

September 1st 1929 (Showa 4)

After introduction of 1925 declined UPU tariff and 1926 new issue, 1922 issue was still produced and sold as three denomination stamps of 4, 8, and 20 Sen were essential for both of internal and international mails.

However as they were produced in UPU colors, it also caused a confusion with newly introduced 1926 UPU colored issue. So it was decided that 4, 8, and 20 Sen stamps, which were no longer for UPU tariff, were produced in another inks in 1929.

Thus the same printing plates were used to produce the newly issued stamps, and the only inks were changed.

MIHON Specimens



Horizontal 18 mm width "MIHON" handstamp ovpt produced in 1929

The First Day Usage



All three denomination stamps franking tied by c.d.s.
The MINISTRY of POST & TELECOMMUNICATIONS, 491 (1929)

All three denomination stamps franking
KUDAN - Tokio - Barcelona, 5 5 20 (1930)

1 Yen 28 Sen correctly paid for registered
letter of the 18th weight step (340 - 360g)

This issue was not on sale until the stock of
the former stamps were sold in late 1930,
and early usage is always uncommon.

All Three Denomination Stamps Franking The Earliest Set of Three Franking Except FDC



UPU Specimen Becuanaland Protectorate



Marginal stamps received as a specimen by
South Africa from UPU distributions, and
provided to the Becuanaland Protectorate
Post Office in 1929,

Protective marking of "SPECIMEN"
was supposed to deface it in 1937, when
all such specimen were returned to the
General Post Office in London.

This stamp was not on sale at post offices until the stock of the former 8 Sen red stamp was sold out.

The Largest Multiple, 80 Sen Rate, Decuple Weight Registered Letter to Germany



A block of ten, tied by roller cancellation,
KOBE to Hamburg / Germany, 20 12 31 (Showa 6)

80 Sen correctly paid for registered surface letter of the tenth weight step,
10 for letter up to 20g, 6 for additional fee for each 20g, multiplied by nine, and 16 for registration fee.

This stamp was not on sale at post offices until the stock of the former 8 Sen red stamp was sold out.

- Printing Pane Varieties -

Imprint Position Varieties
Also Only Three Recorded Largest Blocks

PF "White Spot on the Foot"



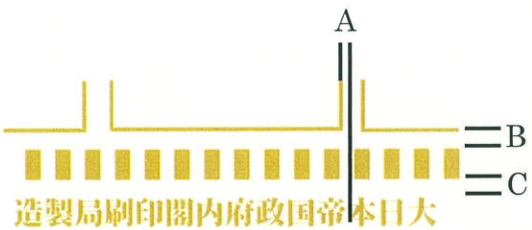
Pos. 97/99 with PF at pos.99 (a)



photo (500%)



Pos. 98 (e)



sample	A	B	C
a	0.5	4.0	0.8
b	0.1	4.6	0.9
c	0.1	4.0	1.2
d	1.0	4.2	0.9
e	1.0	4.0	0.9

Width of each distance (mm)

Each multiples came from different panes.



pos. 87/99 without PF at pos.99 (b)



pos. 87/99 without PF at pos.99 (c)

The Largest Strip
with PF "White Spot on the Foot"



Pos. 96/100 with PF at pos.99 (d)

The Second Largest Unused Block



It was sold only for a short period of less than half a year, and replaced by DIE II, multiples more than a pair regardless if it is used or unused, and unused pairs are uncommon .

A Study of The Remaining Multiples of 8 Sen DIE I

		unused	used	on Cover
Block	10			1
	6	3-4		
	4	1-2	2	
Strip	5	1-2		
	4	1		
	3	7-8		
Pair		5-6	many	many

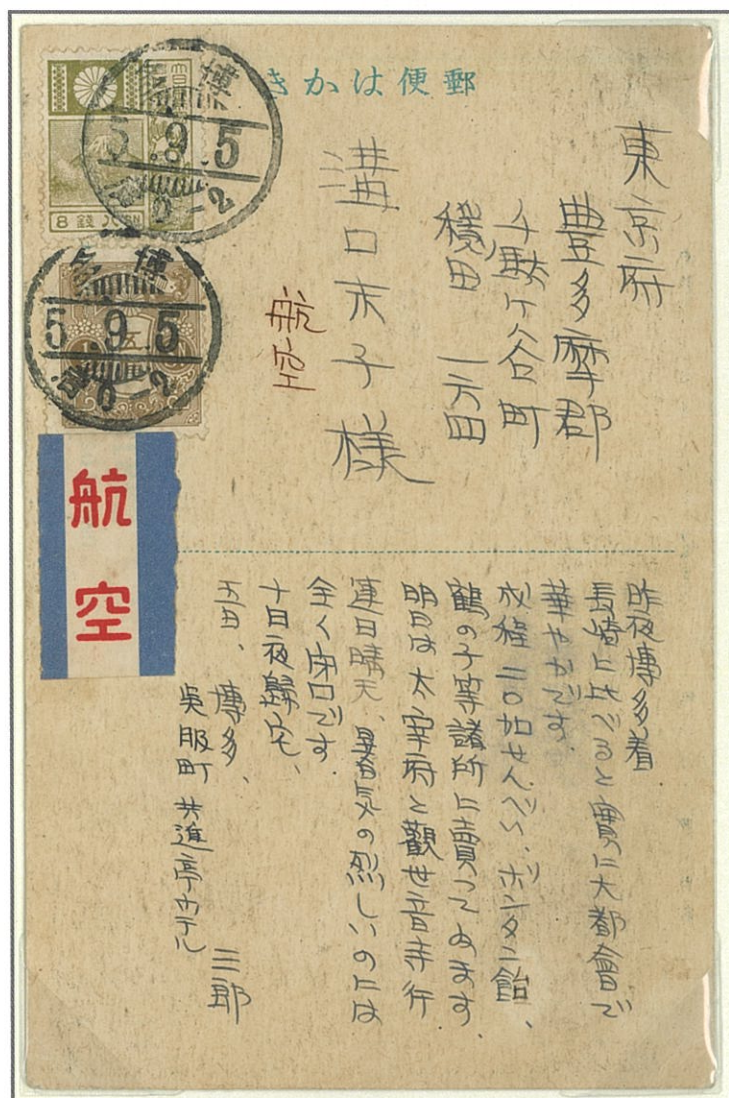
8 Sen Rate, Quadruple Weight Printed Matter



Single perfined stamp franking front tied by c.d.s.,
KYOTO to Alabama / USA, 5.12.12 (1930)
8 Sen correctly paid for printed matter of the fourth weight step (150 - 200g)
2 for surface printed matter per 50g, multiplied by four

This stamp was not on sale at post offices until the stock of the former 8 Sen red stamp was sold out.

8.5 Sen Rate, Internal Airmail Postcard



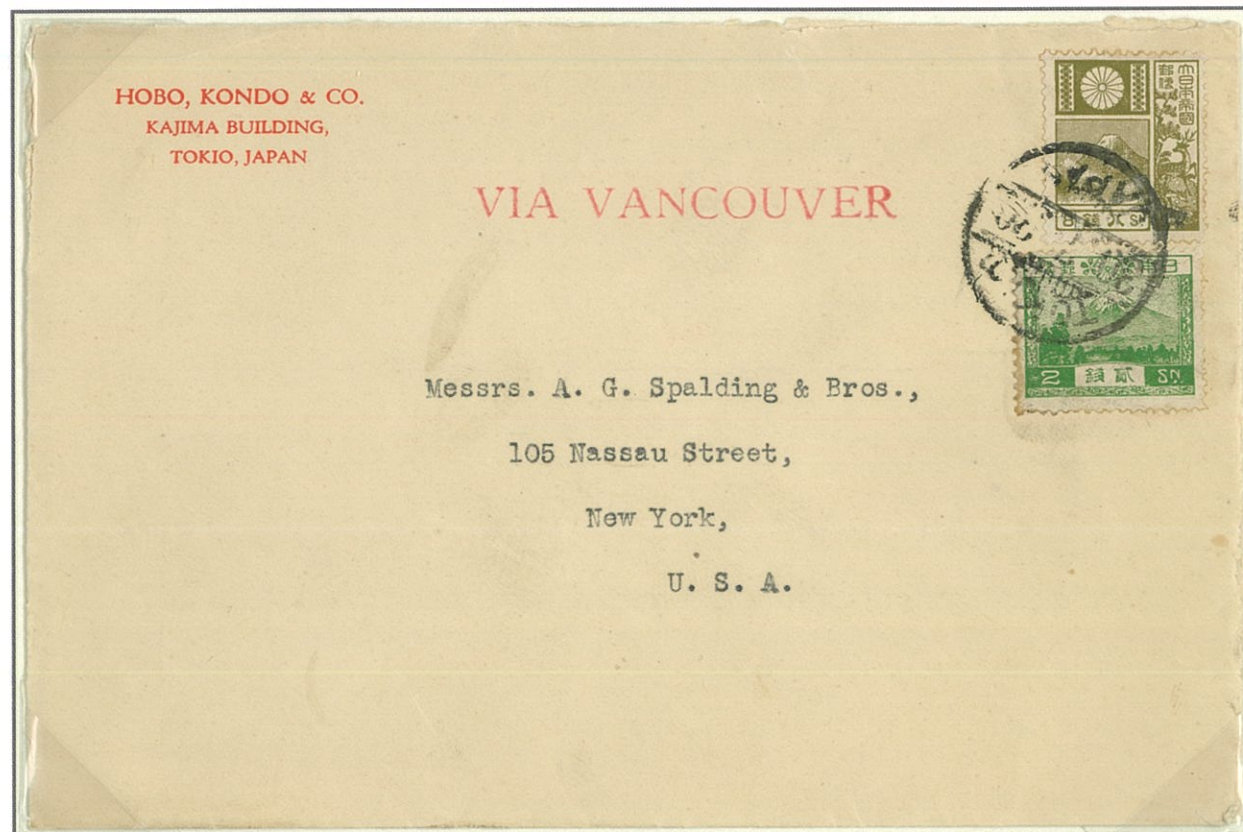
Franked with a 1914 5 Rin, tied by c.d.s.
HAKATA to Tokyo, 5.9.5 (1930)

8.5 Sen correctly paid for airmail postcard,
1.5 for postcard and 7 for airmail fee

Franked with 2 Sen and 1925 13 Sen and 1926 3 Sen,
tied by c.d.s. with two roman letter c.d.s. beside

DAIREN OYAMA DORI street · Dairen · Kobe · Illinois / USA, 6.7.15 (1931)
26 Sen correctly paid for registered letter, 26 = 10 + 16

10 Sen Rate, Single Weight Surface Letter

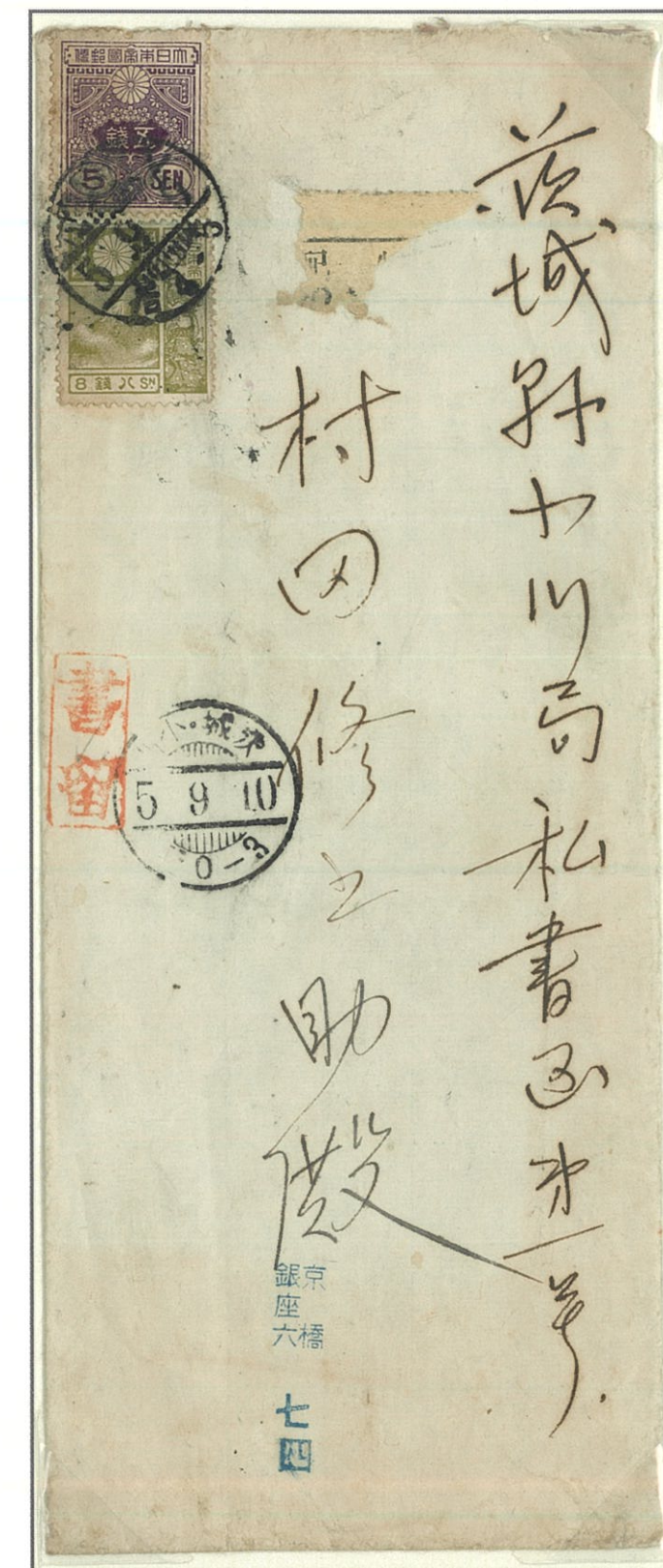


Franked with 2 Sen by roman letter c.d.s. TOKIO to NY, via Vancouver, 30 7 30 (Showa 5)

26 Sen Rate, Registered Letter from Dairen



13 Sen Rate, Double Weight Registered Letter



Franked with a 1914 5 Sen, tied by c.d.s.
KYOBASHI GINZA 6 to Ibaragi, 5.9.9 (1930)

13 Sen correctly paid for double weight registered
letter, 13 = 3 x 2 + 7

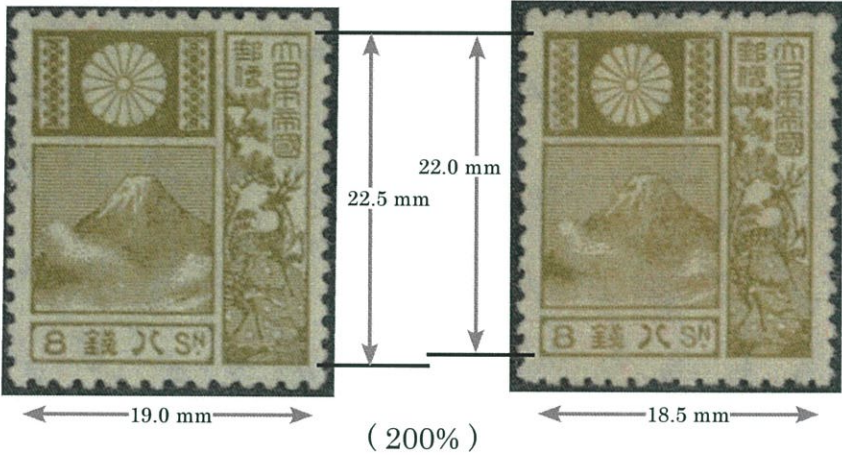
June 1930 - December 1931 (Showa 5 & 6)

The printing bureau started to shorten sizes of all the dies regardless of the printing method of rotary press or flat plate printing, in 1926 after the import of a rotary press.

The width and height of new die called "DIE II" was shortend 0.5 mm each in comparison with the former die called "DIE I". There are also some differences in designs and characters.

New dies for 4, 8, and 20 Sen was introduced between 1930 and 1931. Intermitate plate of 25 copies were transferred four times to make a pane of 100 copies. The printing plates were thought to be consisted of four panes of 100 stamps.

Enlarged View of Difference between DIE I and DIE II

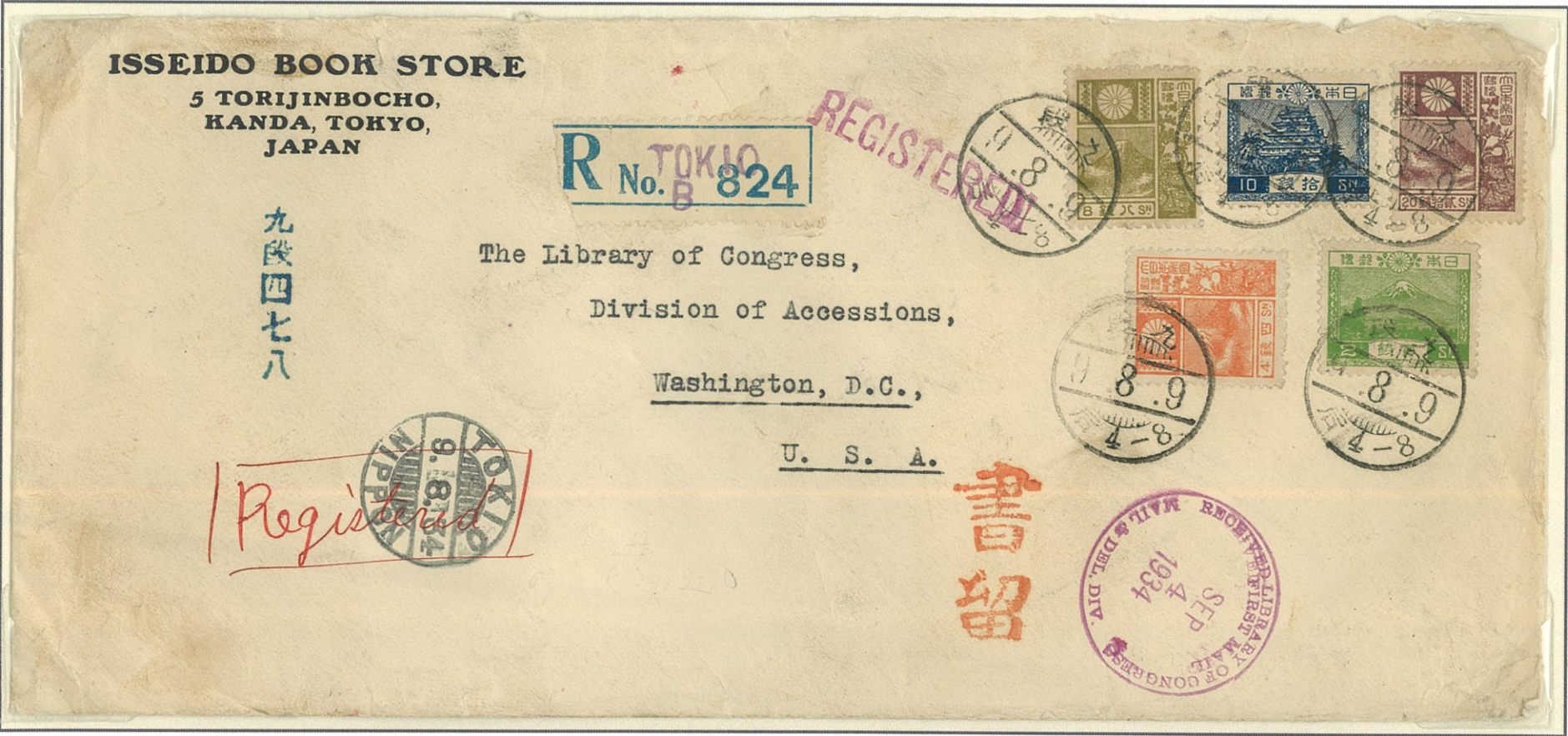


MIHON Specimens



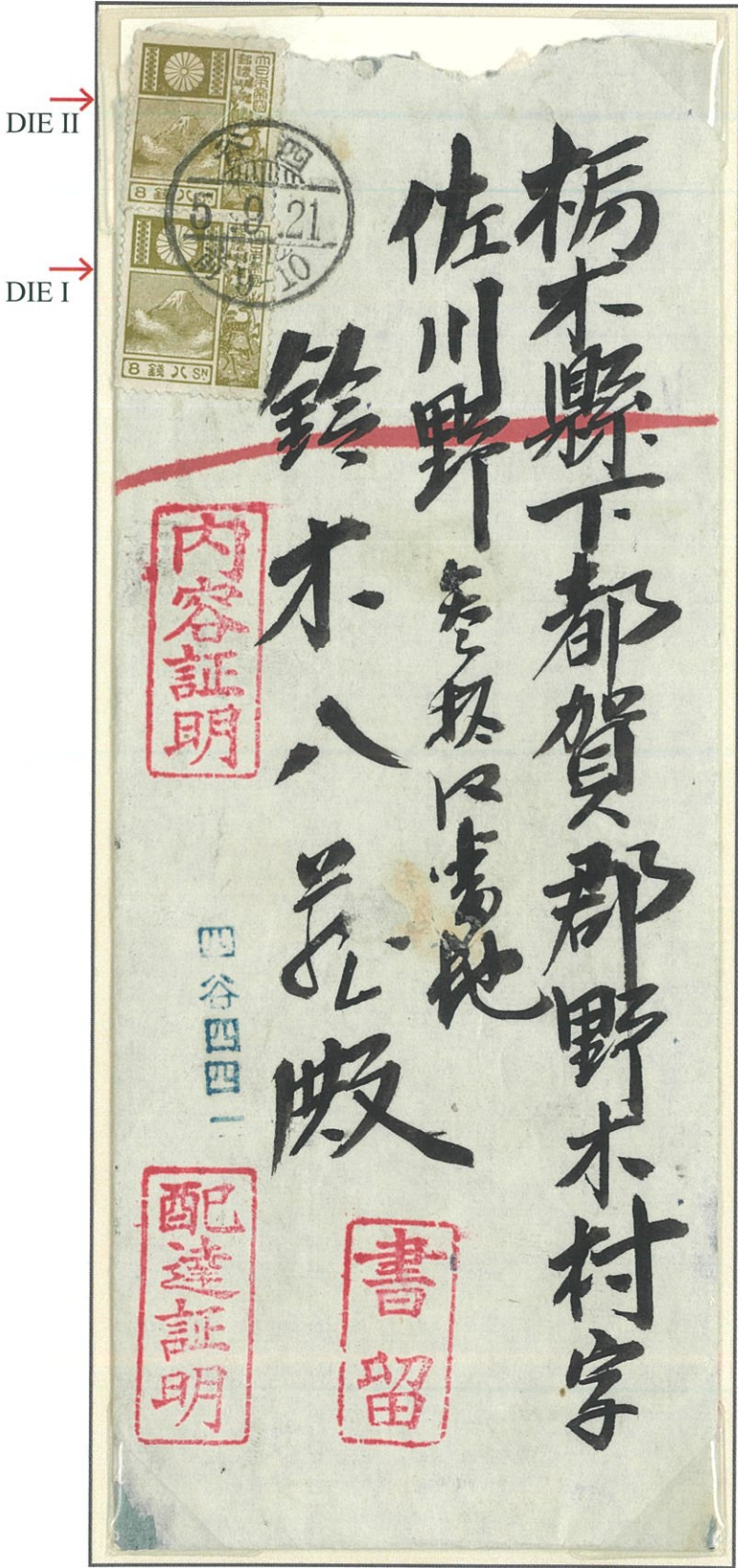
Horizontal 10 mm width "MIHON" handstamp ovpt produced in 1931

All Three DIE II Franking



All three DIE II franking, tied by c.d.s. KUDAN - Tokio - Chicago - Washington D.C. 9 8 9 (1934)
44 Sen correctly paid for registered letter of the fourth weight step, 44 = 10 + 6*3 + 16

Mixed Franking of DIE I and DIE II



Mixed franking of DIE I and DIE II of 8 Sen
YOTSUYA to Tochigi, 5.9.21 (1930)
16 Sen correctly paid for AR contents-certified letter,
3 for letter, 10 for registration fee, and 3 for AR fee

8 Sen DIE II Granite Paper

Early Impression

It was thought to be produced between June 1930 and 1937, and the early impression until 1931 has olive brown shade and arabic gum was used.



Pos.1/4 olive-brown



pos. 97/99 olive-brown

two imprinted multiples in this page
was produced by the same printing plate

White Spot in the Sky

Accidental plate flaw at the
upper-left of the mountain.

Brown Shade

Brown is uncommon
shade and only several
unused are known



pos. 87/100, light brown

The Earliest Usage

Also Only One Combination Franking with High Value 5 Yen & 10 Yen on Cover



Franked with 1924 high value 5 Yen, 10 Yen and e.t.c. tied by c.d.s.

IMPERIAL HOTEL - Tokio - Changchun - Irkutsk -(air)- Moscow -(air)- Berlin / Germany, 5 9 13 (1930)

18 Yen 68 Sen correctly paid for airmail registered letter of the 28th weight step (540-560g), $1868 = 10 + 6 \cdot 27 + 60 \cdot 28 + 16$

8 Sen DIE II Granite Paper

1932-1937 Impression

Shade was change into bister and dextrin gum was introduced in 1932



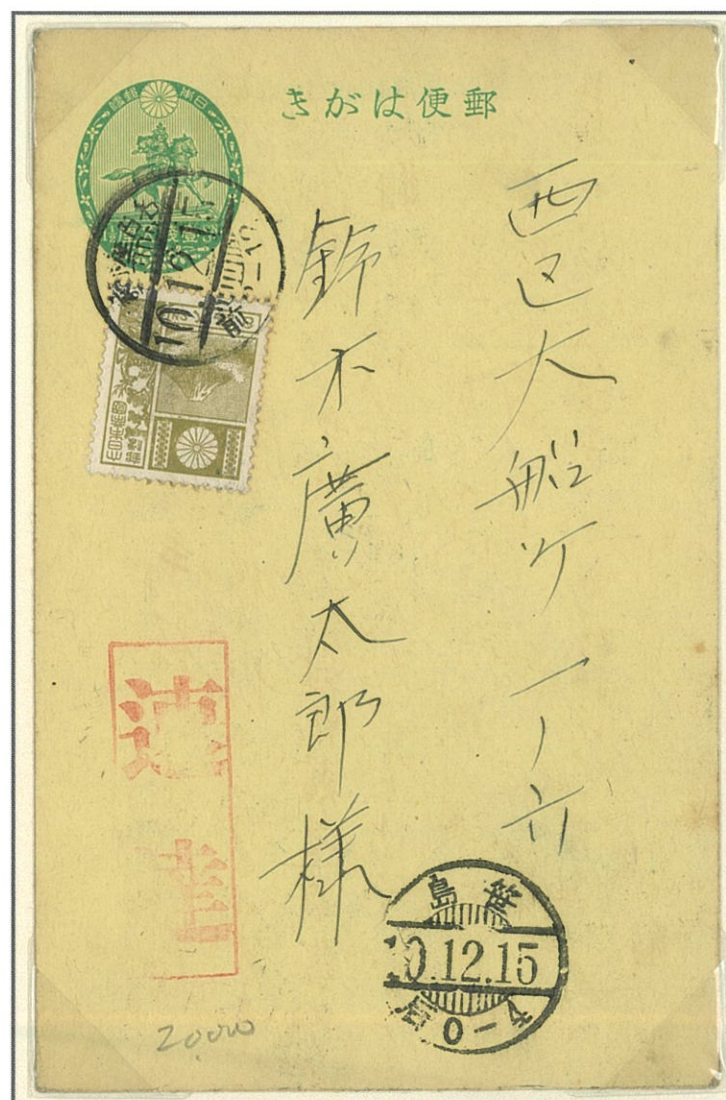
Pos 97/99, arabic gum



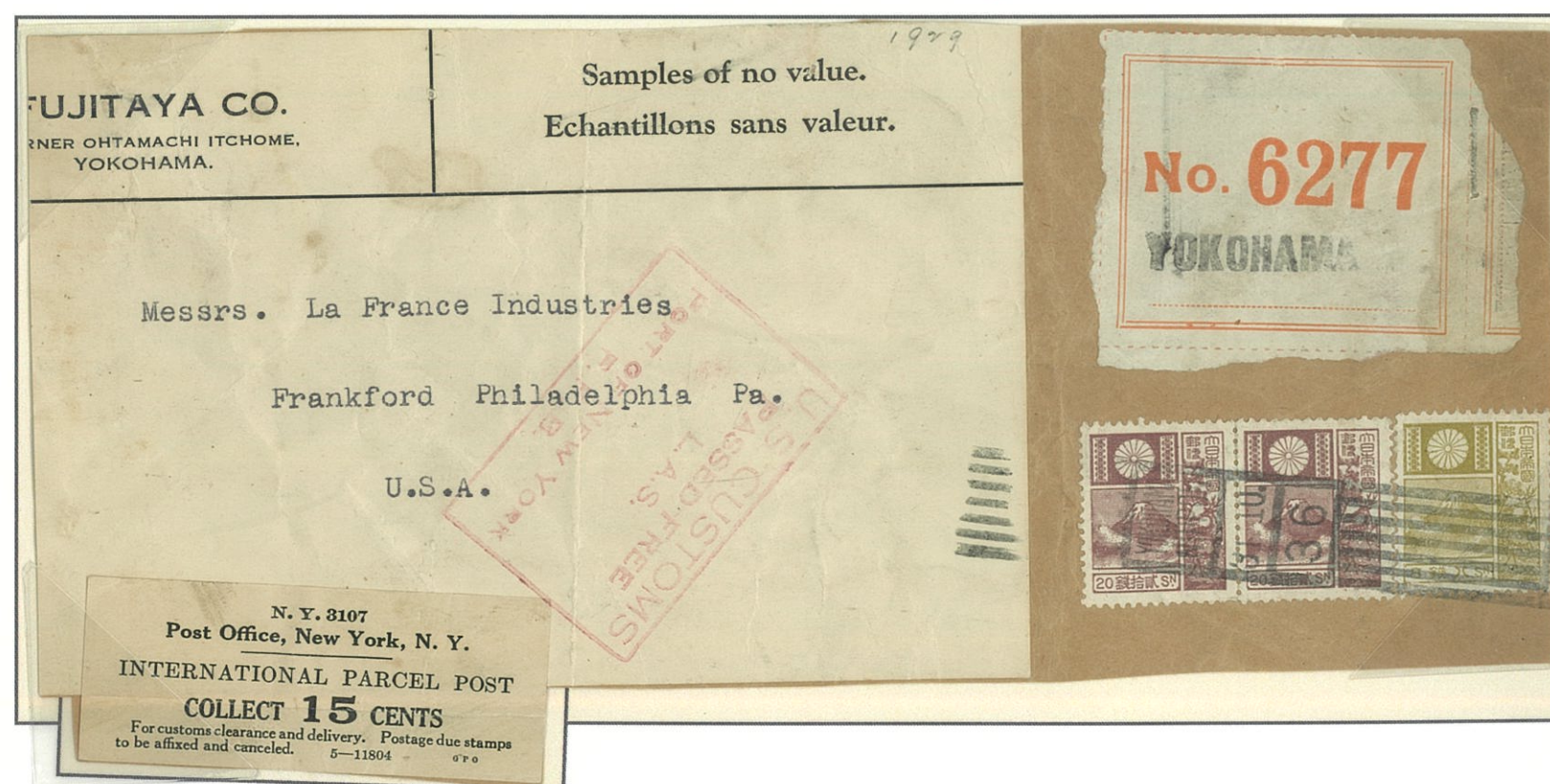
Pos. 87/99, dextrin gum



OSAKA / NIPPON 29 5 37

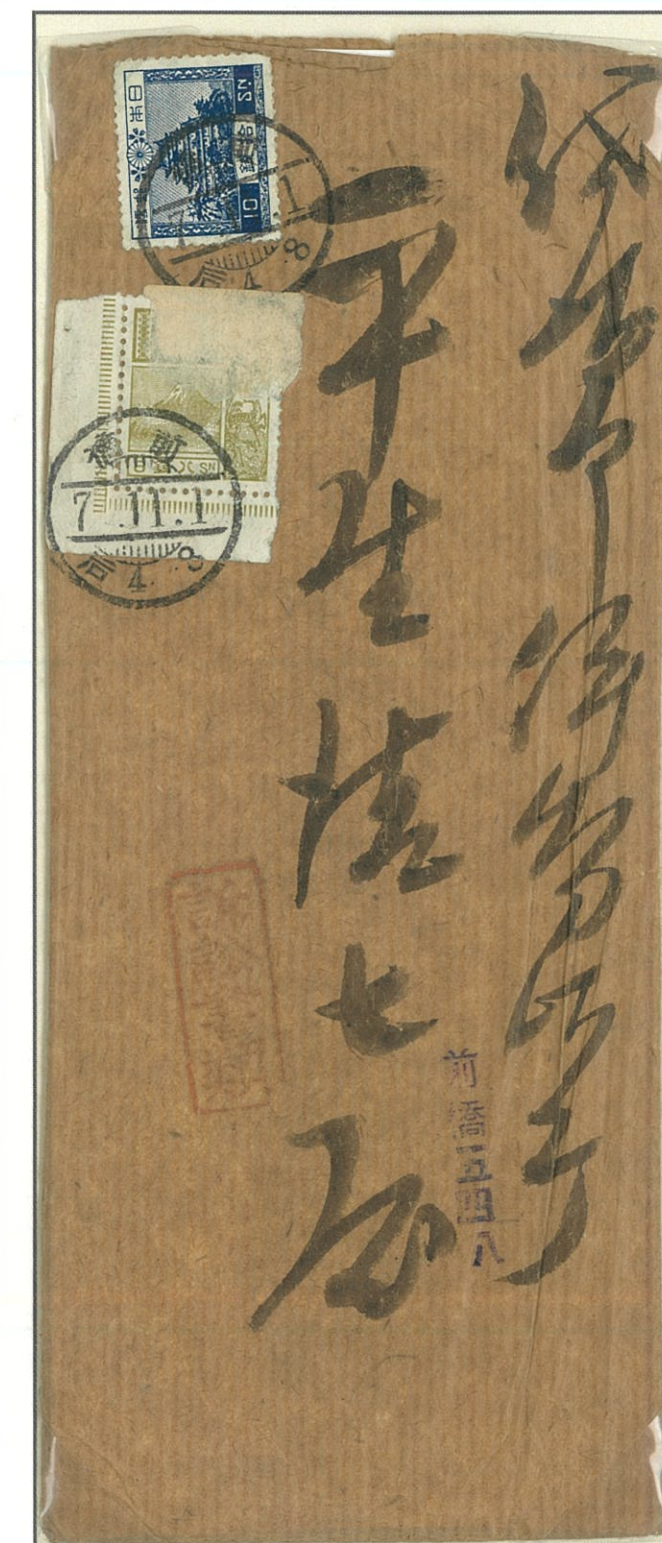
Regional Express in Nagoya

Uprating 1.5 Sen postal card, tied by c.d.s.
NAGOYA-AKATSUKA to Sasajima, 10 12 15 (1937)
10 Sen correctly paid for express post card, $10 = 2 + 8$

International Parcel Usage

Franked with a horizontal pair of 20 Sen, tied by roman letter roller cancellation with a boxed passed stamp of US Customs beside
YOKOHAMA / NIPPON - New York - Philatelphila / US, 31 10 36

48 Sen correctly paid for parcel to the US of the second weight step (120 - 240 Monme) and a label saying
"COLLECT 15 CENTS" was attached to charge 15 C to the recipient for customs clearance and domestice delivery.

Early Usage

Pos.91 franked with a 10 Sen, tied by c.d.s.
MAEBASHI to Isezaki, 7 11 1 (1932)
18 Sen correctly paid for lausuit letter, $18 = 3 + 10 + 5$

8 Sen DIE II White Paper

Introduction of White Paper

The printing bureau decided to stop using granite papers in March of 1937 as the poorer quality in comparison with white paper. No other stamps in the 1929 issue was printed on white paper as they were already replaced by 1937 issue

The Earliest Usage

MIHON Specimen



Horizontal 10 mm width
"MIHON" handstamp
ovpt produced in 1937



Pos.81/92

Horizontal interrupted lines below
the ruled lines on the lower margin
of pos.91 is a constant variety.



Pos.97/99

Wrapping Cloth Sending Tea

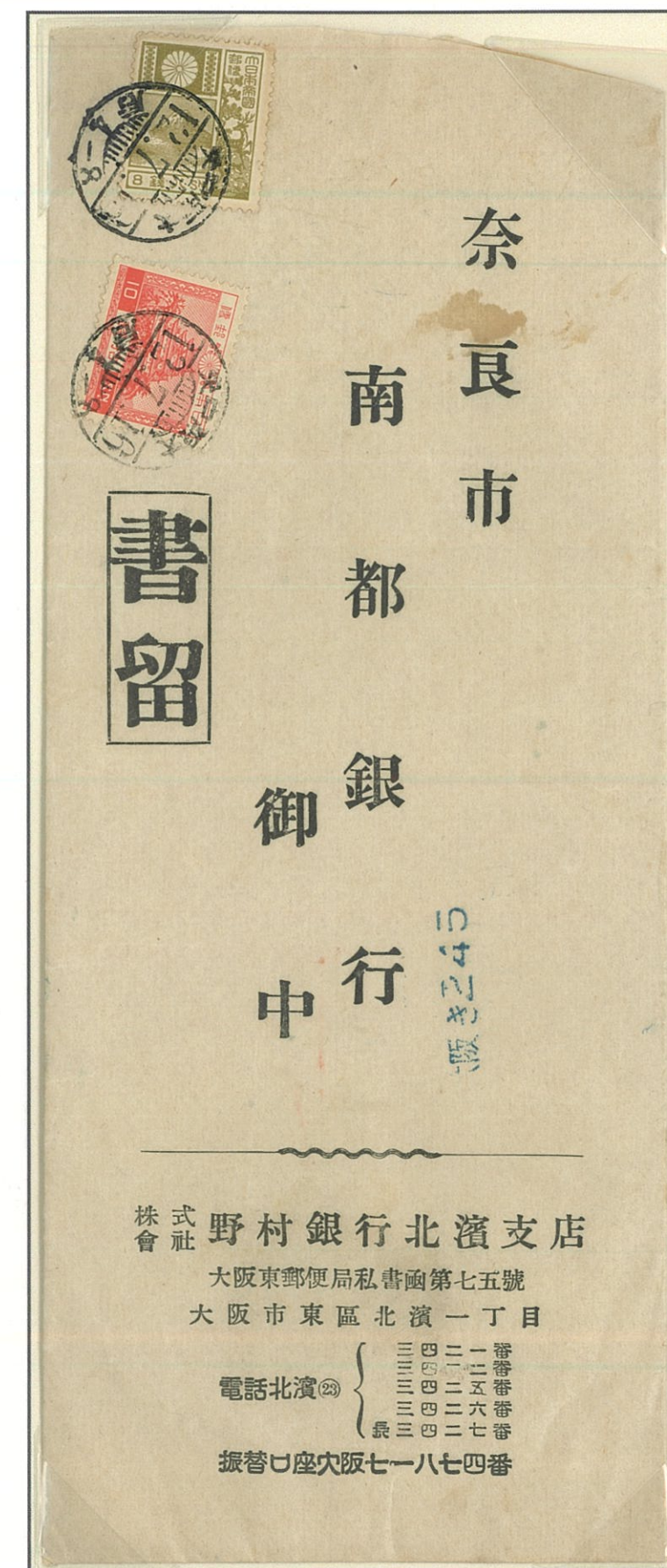


Single franking tied by roller cancellation
SHIZUOKA to London / GB, 14 3 6 (1939)
8 Sen correctly paid for sample of no value

Upated Domestic Postcard for International Use



Upating 1937 2 Sen postal card, tied by roman letter c.d.s.
KOBÉ to Leipzig / Germany, 28 5 38
10 Sen correctly paid for surface post card



Franked with a 10 Sen, tied by c.d.s.
OSAKA CPO to Nara, 12 7 16 (1937)
18 Sen correctly paid for double weight registered letter