to have Post Cards with stamps printed with the same design as for the Stang values of the postage issue and the order was given to Messrs. Waterlow & Sons of London on the 18th July 1928 as follows:—



2	Stang Single	White Card	Brown	600,000
3	"	"	do. Green	3,000,000
10	"	"	Pink Card Red	200,000
10	"	Reply Paid	do Red	10,000

The delivery of these Post Cards commenced in April and was completed in July 1928.

Air Mail Issue.

Owing to the shortage of stamps of the 5 Stang value, the 5 Stang Air Mail stamp was used for ordinary postage thus creat-

ing a shortage of this value and as the stocks of 10 Stang and 15 Stang had also been depleted, an order was placed with Messrs. Waterlow & Sons of London on the 26th March 1928.

The design, colours and printing was to be exactly similar to those supplied by the same firm in 1925 but the perforation was to be altered to 12½ instead of 14.



The quantities ordered were as follows:—

5 Stang	Green	2,000,000
10 "	Orange on Black	2,000,000
15 "	Carmine	500,000

Delivery of these Air Mail stamps was made in June and July 1928.

Early in 1928 it was decided that telegrams should be franked with a stamp and a value of 80 Stang was considered desirable and an order was placed with Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, London, on the 19th July 1928 for this value which was to be exactly similar to the Stang values of the current issue.

Head in Black on pale blue.

The quantity ordered was 3,000,000.

The deliveries took place in October and December 1928.

This value was issued to the Public on the 15th November 1928.

Owing to an unexpected increase in the use of 2 Stang and 15 Stang stamps, it was found necessary early in 1929 to obtain

fresh supplies of these values and an order was therefore placed with Messrs. Waterlow & Sons of London.

2 Stang	Brown	4,000,000
15 „	Blue	1,000,000

Deliveries were made in July and August 1929.

Postal Stationery of Siam.

The Post and Telegraph Department placed an order for Postal Stationery with Messrs. Waterlow & Sons of London on the 30th April 1929 as follows:—

1,000,000 Envelopes 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 3.3/16".

These envelopes are lithographically printed on white paper with the Siamese Emblem the "Garuda" in red above a Post Horn at the top left hand corner and have an embossed 15 Stang stamp of the current issue in white on blue at the right hand top corner.

Delivery at the rate of 25,000 per week commenced by the arrival in Bangkok of the first consignment in early November 1929.

Owing to the fact that special paper had to be made for these envelopes, the printers found that they would have a surplus of paper and therefore asked for sanction to print a further 100,000 envelopes.

The Post and Telegraph Department authorised these extra 100,000 envelopes on 4th November 1929.

A further supply of 2 Stang stamps of the Air Mail issue were ordered on the 20th November 1929.

2,000,000 Purple on Yellow.

