

# stamp club

スタンプクラブ



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切手のフリマってどんな感じ？

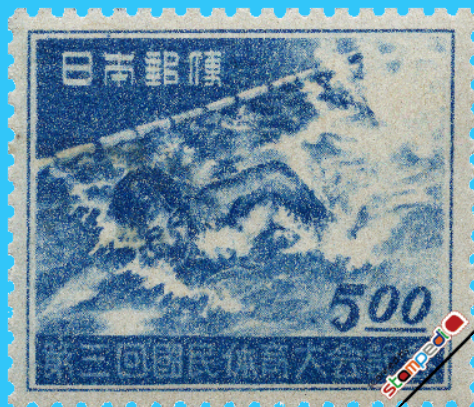
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- \* The hobby of stamp collection enriches everyone's knowledge and sentiments. For junior collectors, it may be helpful for their studies; it provides them a pleasurable time and enriches their mind.
- \* stamp club contains a lot of correct knowledge for collecting stamps and every information is of immediate practical for your collection.
- \* We, stamp club, always hope that collecting stamps grows up soundly as hobby.

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Commemorative 2 sen stamp of the silver wedding of Imperial couple of Meiji. The first commemorative stamp issued in 1894

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## To parents:

- \* We know that a hobby of stamp collection had not been recommendable as a children's hobby for their emotional development because of the stamp collection boom in the 20th century and its speculative trading. Instead, now after the boom, it is concerned as a hobby to try steadily and to enjoy for life.
  - \* Collecting stamps is a natural method to learn foreign geographies and languages.
- This is recommendable for your children as a sane hobby which is also useful for study, if you have an educational policy to be international-minded.

stamp club website is  
informative for junior collectors.

When you start collecting stamps, you'll have many questions: how to get stamps, how to organize them, how to study stamp and cancel of your collection, rule of competitive exhibition, etc.

Adult collectors resolve their questions using magazines or books about stamps. However, all writings but stamp club are made for adult stamp collectors, so the description is difficult and the price is not free.

But without resolving your question, you'll be not able to develop the collection.

Now you can use stamp club website (free). The articles updated more than once a week for junior collectors is informative.

Especially, we try offering information of the way to get stamps and organize them.

The article is described with junior collectors who have small pocket money, so all introduced methods are that you can try or copy.

You can also leave question or comment, if you have some questions, try joining it actively.



Website (try searching with “stamp club”)

<http://stampclub.stampedia.net/>

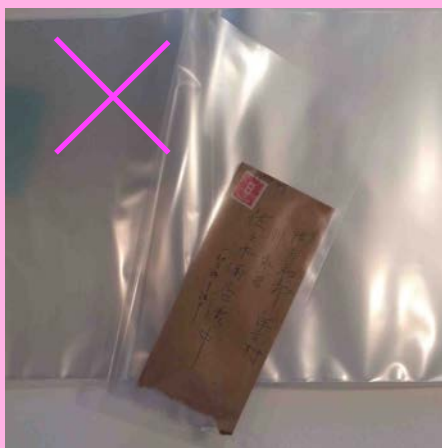
## Topics

How to organize and keep the stamps you bought

You can know the right way to organize stamps using \$1 shops

stamp club posts many new articles depends on your readers' interests and concerns. In February 2014, a series of five installments "How to organize and keep the stamps you bought" was posted to introduce the right way to organize and keep stamps.

The most characteristic way introduced in this series was using 100-yen shop to be able to organize and keep stamps rightly and cheaply. We hope your pocket money should be used more to get stamps, so please check these



Right use of clear plastic folder: not directly put a stamp or other collection item in a plastic pocket, but put A4 size paper like interleaf.



Recommendable to use plastic file case.

articles.

In this series, we didn't introduce only stationery of 100-yen shop, but philatelic stationery to organize stamps, such as stock leaves and hinge.

There is much more content in website than what we introduce here in one page, try accessing to website.

The special topics like this will be prepared depends on your request. And now we are planning to introduce websites of stamp in April.

The monthly junior stamp news (free) introduced in page 28 also includes this information, please submit it.



切手専用文具 ストックリーフ



“100-yen collection” is a column of stamp club website updated once a week. Literally, information of stamps which you can buy at 100 yen.

If you think “What can I do with 100 yen?” see the past articles. You know many varieties of stamps you can buy at 100 yen.

I'd like you to see is that every stamp collection has been made on a budget of 100 yen in principle.

In real like, you don't buy stamps weekly at 100 yen. But is you read this article weekly, when you save your pocket money and go to a stamp sale or flea market, you'll be able to image what you should buy.

And also the special topic: “Junior collectors can enjoy with your pocket money. What stamp flea market is like?” from page 4 is useful.

#### 鳥切手を買う。[100円コレクション]

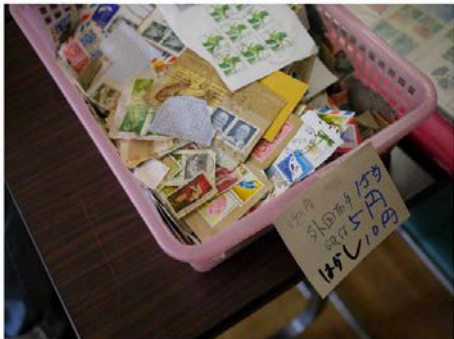
2014年1月12日 Comments Edit

毎週 100円 のおこづかいで切手コレクションを作っていきます。

お父さんがパンダ好きで、時々上野動物園に連れて行ってくれます。でも僕は鳥が好きで、真っ赤なフラミンゴが大好きです。

鳥切手はたくさん発行されているそうです。今日は、鳥切手を何枚か買えたらいいな、と思います。

切手市場で安く鳥切手を買っているお店をきいてみたら、値之介ショップというお店がいいよ、といわれました。なんと一枚10円で外国切手を買っていました。



字が読めなかったのですが、お店の人に聞いてみたら、「外国切手一枚当たり 紙付5円、はがし10円」とのことだそうです。よく分からないんだけど、この箱の中の切手は全部一枚10円

#### Past Post

Buy zodiac stamps

Buy bird stamps

Buy a set of the 100th anniversary of aviation in Japan

This is one of Kitty.

Learned about Japan in Meiji era!

Buy stamps of Meiji era at 10 yen each!

Buy the 1st Showa stamps at 10 yen each!

Peace memorial stamp for the Great East Japan Earthquake

#### 明治時代の日本を勉強しちゃったよ！[100円コレクション]

2014年2月9日 Comments Edit

毎週 100円 のおこづかいで切手コレクションを作っていきます。

小学校では、3、4年生で都道府県の名前を勉強します。僕はこの授業が大好きで、都道府県名だけでなく、県庁所在地もどんどん覚えて、テストで100点を取りました。

ところで、家に帰ったらお父さんが、今の都道府県名は明治時代の最初の頃には無かったんだよ、と教えられました。その頃は旧国名を使っていたそうで、東京は武蔵国（むさしのくに）と呼ばれたそうです。



切手に押される消印にも、旧国名が使われている物があります。切手市場で探していたところ、10円ショップ内田さんというお店で、一枚10円の切手の中から何枚か探す事ができました。

まずは武蔵国です。武蔵国は東京、埼玉、神奈川東部にかかる大きな国で、下の二枚は東京の使用例ですが、当然の事ながら、武蔵・横浜局もあるようです。



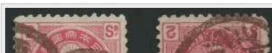
左) 武蔵 東京芝口局、右) 武蔵 東京局

次は中部地方です。全部横型ですが、消印は全体が入って見えます。伊勢は今の三重県、越前は今の福井県、美濃は現在の岐阜県です。



左) 伊勢 桑名局、中) 越前 福井局、右) 美濃 大垣局

出雲は現在の島根県、山城は現在の京都府です。



# [Special Topic] What stamp flea market is like, where junior collectors can enjoy with pocket money? Q&A

The most common question that the inaugural issue of stamp club received from junior collectors was “where I can buy stamps cheaply?”

Many stamp dealers’ customers are adult collectors and not so many dealers welcome junior collectors with small pocket money and offer items cheaply.

We stamp club have researched during one year in many shops, and gathered information extensively in flea market, “Stamp Market” (Tokyo).

- 1.Where is Stamp Market?
- 2.Can I enjoy with my pocket money?
- 3.Is there a shop that welcome junior collectors?
- 4.Is it impossible to enjoy stamp collection out of Tokyo?
- 5.¥Question from guardians

## Q Where is Stamp Market?

A It is held on every 1st Saturday at 4F of Mensyo Kaikan (Tomisawa-cho 8-10, Nihonbashi.)

Many flea markets are not established their location but well-established Stamp Market, which was the 100th in summer of last year, is scheduled yearly.

The year form April in 2014, it will be held on every 1st Saturday in Nihonbashi (only January in 2015, the 2nd Saturday, January 10).

Starting time is 9:30 am.

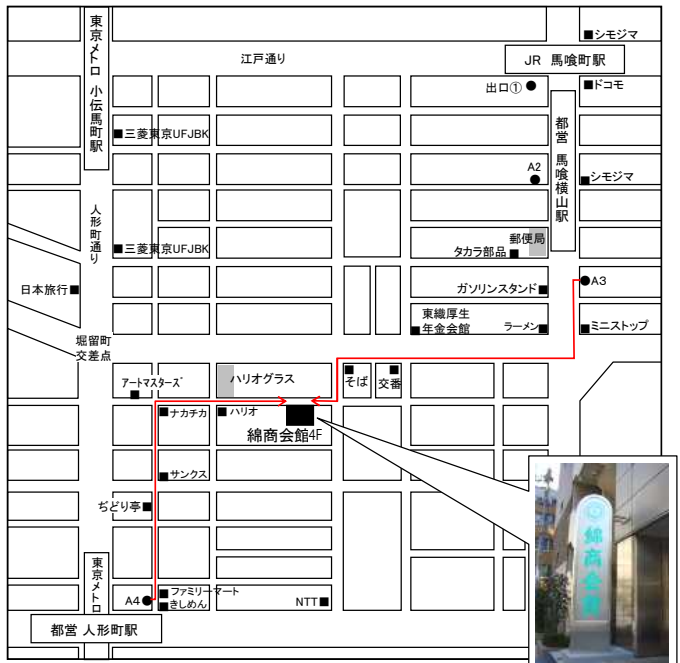
### Schedule of 2014:

Apr. 5, May 3, Jun. 7, Jul. 5, Aug. 2, Sep. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6

### Schedule of 2015:

Jan. 10, Feb. 7 and Mar. 7

Except January, every 1st Saturday from 9:30 am.



Q Can I enjoy stamp collection with my pocket money?

A You can buy many items at 10 yen, also you'll find some at 5 yen.

Decades ago, elementary school kids went to small candy shop with 100-yen coin after school, and they enjoyed snack, game, card, etc. at 10 yen each. But now, even in candy shop in a shopping center, there are not many goods at 10 yen. It may be difficult to enjoy there with 100 yen.



Shop selling modern Japanese commemorative stamps at 10 yen. These are used stamps with backing paper and you can list all Japanese commemorative stamps of recent years. If buy 50 or more, 20% discount.

But in Stamp Market, there are many items at 10 yen or less. You'll find the value of 100-yen coin.

Most of stamps at 10 yen are Japanese and foreign used stamps.

Before everyone collected unused stamps and there are not many who collected used stamps.

Consequently, commemorative stamps issued 50 years ago are

considered very common, and most of them sell at the price then.

Used stamps have much fun by its post office name and used period, if you get them cheaply, you'll enjoy in many ways. Even by the kind of cancel you can know which use was and sometimes you can find unexpectedly a stamp with rare cancel.



Shop selling Japanese prewar stamps at 10 yen

If used stamps are popular with adult collectors by these reason, why don't junior collectors with limited pocket money focus on?

Shopping to find favorite one in cheap stamps in Stamp Market is very fun and it is recommendable.

Q Is there a shop that welcomes junior collectors?

A There are many. Here we introduce three shops.

Some shops in Stamp Market welcome only adult collectors.

There are shops which sell items from 10,000 to 100,000 yen, and those shops don't welcome collectors with a small budget. When you become an adult, visit those shops. At the same time, shops welcoming junior collectors have increased.

We tried asking to regular shops, which join Stamp Market almost every month, and some shops answered our straight question "Do your shop welcome school kids junior collectors to buy with their limited pocket money?" It is encouraging that some shops said "Yes, we'll welcome them!"

Here we introduce three shops with dealers' image (shop manager of Osamu Shop is shy and never let us to take photo!)

**Shin-nosuke shop** Stamp Market manager's shop, which joins every month

The table is crammed with Japanese and foreign stamps. They sell various items: not only stamps but covers. There were many stamps at 10 yen.

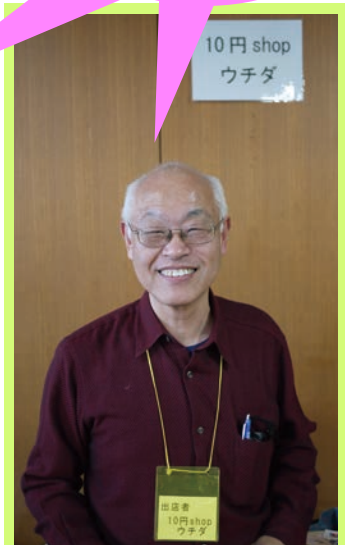
**Osamu shop** Shop joins every month. Specially organized used stamps in stock books are so beautiful! You'll enjoy for long time with new stamps set and a mountain of stamps at 10 yen.

**10 yen shop Uchida** Shop joins almost every month. There are many Japanese stamps of Meiji, Taisho and Showa era in the all-at-10-yen stock book.

The shop manager, Mr. Uchida is also a collector for a long time and knowledgeable. Have a good communication and ask him about your collection!店主の



Mr. Shinichi Takahashi, Stamp Market manager and Shinnosuke Shop manager  
There are many stamps also junior collectors can enjoy.



Mr. Yuji Uchida, who joins almost every month from Yamato city in Kanagawa  
As you know by shop's name, there are many stamps at 10 yen

We welcome  
Junior Philatelists



Q Is it impossible to enjoy stamp collection out of Tokyo?

A Of course, not. Stamp collection is a hobby enjoyable anywhere.

Just a few collectors worldwide live near to stamp dealers or location of stamp circle. Most of stamp collectors live far from Tokyo and enjoy their collection.

A stamp collector known as the best collector in Japan is from Yamagawa and he has been collecting stamps from junior age days.

It is fun to buy stamps or visit stamp show like festival, so maybe you fell for the collectors in rural area who lose such opportunities also lose a chance of good collection.

Now we teach you an important point.

“Most of activities for stamp collection are done at home.”

It is the same for collectors in Tokyo. All activities such as organizing the stamps you bought, research and study of rare stamps or envelope and making exhibition leaves to show are done at home.

Decades ago, certainly, collectors in rural area had a little bit of difficulty to get information. But now, internet makes collectors in anywhere are able to get information and have communication easily. Now is the best period for stamp collectors in rural area to enjoy collection.

Of course, Stamp Market is an attractive location. I really understand everyone wants to visit there. But Stamp Market has been held every single month without fail during last 8 years. So, don't rush even if you cannot go there just now. Maybe one time in a few years, but please make a plan to visit Tokyo. Stamp Market staffs will welcome you any time.

If you go once to Stamp Market, you can use postal correspondence to communicate with them. So, if you come to Stamp Market, ask to staffs about your collection.

**[Column] Is there a stamp flea market in Kansai area?**

There are stamp flea markets not only in Tokyo. In Osaka, a flea market called “Osaka Station 3 Building Bazaar” is held.

The organizer is Japan Stamp Auctions, which offer readers' presents for this issue, and plans for 2014 as following:

Feb. 22 to 23, May 31 to Jun. 1, Aug. 30 to 31, Dec. 6 to 7.

There are more shops for adult collectors than Stamp Market, but the organizer Japan Stamp Auction have a drawing by raffle drum and possibly you get items such as stamps, catalogues, which junior collectors want. If you live in Kansai area, please visit there. On stamp club website we'll give you detail information. Don't miss it, kids in Kansai area.

Direction: 17th F. Osaka Station 3 Building, Umeda 1-1-3, Kita-ku, Osaka city, Osaka

Q [Question from guardians] Is Stamp Market is a safe location?

A Interviewed to the manager of Stamp Market, Mr. Shinichi Takahashi.

Q Tell us the history of Stamp Market.

A Stamp Market, which is known by open on every 1st Saturday, started in May, 2005 and has a history of 8 years. The open in July in last year was the 100th anniversary. I appreciate all the members by visiting, opening shops and supporting running.

Our flea market is supported 3,000 yen per table for shop, entrance fee is free and we have a special program or exhibition almost once a year. This event is unlike a traditional philately meeting which has limited time and leaded by program and free to join unlike a stamp exhibition. So all stamp collectors including beginners and experienced can buy and sell the stamps taking as much time as they want by bazaar on table.

Every month 40 members spread their items on 70 tables, so there are many varieties like a market. Some shops sell 10,000 yen or more expensive stamps for adult collectors and other shops join continuously selling Japanese and foreign stamps at a 10 yen. The number of visitors are about 300, from morning to early afternoon the location is full of visitors.

Q Are junior collectors welcomed?

A Not all shops welcome junior collectors but the number of shops which welcome them increases, including the shops on page 7, understanding the limited pocket money, in order to expand stamp collection.

I also enjoyed stamp collection since I was an elementary school boy, so in gratitude for stamp collection, welcome junior collectors. I'd like to help them, so please tell me if you have some worries.

Of course we welcome parents with kids. Please come to see long-forgotten stamps. We recommend collecting stamps as a sane hobby which kids can study various things and is useful for kids' education.

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# Collection by country, starting with packets

Total budget is \$20

It is important for junior collectors to touch stamps and study them as many as possible. You can buy one by one, but in philatelic society there is a useful item "country packet".

This is one selling method by packet including several hundred different types of stamps of one country (ex. U.S.A.), and you can get world packets in Japan.

We visited to Kawaguchi Stamp (Saitama), the dealer selling country packets and saw many items.

We choose "U.K. 500 stamps (including the Channel Islands)" (1,500 yen), and organize them.

All country packets are not sold only in a shop but also in the website. They welcome the question from junior collectors, so if you try buying some, order referring page 15.

The important to decide which country's packet you buy is following two:

1. You can find a free web catalogue of those stamps
2. You can buy many types of stamps within a budget

Especially, you have to think about No.2, because if you buy 500 types of a country packet after another 500 types, these two packets contain many same stamps, so it is recommendable to buy the largest packet within a budget.

The list in page 15, we choose recommendable packets within a budget of 2,000 yen.



There were many packets.



Portugal 1,000, 500 & colonies 500

## How to classify U.K. 500 types packet

Now, open the bag of the packet and empty its content on a desk (Fig.1). It is fun to see which stamps it contains but also you'll be in trouble how to organize them.

There are various ways to organize and classify a packet, but this time we use an easy way: classification according to the shape of stamp.

This is a simple but significant way of classification. That is because many design stamps have been issued, but the used printing machine (unless introduced a new machine) is the same. So if you classify them in shape, you can know roughly the issued period or purpose of issuance.



Fig.1: 504 stamps in it

We classified most of 504 stamps contained like Fig.2.

Small size stamps are depicting King or Queen. All of them are ordinary stamps and other size stamps are commemorative stamps.



Fig.2: Classified in upper left as Rectangle A, lower left as Rectangle B, center as Square and right as Small Size

We've done the classification in shape, now let's try more detailed classification. Firstly, classification of commemorative stamps. As described above, because the used printing machine is the same, the same shape stamps are possibly issued in continuing some years. By this point, look details about "Rectangle A" group.

You'll find all these stamps are depicting King or Queen. This is typical of U.K. stamps, and the monarch of the period issued are always depicted in stamp. Most of stamps are depicting the actual monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, but some visibly old stamps are obviously depicting a monarch (Fig. 3 and 4).



Fig. 3: Silver Wedding of King George V (1935)

Fig.4: the  
14th  
London  
Olympic  
for the  
Summer  
Games



(1948) Depicted monarch is King George VI (reign 1936-52)



Using these design as information, to study deeply about stamps, you can use “U.K. stamp catalogue”. This catalogue includes the information such as design, issued date and what the stamps commemorate about all U.K. stamps, and this is issued in U.K. every year as beautiful colored catalogue. You can buy one in web bookshop in Japan (Amazon.co.jp, etc.), but it is written in English and also costs nearly 5,000 yen, we don't recommend to buy it. When you become an adult collector and buy expensive stamps, you'll need literature to study them, but while young age, you should spend money to buy more stamps.

Old book about 10 years ago of this catalogue yearly issued is sometimes sold at Stamp Market at some hundred yen. A packet is not including many stamps issued after 2000, so if you find a color catalogue issued from 1990 to 2000 or later, you can try buying one.

We recommend you more is free U.K. catalogue on internet.

That is “Stampedia U.K. stamp catalogue” (Fig. 5) in “Stampedia World Stamp Catalogue” started in 2009. You can see it free, and of course, it's color catalogue.

We tried it with the stamps introduced in Fig. 3 and 4, and we could displayed commemorative stamp list and research what commemorate (Fig. 6).

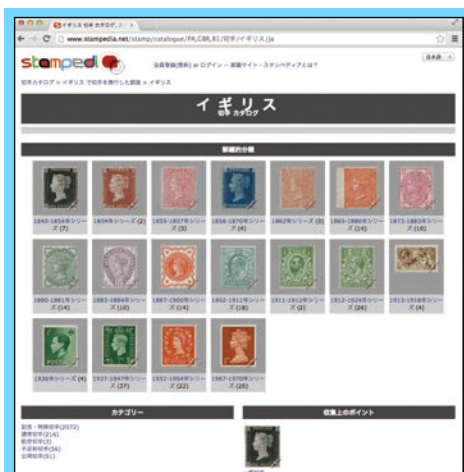


Fig. 5: Front page of Stampedia U.K. stamp catalogue



Fig. 6: Commemorative stamps in 1930 and after, Stampedia U.K. stamp catalogue

Now let's try classifying not-commemorative stamps, that is, ordinary stamps. As described above, as it is typical that U.K. stamps are depicting the monarch then, first, classify in "King" and "Queen".

We suppose that many stamps of "Queen" have the design like Fig. 7. This stamp called Marchin series from the name of the original drawing designer. We separated them.



Fig. 8: small size ordinary stamps classified in "Marchin series" (two mountains), "Queen", "King" and "Other"

You could classify like Fig. 8? Now, catalogue. Using Stampedia U.K. stamp catalogue which you used for commemorative stamps (Fig. 5), by ordinary stamp classification, let's research every pile.

### [Column] Is it better to use stamp forceps to organize packets?

The stamps in packet are, unlike unused stamps preferred to be kept in issued condition, most stamps are without gum. So, just touching with your bare hands cause defect the stamps' condition. But of course dirty finger stains stamps, so wash well your hands.

When you get used to handle forceps, it'll be easier to pick a thin stamp with forceps than bare hands. However the forceps is not perfect instrument. A thin paper is breakable and a perforation line is frangible, so with any tool, you have to touch it softly.

A stamp forceps is different from a common forceps, and the tip is flat and without jaggy. You can buy it at web shop (ex. Amazon) at about 150 yen.

If you touch a stamp with jagged-tip common forceps, it'll be inevitably damaged. Never use a common forceps.



Fig. 9: Also found old stamps. From left, the stamps issued in 1881, 1887, 1902, 1911, 1912 and 1936.

We show in Table 1, the reign of each monarch after the issue of stamp. Let's check each mountain of Fig. 8 with one queen each before 1901 and after 1952 in mind.

Victoria	1837-1901
Edward VII	1901-1910
George V	1910-1936
Edward VIII	1936
George VI	1936-1952
Elizabeth II	1952-

Table 1: British royal family's reign

As the classification progressed, we found most stamps are those of Elizabeth II era but also found some stamps of George VI era, including World War II, and other older stamps (Fig. 9).

The stamps classified into "Marchin" can be classified more finely. U.K. introduced decimal system for auxiliary currency and on the stamp of before and after the change of system, the currency unit mark was different (D or P) (Fig. 10).

After 1958, the regional stamps such as those of Scotland have been issued, they are disguisable by emblem, etc. (Fig. 11)

Table 2 is the list of commemorative and definitive stamps of "U.K. 500 different stamps" classified as described above.

Name of series	
■ Stamps in Victorian era	2
1880-81 series	1
1887-1900 series	1
■ Stamps in Edward VII era	3
1902-11 series	3
■ Stamps in George V era	8
1911-12 series	1
1912-24 series	7
■ Stamps in Edward VIII era	4
1936 series	4
■ Stamps in George VI era	28
1937-47 series	19
Commemorative stamp	9
■ Stamps in Elizabeth II era	469
1952-54 series	15
Marchin (pre-decimal)	13
Marchin (decimal)	70
Marchin (1st, 2nd)	6
England	2
Scotland	29
Wales & Monmouthshire	25
North Ireland	15
Commemorative stamp (Rectangle)	40
Commemorative stamp (Rectangle)	151
Commemorative stamp (Square)	91
Total	504

Table 2: Contents of U.K. 500

Did you enjoy classifying stamps? Was it too hard for you? It should be not common to see 500 different stamps at a time, but the basics of stamp collection is to know stamps as many as possible.

We hope you feel something more familiar to stamps through this classification work. And we'd like you to have an interest in "country packet", which you can get 500 different stamps at 3 yen each.

You should keep the classified stamps by reference to "How to organize and keep stamps" in page 2, to prevent them from jumbling.

If you'd like to develop the classification and make a collection, you can try in the next page making exhibition pages at the level of exhibition.

Fig.10



"D" is pre-decimal.



"P" is decimal.



Fig. 11 Emblem in regional stamp  
From top, Scotland, Wales and N. Ireland

## Try making exhibition pages.

What is more attractive in stamp collection than other collecting hobby such as card or coin is the fun to show the collection in exhibition.

If you see adult stamp show you'll find many cool collections. A cool collection is not only including expensive stamps but beautiful in arrangement and description.

A junior beginner collector, without especially lucky condition, cannot defeat adult collectors in a rarity of stamps. But in an arrangement and description, you'll have a chance to defeat them. Here we try making a page for exhibition with definitive stamps, which are included in a large number in a packet.

This is a packet at 1,500 yen and there are almost all stamps, but to be better looking collection, you should add a stamp usage example (cover).

U.K., one of the major powers worldwide, have a large amount of mails and you can get easily a U.K. stamp cover in Japan. When we visited "Stamp Market" to look for covers bearing U.K. stamps, we found a shop selling worldwide covers at 50 yen. A shop staff said there were several tens of thousands of covers. We spent about a half an hour looking for and we found 100 covers bearing Marchin stamps. We bought them of 500 yen worth (10 covers). The page with a cover is the following.

It is one of fun of stamp collection to develop the collection you made like this.

### [Column]Should I organize stamps in album leaves?

Stamp collection doesn't have many prohibitions and there are few what "you have to do".

A collector can chose how to keep his/her own stamps, and there are many big collectors never make collection pages in the world.

But the most excellent and common method to show the collection is exhibition pages.

In the website of stamp club, we have an article for junior collectors who would like to try making exhibition pages, don't miss it if you are interested in it.





## Where can we buy packets? How to order

When we told about country packet in stamp club 2013, we received a question: "I'd like to buy one, and tell me how to order one." So, here we introduce a venerable shop of 40 years history, which handles worldwide packets, Kawaguchi Stamp (Kawaguchi city, Saitama).

This shop handles 1,100 varieties of packets and we requested to choose them under the conditions described at the beginning of this special topic: the country (1) which has a free catalogue on internet and (2) which we can buy about 500 different stamps with a budget of around 2,000 yen. And they introduced us those of the list of bottom of this page.

If you'd like to buy one, Kawaguchi Stamp accepts mail order shopping (remit payment from post office, etc. and receive items by mail), so the order will be completed by writing the item name you buy, address and name like right example in "remittance slip (Haraikomi Toriatsukai Hyou)" of the nearest post office, and sending the payment at post office.

Never forget to add the shipping cost, 300 yen. And at the post office, you need to pay handling charge of 120 yen except payment you remit, so remember to take that money, too.

How to order by remittance slip of post office.

## Kawaguchi Stamp, Country Packet Price List

U.S.A. 500 at 1,500 yen / U.K. (including the Channel Islands 500 at 1,500 yen

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# How to develop thematic collection

This article was supervised by Mr. Yuichi Enosawa, registered judge of Japan Philatelic Society Foundation.

We recommend you to read the article of the former issue: “What is Thematic Collection?”

The most favorite article for junior collectors, especially, the 3rd grade of junior high to high school students, of all stamp club 2013 issued in last year, was “What is Thematic Collection?” (Fig.3).

Thematic collection is a collecting method born in the late 20th century to show at the stamps exhibitions. It is already one of the popular methods among adult collectors worldwide.

Instead of separating by period or region, they use the story they made and illustrate it with stamps or cancels which have drawing or letters representing the scene. So, you can create only one collection of the world.

Representing something by constructing your own story is called “presentation” in the adult world, and “presentation” is an essential technic for your job in future. Some adult collectors Some European adult collectors recommend their children to collect stamps as one of study.

This year, we advance one more step forward and introduce how to make “thematic collection”

We introduced in last year’s edition, the possibility to make thematic collection of any theme such as “high jump”, “AKB48” and “Advance of Science”, but we could not introduce how to make it by limited pages.

And then, we have a request to tell how to create the thematic collection (how to make a story, research stamps for it and buy stamps). So, in this edition we choose “high jump” as theme and introduce how to advance the collection.



Fig.1 stamp club 2013, issued last year which introduce the best junior collection in history “Harry Potter” created by a Swedish high school girl, Miss Matilda Larsson (You can download it).

How to make thematic collection of “high jump”.

There are quite many stamps of “high jump” issued.

Because at each Olympic game period worldwide post office issue commemorative stamps and the track and field, one of main athletic events, is often applied as design many times (Fig. 2).

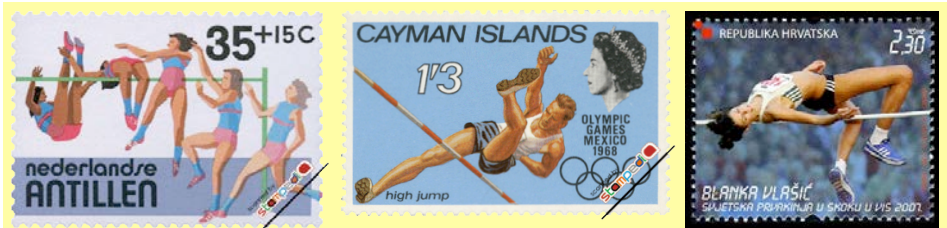


Fig. 2 stamps depicting high jump (free world stamp catalogue, Stampedia)  
Issued countries are Netherland Antilles, Cayman Islands and Croatia, from left.

Collectors who are interested in high jump made a collection by buying high-jump-design stamps at post office or stamps dealers whenever issued.

But there is a pitfall in this method. There are more people who collect stamps interested in design and worldwide post offices issue stamps which such people want to buy.

So, now the problem is occurred; that is, they want stamps because collect by design, but need unlimited money. And a mayor problem is with sufficient money everyone can make the same collection. So, it become known that the collection doesn't develop and is boring.

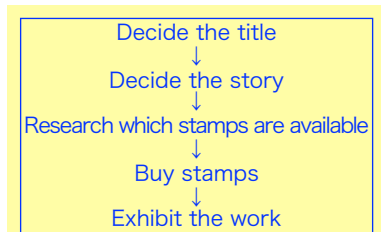


Fig. 3 How to make a thematic collection

But as for thematic collection, you can make the collection for exhibition economically depending on your idea like Fig.3. Let's learn to make a thematic collection step by step.

## Decide the title and the story

If you choose “high jump” as theme, how do you expand the story?

It is possible that you make the work about “history of high jump”, “Change of record of high jump”, etc., but this time, try thinking “How do I become good at high jump?” as title.

There are many ways to decide how do you expand the work, but it is recommendable not to choose something too cool, but something familiar to you and that you know well, because if not, in the next step, decide the story, will be difficult.

To decide the detail of the story, you have to prepare the details to fill all pages considering the finished style will be exhibition pages (16 pages or pages in multiples of 16).

This time we assume it as 16 pages, and let's think about the story of 15 pages except the 1st page of front page (= title page). First, make a list of elements how to be good at high jump on a memo pad.

Maybe you imagine a tool person as a good high jumper. And because who has a good muscle-tendon springs is also has a jumping power, possibly someone who are robust by walking a mountain track from childhood, too. Who has flexible body may have advantage, thinking about the body position in air.

Let's put these ideas in chronological order (genetic gift, beginning of high jump, present and future). The three elements described above are included in genetic gift.

Fig. 4 is a story by this method. What is important is that the story is different depends on who made and there is no right answer. So, first you can make a basis of the story offhand, and change it if you have better story while developing the collection.

1. Title (p.1)
2. Genetic gift
  - Tall person (p.2)
  - Person who has developed muscle-tendon springs (p.3)
  - Person with flexible body (p.4)
3. Beginning of high jump
  - Basic fitness training by running (p.5)
  - Basic fitness training by ball games (p.6)
  - To keep every day is important (p.7)
  - Without study, parents leave me doing club activities (p.8)
4. Present activities such as training
  - Stop having a snack (p.9)
  - Exercise to develop muscle-tendon springs (p.10)
  - Have a good sleep (p.11)
  - Training for flexible body (p.12)
5. What I'd like to continue in future
  - I want to continue in university (P.13)
  - I want to learn nutrition (p.14)
  - Learn by Olympic Game, etc. (p.15)
  - Training to be without strain (p.16)

Fig. 4 Idea of the story of a thematic work  
"How do I become good at high jump?"

Research which stamps are available.

Now the story was decided and we are in the step of research which stamps are available. As described at the beginning, it is not that because of a work themed "high jump", you cannot use other stamps but those depicting "high jump". Instead you have to look for suitable stamps for each story.

By the way, more than 500,000 different stamps have been issued to date in the world. It is recommendable to use image search system of internet to find suitable stamp.

#### Basic fitness training by ball games (p.6)



Soccer (Japan, 1964; Olympic)  
-Stamps available at 10 yen  
Swimming (Japan, 1948, National Athletic Meet)  
-Catalogue price is high but if lucky, you can get it at 100 to 200 yen.

#### I want to learn nutrition (p.14)



Example to explain that for good muscle it's better to consume chicken (Czech Republic, 2005) than beef (Mexico, 1976) because it contains less fat.



#### Without study, parents leave me doing club activities (p.8)



Stamps depicting school kids reading a textbook (Japan, 1948, Recovery of Education) and school teacher (USA, 1957). If you choose in foreign stamps, you'll have more chance to choose suitable stamps.



When you use Yahoo! or Google search, input keywords and “postage stamp image”, and you’ll get postage stamp images. Of course all stamps are not targeted and the search result is not perfect, but you can refer it.

We search stamps depicting “stretching exercises” as a trial. The keywords such as “stretching exercises postage stamp image” or “stretching postage stamp image”, we couldn’t get good result, but by the key words “radio exercises postage stamp image”, we got the stamps like Fig.5 and 6.

Important to have friend with whom you can talk about stamp collection



Fig.5 50th anniversary of radio exercises (1978, Japan)

Even you find a stamp which you feel “This is!”, it is never easy to buy it.



Fig.6 Radio exercises (1952, China)

To buy stamps, not only a stamp flea market or a shopping spot of stamp exhibition, it is also convenient to use an internet shopping site. But we recommend you to consult a shop keeper of stamp shop welcoming junior collectors at a stamp flea market. Not all but shops welcoming not only adult collectors but junior collectors are increasing.

You may have advice to get the stamp you want at these shops, if you’re lucky, they may introduce a collector shopping there.

It is one of good method to subscribe “Monthly Junior Stamp News”, which is issued by stamp club (free, see page 28). You can read articles and also ask to the editor. It is difficult for junior collectors both in rural area and Tokyo area to visit frequently Stamp Market. But now you can use to communicate by email or website.

When your collection develops, you can try joining “Japan Thematic Philatelists Club”, which is a stamp circle of thematic philatelists.

Most members are adult collectors, but if you are sensible collector, even high school student may be qualified as a member. A stamp circle before required several thousand yen as cost for printing or shipping, but the stamps circles recently established such as Japan Thematic Philatelists Club, they communicate by email and some of them don’t require the membership dues. You will learn a lot of things.

\* Japan Thematic Philatelists Club site: <http://jtpc.jimdo.com/>

# Hawaii Missionaries Murders

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This summer, I visited Hawaii with my family.



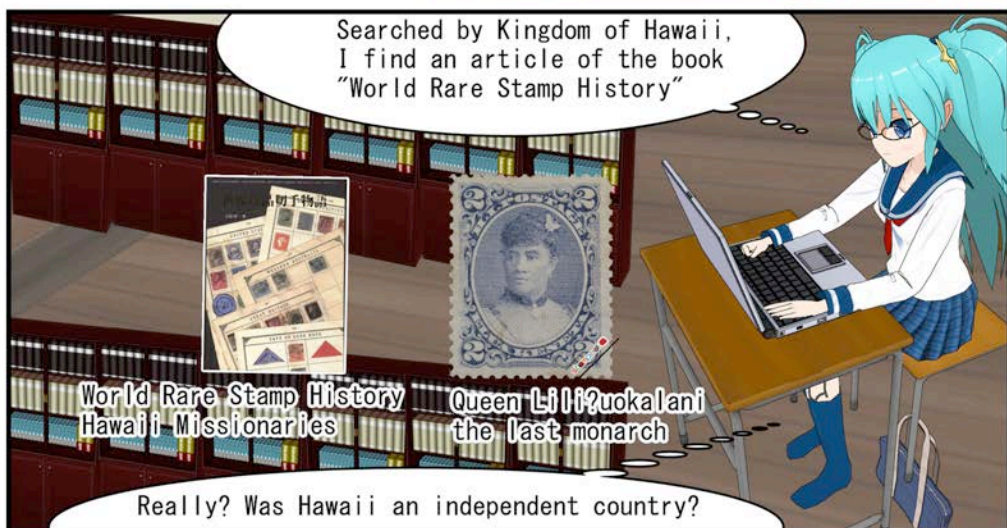
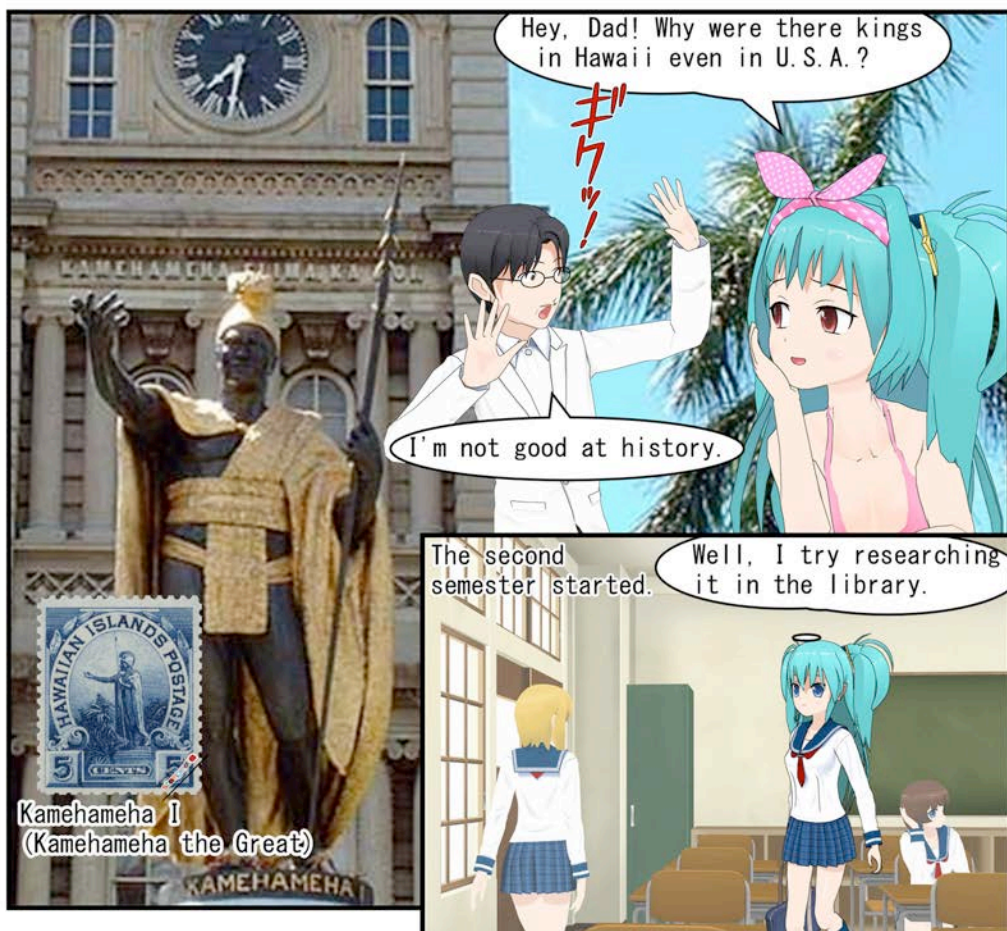
Loco moco



Pancake







I learned with the book that Hawaii was a kingdom unified by Kamehameha I, in 1795.



Mr. Dole who created a revolution to pave a way of annexation by U.S.A.  
\* Dole company famous for pineapple business is his family.



Hawaii was an independent state until 1898, when it disappeared by annexation by U.S.A.

The kingdom of Hawaii permitted Christian to missionize and many missionaries came to Hawaii. They had to report the progress to the church of the mother country.



Oh! A mail system isn't working in Hawaii!

Then King Kamehameha III bid a young who studied in the mainland of U.S.A. to start the mail system.



Whitney, create a modern mail system.



Yes, Your Majesty.

When the mail system started, the first Hawaii stamp was issued. It was in October 1, 1851.



As this stamp was used for correspondence between missionaries and mother country, stamp collectors call it "Hawaii Missionaries".

In Paris, 1850's, the hobby of stamp collection started to become trendy.

But the stamp of Hawaii, far from Europe, became known there more than 10 years after the issue, 1864.

I want to get the missionaries on the stamp news of last week!

The missionaries unknown for more than 10 years was quite rare then.

Stamp issue in Hawaii was the 29th in the world and it was 20 years before of Japan stamp.



Hawaii stamp collectors in Paris



2 cent unused is the rarest of all missionaries and only one stamp was remaining. The price then values hundreds of millions of yen now.



I get it!



Mr. Gaston Leroux  
French rich philatelist

Mr. Leroux shows his collection to many collectors.

Wow! Wonderful!

Do you like them?  
This is the best collection  
in the world (I think).

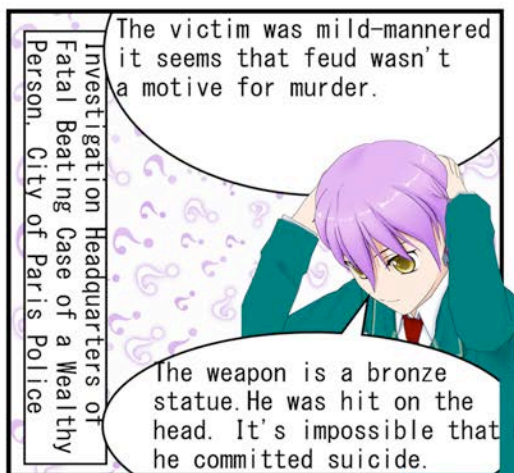


Even rich, he showed the collection if asked, and he was popular among collectors friends.

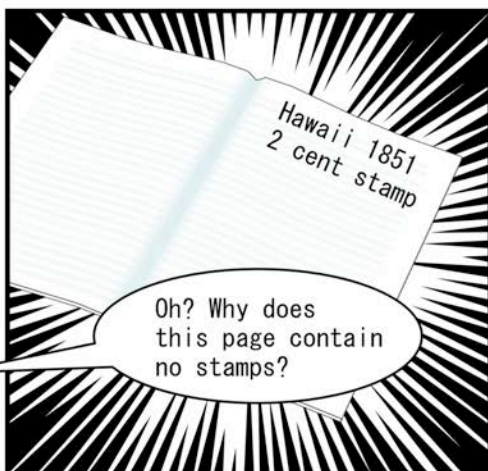
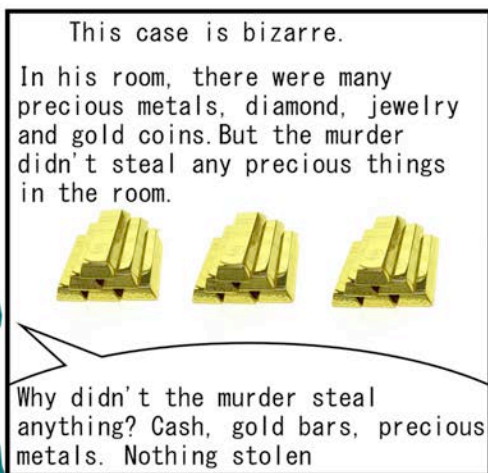
Stamp is the king of hobby.  
I'm happy to see everyone enjoy it.

However, in June 1892...





Captain Jacques





The investigation results that only one stamp very expensive, 2 cent Hawaii is missing, and the police suspect his friends collectors.

Hector Giraud is suspicious.

But, Captain, no evidence. Giraud, unlike Mr. Leroux, doesn't show his collection to others.

It sounds difficult to find evidence. I have to use the big gun...

I never show my important stamps!

Hi, Maitre Giraud.

I've not seen you here.

Recently I found the appeal of stamp and started to collect. Nice to meet you.

Captain Jaques approached Giraud pretending to be a stamp collector.



This is the best book to learn stamps.

Giraud was a knowledgeable stamp collector.

Captain Jaques became friendly with Giraud.

And in several month, when they became good friends,

Please show me the most expensive stamp you have!



おお?  
おお!



Okay.  
You are like my apprentice.  
I'll show you something rare  
I never show anyone.

How wonderful! You have  
unused 2 cent Hawaii Missionaries.  
Thank you for showing me great one.



Next day



It must have been  
a perfect crime...

Police!  
Hector Giraud, we arrest  
you on suspicion of  
murdering Mr. Leroux.



We'll prepare present for  
20 people "World Rare  
Stamp History", the book  
of the story of worldwide  
rare stamps including  
Hawaii Missionaries, by  
the courtesy of the  
publisher, Narumi, Co.  
Please enter in the website  
described in page 27.  
A4 size, 272 pages, full  
colored, well worth reading  
book of the price of 3,800 yen.



Oh, really?  
A murder can happen  
because of stamp.  
Ack





# Reader Present

Young guys interested in stamp collection! Thank you for reading this booklet.

Now you know many ways to collect stamps and you should want to get some. I believe you sensitive young people will get feeling from real stamps more than writing and understand the fun of collecting stamps.

Here, we stamp club have a present campaign by kind support of the important stamp dealers in Japan to get a chance to have stamps. We're waiting for you entering it on stamp club website.

As described page 26, 20 of present winners have a double chance to get the book "World Rare Stamp History" (supplied by Narumi. Co.).

The first Japanese  
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Dragon issue, 48 mon  
1 person



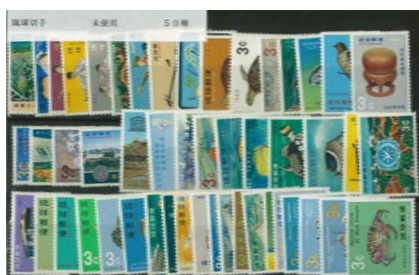
By Yukio Stamp

The first stamp of  
the world  
Penny Black  
1 person



By Yukio Stamp

50 different unused stamps of  
Okinawa stamp and 100 different  
Disney unused stamps  
10 people



By Yukio Stamp

International Letter Writing Week  
10 people



Keishi,  
Kuwana,  
Kanbara  
Hakone  
Nihon-  
bashi

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Poppen (glass toy), Sharaku  
20 people



By Japan Stamp  
Auctions



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Who can applicate: under-20-years-old young people who are interested in stamp collection

Privacy policy: Personal information we collect by this present campaign may be used for only communication related to the present for commemoration of issue and announcement of future edition.

Did you enjoyed the second year's stamp club? This joyful stamp club, however, is an annual-issued booklet and you have to wait the next issue until about April in 2015. So, if you get this promptly after issue, you have to wait one year.

Now we decided to issue free email magazine only for under-20-years-old members from March 2014, responding to "It's horrible that we cannot read new stamp club articles :-("

We are planning to write some new articles of how to collect stamps or how to organize stamps, which already started on stamp club website, and Q&A.

Especially, as for Q&A, we'd like to answer the questions of readers. Starting with how to collect and buy stamps, we try answering difficult questions such as "What is this stamp?" or "Which country did issue this stamp?", so please ask us!

How to subscribe: send an email to [info@stampedia.net](mailto:info@stampedia.net) writing "Want to read Monthly Junior Stamp News!" The member should be only under twenty.

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Monthly Junior Stamp News sample

\*Picture of mail news contents



Dear Taro Kitte (membership number: 1)

Index of March 2014

- (1) How to organize and keep your stamps
- (2) 100-yen collection
- (3) Q&A

### How to organize and keep your stamps

The special contents of stamp club website in February 2014, how to organize and keep stamps using 100-yen shop, was received well. We'd like to gather more information for website, but now we introduce to email magazine member something good we found in 100-yen or other shops before website users.

- Three way to get plastic file case to take advantage of plastic folder

Already we introduced in an article how to use one of the regular items of 100-yen shop, plastic folder. Only one weakness of this plastic folder is dust. It is strongly recommendable to use a plastic file case with it.

But we couldn't find a plastic file case in a 100-yen shop. So, this time we gather information about a plastic file case.

- 1) Use a plastic file case (100 yen)

Sample of "Monthly Junior News"

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## To: Philately society members who holding stamp show

We publish stamp collection booklet for junior people as part of promotion of philately from 2013. The most typical characteristic of this booklet is **free paper**. We have support from philatelists and stamp collectors' groups in Japan for publication cost.

We issue 30,000 copies, which is quite large number of issue as philatelic magazine for junior collector. We'd like to give them to junior people directly, from father to children or grandfather to grandchildren, to give rise to interests and concerns about philately.

We have a plan of distribution in museums and flea markets in eastern and western Japan, and to spread this, if you hold a stamp show locally, we will have great pressure sending you this magazine **free** as long as the magazines are in stock, if you use stamp club as a present for visitors.

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