

It was not sold at post offices except the first day until the stock of the former 4 Sen denomination stamps was completely sold. So usages in 1929 and early 1930 are uncommon.



Roller in black
KOBÉ 16 9 30



Roller in purple
FUSE 6 (1931)



Sakhalin 7 9 16 (1932)



SHIBA 4 12 4 (1929)



The MINISTRY of POST & TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
4 9 1 (1929)

The First Year Usage

FDC

Early Usage in March 1930

Early Usage in February 1930



A vertical strip of three on piece
KOBÉ 25 2 30

Usage in May 1930



Franked with a vertical pair of 1926 3 Sen tied by roman letter c.d.s. in purple
KOBÉ to Germany, 5 5 30 (Showa 5)
10 Sen correctly paid for surface letter

Manchuria Usage in July 1930

Single franking tied by c.d.s.
ANTOKEN (nowadays Andong,
China) to Aomori, 5 7 22 (1930)

4 Sen correctly paid for double weight
4th class mail to send photos

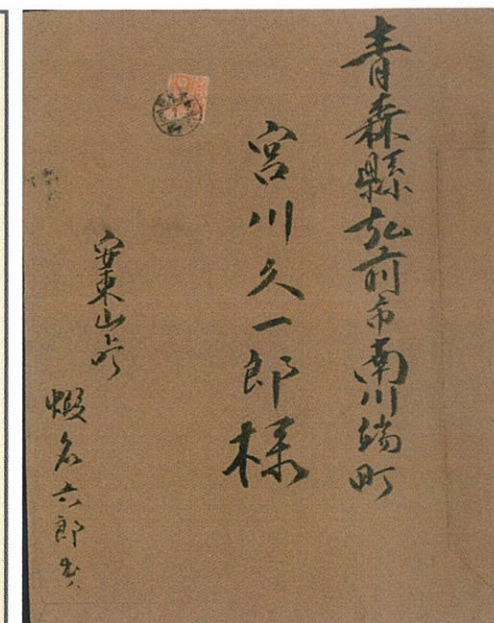
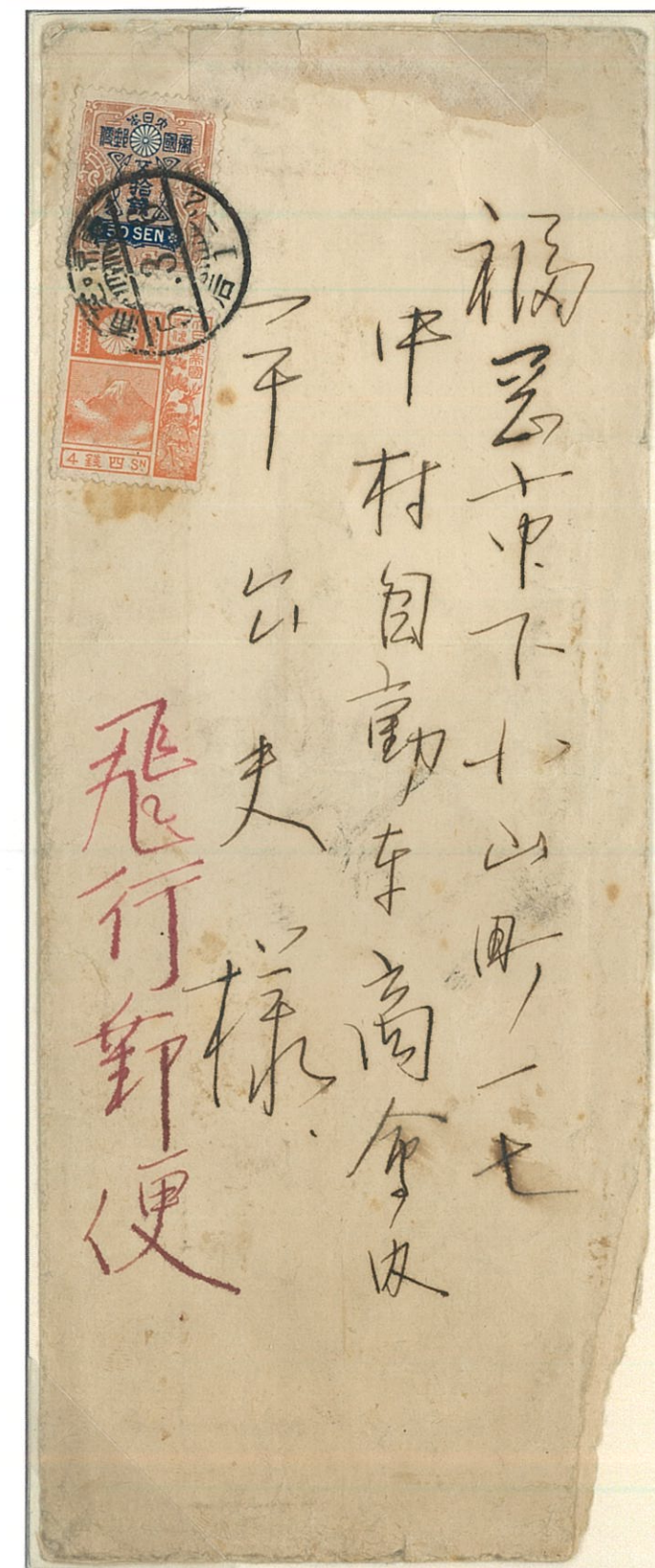


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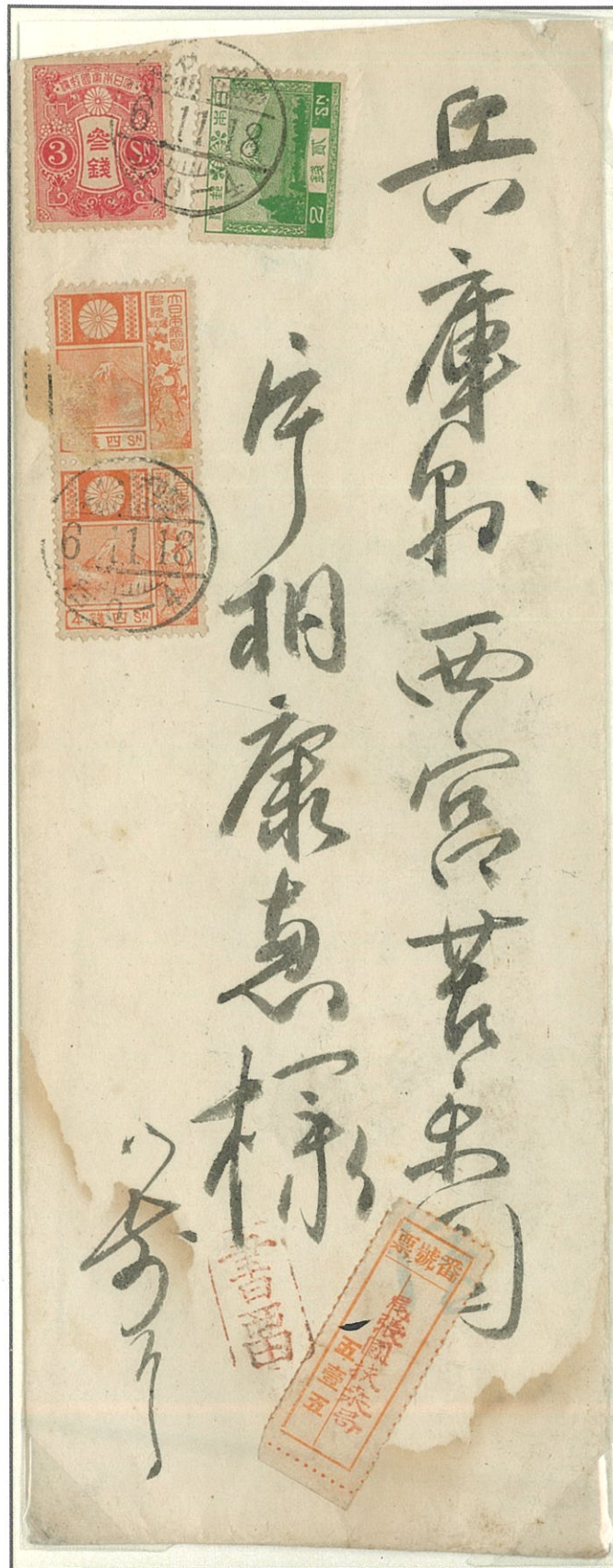


Franked with a 1929 50 Sen, tied by c.d.s.
Tokyo SHIBAURA to Fukuoka, 5 3 6 (1930)

54 Sen correctly paid for internal airmail letter
of the third weight step, $54 = 3 \times 3 + 15 \times 3$

4 Sen was applied for special letter rate from the affiliation region of Manchuria Railway to China

13 Sen Rate, Registered Letter



A vertical pair franked with e.t.c. tied by c.d.s. AICHI FUSO to Nishinomiya, Hyogo, 6.11.18 (1931)

13 Sen correctly paid for registered letter, including 10 Sen for registration fee.

Combination of Japan-China Stamps



MUKDEN to Harbin, China 7 1 13 (1932)

4 Sen correctly paid for special letter rate from the affiliation region of Manchuria Railway to China. Chinese post rejects Chinese stamp unfranked mails posted at the affiliation region of Manchuria Railway, thus Japan Mukden post office franked a Chinese 4 Cts. stamp, which was cancelled at China Mukden post office on the same day.

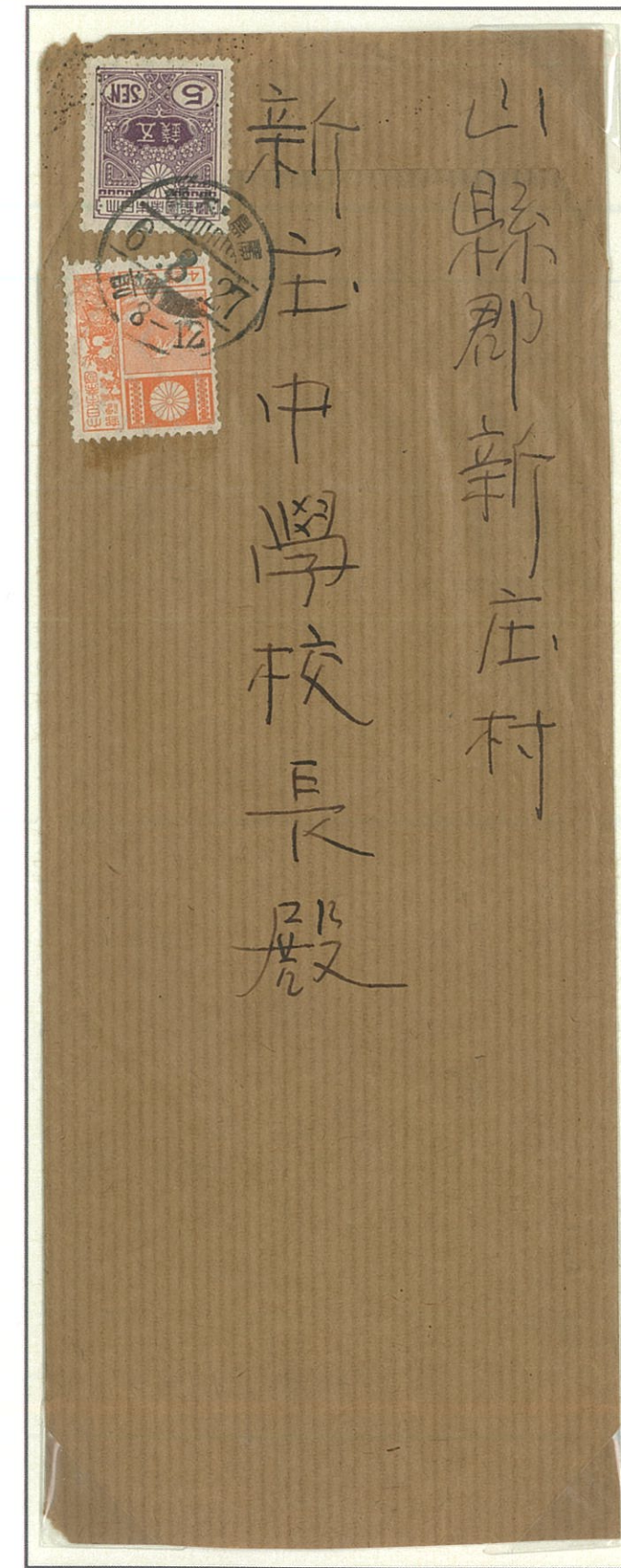
Underpaid Postcard from Manchuria



Tied by roman letter c.d.s. in purple, CHANGCHUN I.J.P.O. to Frankfurt / Germany, 5 6 31

4 Sen underpaid by 2 Sen for surfaced postcard. Manuscript "10" was written in red with "ctm T" in violet at Changchun post office to show the double insufficient amount in UPU centime rate.

9 Sen Rate, Triple Weight Letter



Franked with a 5 Sen, tied by cds HIROSHIMA OTOMO to Yamagata, 6 8 27 (1931)
9 Sen correctly paid for a triple weight letter

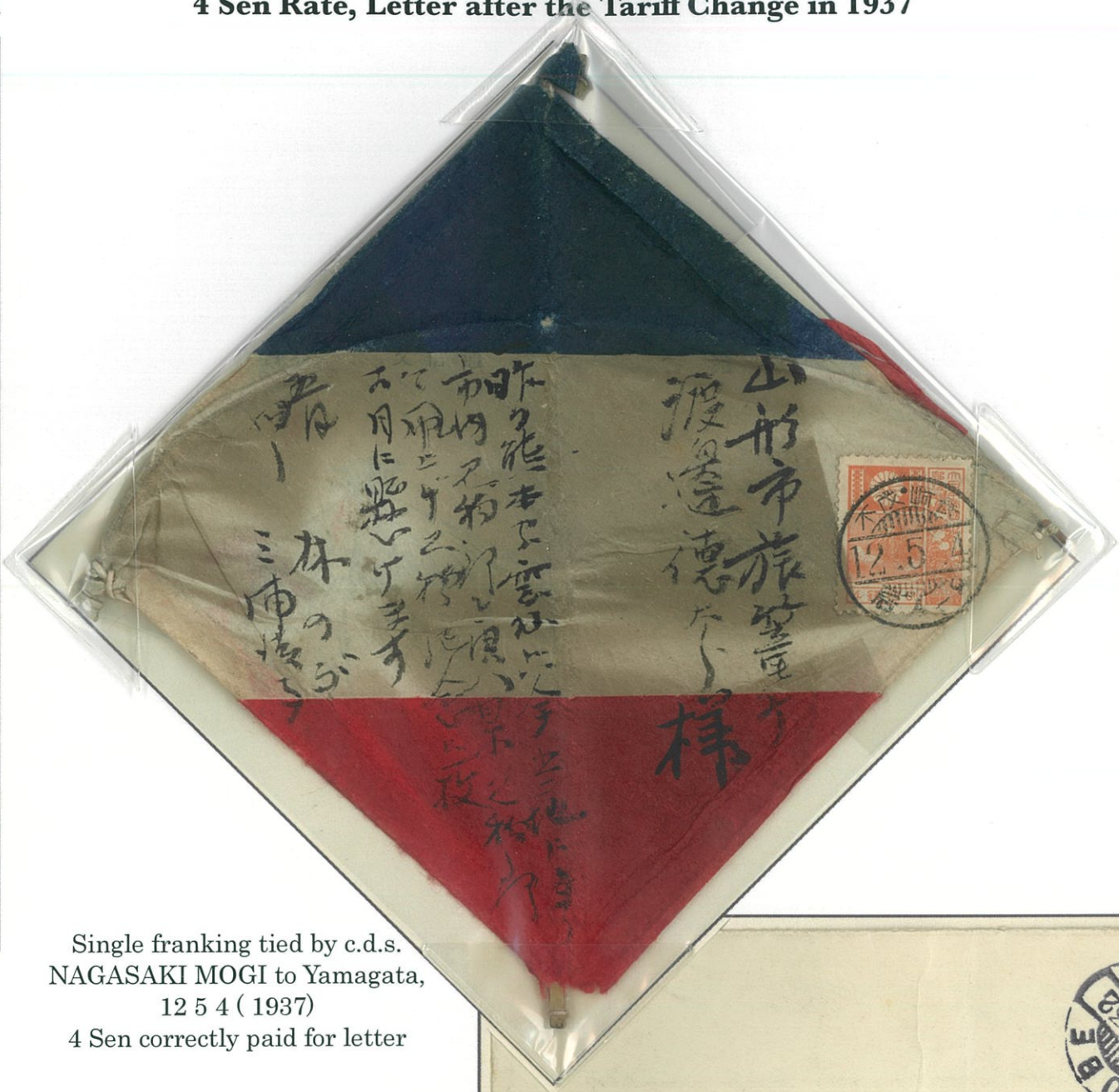
The earliest usage recorded is December 7th, 1931, it was thought to be produced between 1930 and 1937

9.5 Sen Rate, Regional Express Postcard



A pair of 4 Sen uprating 1930 1.5 Sen postal card
NAGOYA OIKE to Sasajima, 11.11.19 (1936)
8 Sen correctly paid for express fee.

4 Sen Rate, Letter after the Tariff Change in 1937



Single franking tied by c.d.s.
NAGASAKI MOGI to Yamagata,
12 5 4 (1937)
4 Sen correctly paid for letter

10 Sen Rate, Letter Sheet to Canada



Uprating 1930 3 Sen letter sheet with a 3 Sen, tied by roman letter c.d.s.
NAGASAKI to Montreal / Canada, 13 9 33



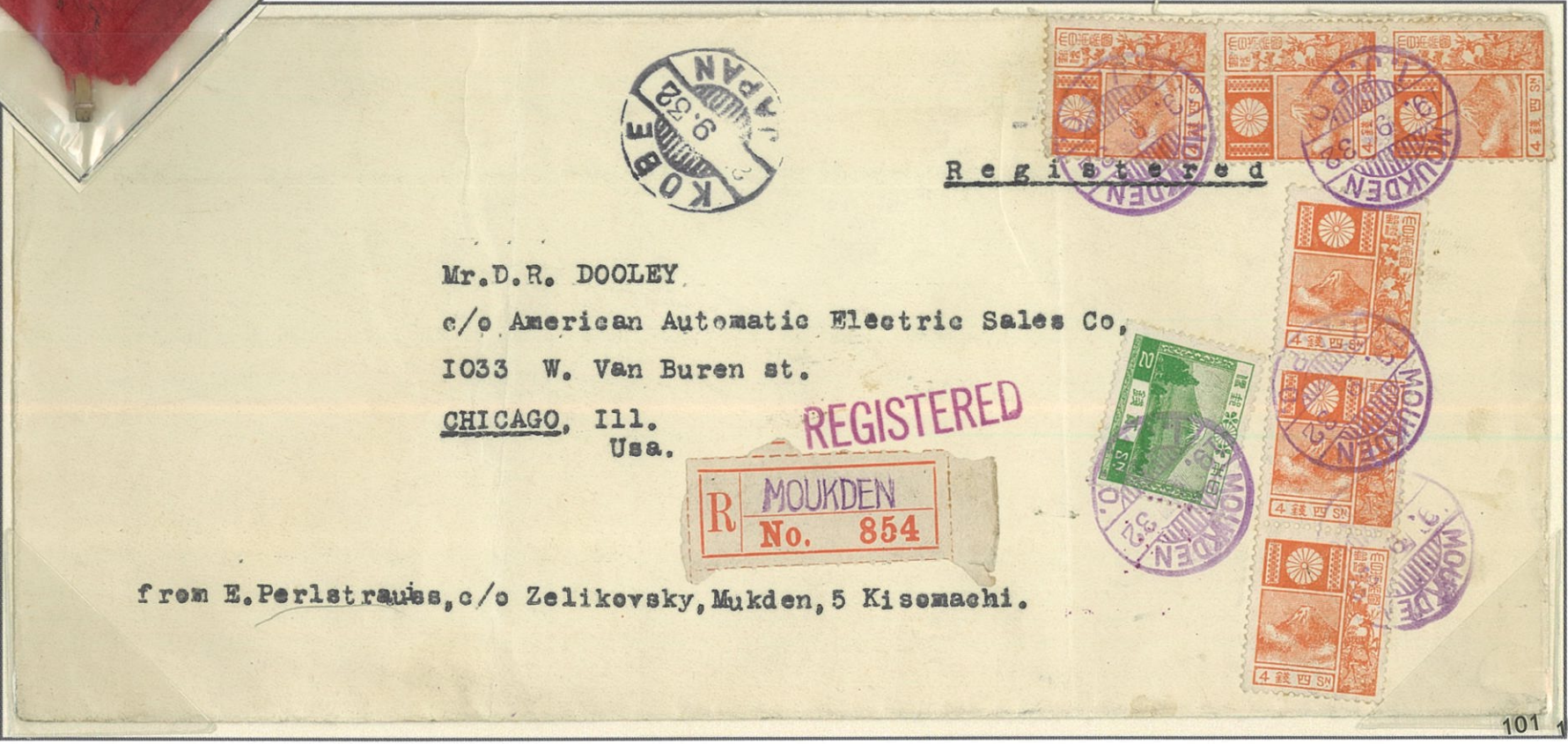
Pos.100 NARA TAKADA
7 8 19 (1932)

26 Sen Rate, Registered Letter to the US

Two Vertical strips of three, tied by roman letter c.d.s. in purple

MOKUDEN / IJPO - Kobe -
Chicago / USA, 9 9 32

26 Sen correctly paid for
registered letter, 26 = 10 + 16



**Combination Franking
with Chinese Stamps**

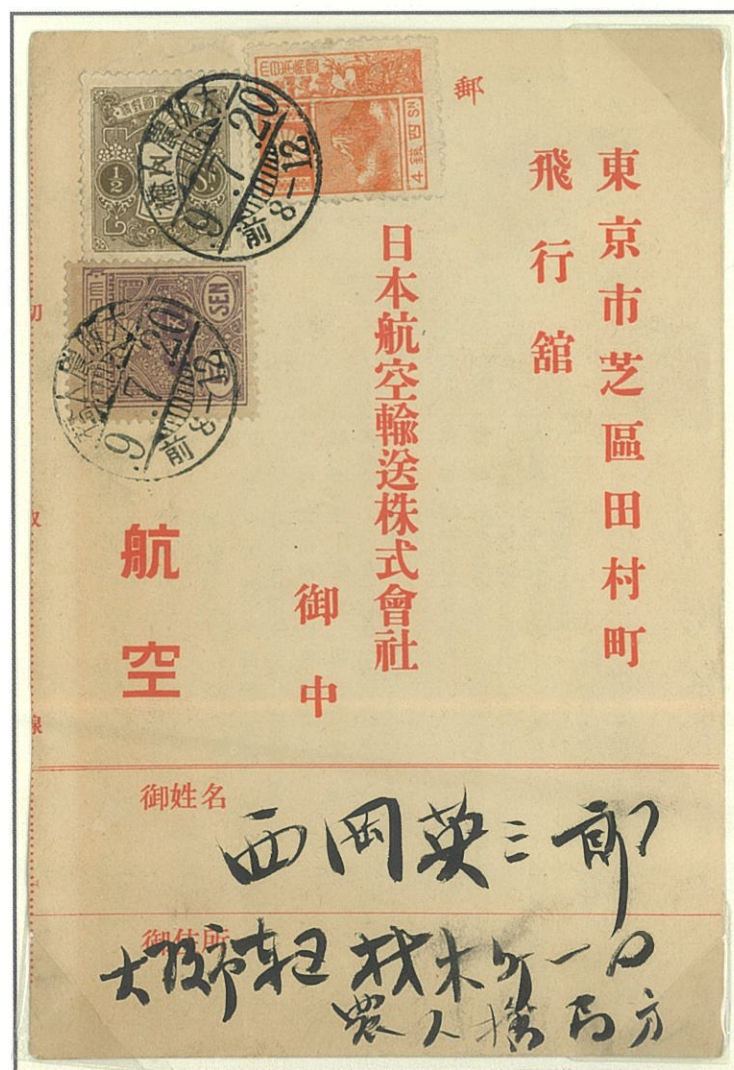
**9.5 Sen Rate, Internal
Airmail Post Card**



A vertical pair franking tied by roman letter c.d.s. in purple
MOKUDEN to Shanghai / China, 31 5 33

It was carried to Shanghai IJPO and a vertical pair of Chinese 4 f was franked there and was passed to Chinese Shanghai post office, where tri-sectioned c.d.s. cancel the Chinese stamps on June 8th.

8 Sen correctly paid for surface printed matter of the fourth weight step, $8 = 2 \times 4$



Franked with a 5 Sen and
0.5 Sen, tied by cds

OSAKA NOUNIN-BASHI
to Tokyo, 9.7.20 (1934)

9.5 Sen correctly paid for
internal airmail post card,
 $9.5 = 1.5 + 8$

**80 Sen Rate,
Quadruple Weight Letter**

20 copies including blocks of 10 and 6
franking tied by roman letter c.d.s.

KOBE - Steam Ship Canberra Maru
- Melbourne / Australia, 28 4 37

80 Sen correctly paid for letter of the
fourth weight step, 1937, $80 = 20 \times 4$



This stamp was not on sale at post offices until the stock of the former 20 Sen blue stamp was sold out.

- Printing Pane Varieties -

The First Year Usage



KYOTO GONOKUCHI
4 11 9 (1929)



pos.91



pos. 87/99 (a)



pos. 87/99 (b)

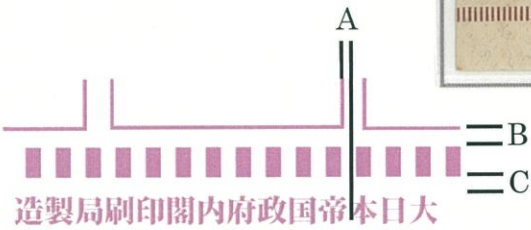


pos. 97/99 (c)

sample	A	B	C
a	0.1	3.5	1.3
b	0.5	3.0	1.4
c	1.0	3.0	1.0

Width of each distance (mm)

Each multiples came from different panes.

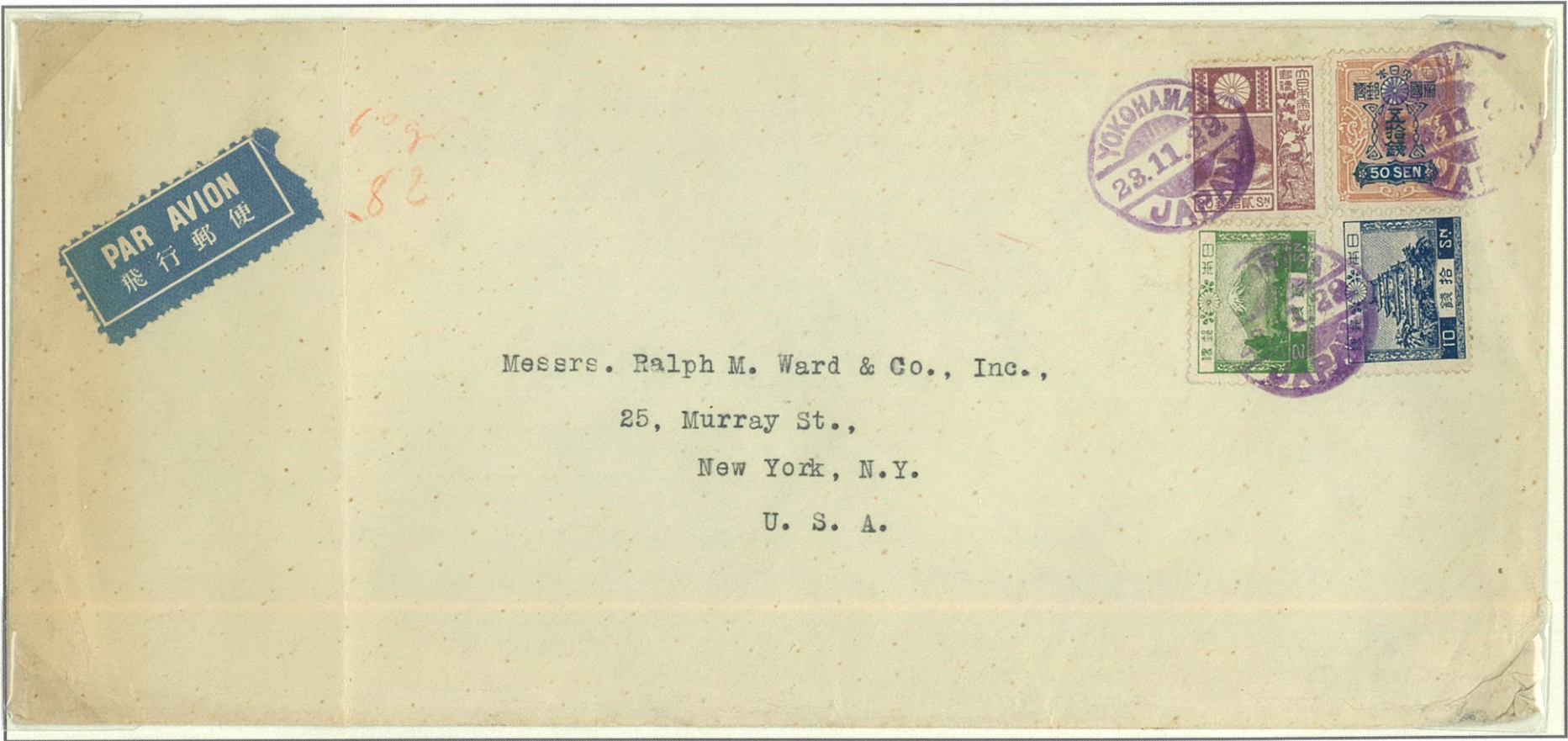


The Largest Multiple



KOBE
12 1 30 (Showa 5)

Early Usage in November 1929



82 Sen in total franked and tied by roman letter c.d.s. in purple
YOKOHAMA to New York, 23 11 29

The sender's caluculation was red manuscripted as 82 Sen on the upper-left for airmail letter of the weight of 60g, it cost, however, 90 Sen and then it was treated as a surface letter of the third weight step, 30 = 10*3

The First Year Usage



GIFU KITAKATA
4 12 24 (1929)



A perfined block C.C.
KOBE 8 1 (19)33

No 20 Sen rate was in international tariff then, however as it's a nice round number, it was used more than the other two denomination stamps .

1 Yen 46 Sen Rate, Airmail Registered
Sample of no Value

62 Sen Rate, Sextuple Weight Registered Letter



A vertical strip of three franked with 2 Sen, tied by roman letter roller cancellation
DAIREN / IJPO - Changchun - Berlin / Germany, 1 6 31
62 Sen correctly paid for sextuple weight registered surface letter, 62 = 10 + 6*6 + 16



ANGAUR 7 6 27 (1932)
Mandate territory



DAIREN NISHI HIROBA
6 7 15 (1931)
Liaodong peninsula

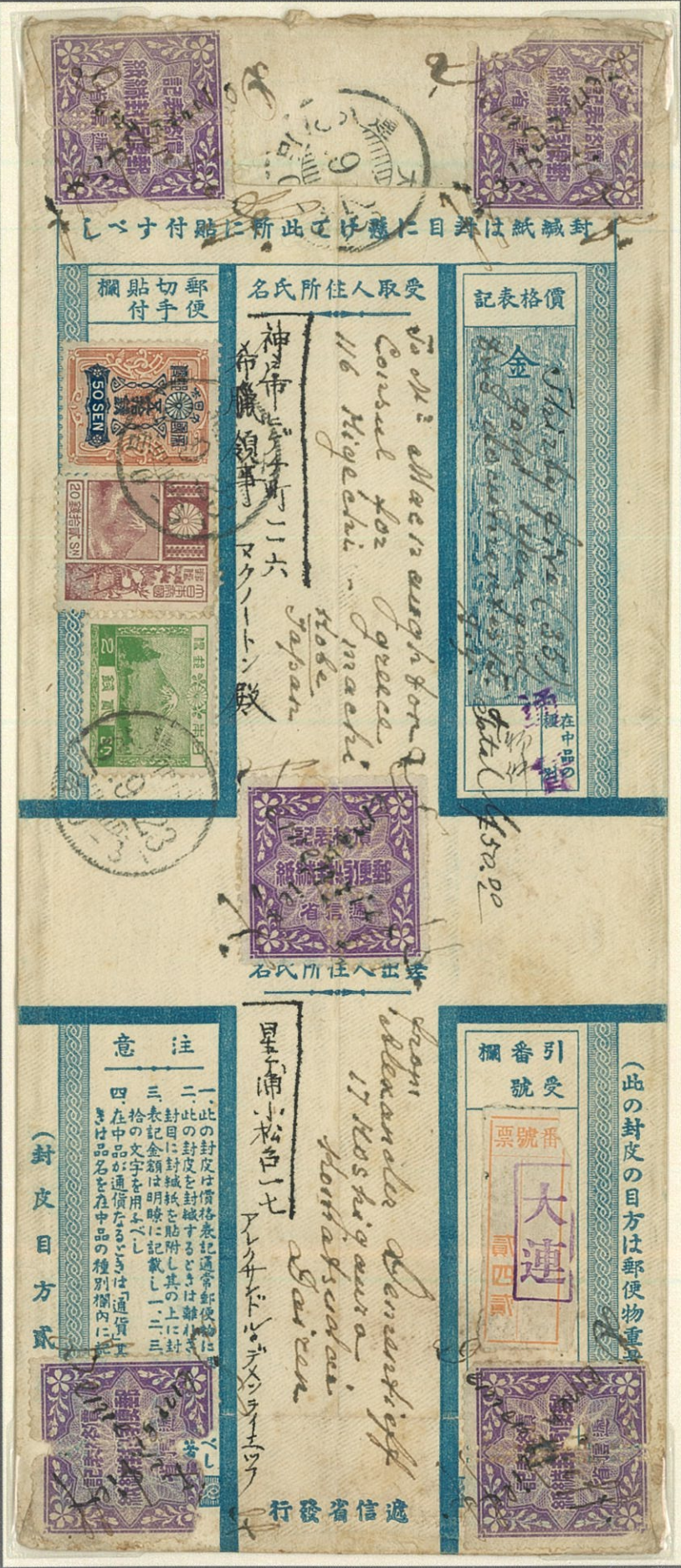


Double franked with 1, 5 & double 50 Sen, tied by roman letter c.d.s.
KOBEE - Changchun - (air) - Moscow - (air) - Königsberg - (air) - Danzig - (air) - Berlin - (air) - Kassel - (air) - Köln - (air) - London, 1 2 30 (Showa 5)

1 Yen 46 Sen correctly paid for airmail registered sample of no value of the weight between 220g and 240g
4 for sample of no value of the weight up to 100g, 2 for additional fee per each 50g, multiplied by three,
16 for registration fee, and 10 for airmail fee via siberia to Europe per each 20 g, multiplied by 12.

Franked with 2 Sen, and 1929 50 Sen, DAIREN to Kobe, 6.9.23 (1931)
72 Sen correctly paid for value declared mail sending 50 Yen in cash.

72 Sen Rate, Value Declared Letter from Dairen



Early Impression

The printing plate produced from DIE II was thought to be used between 1931 and 1937, and arabic gum was used only for the earliest impression, and it was replaced by dextrin gum.

- Gum Varieties -

The Earliest Impression

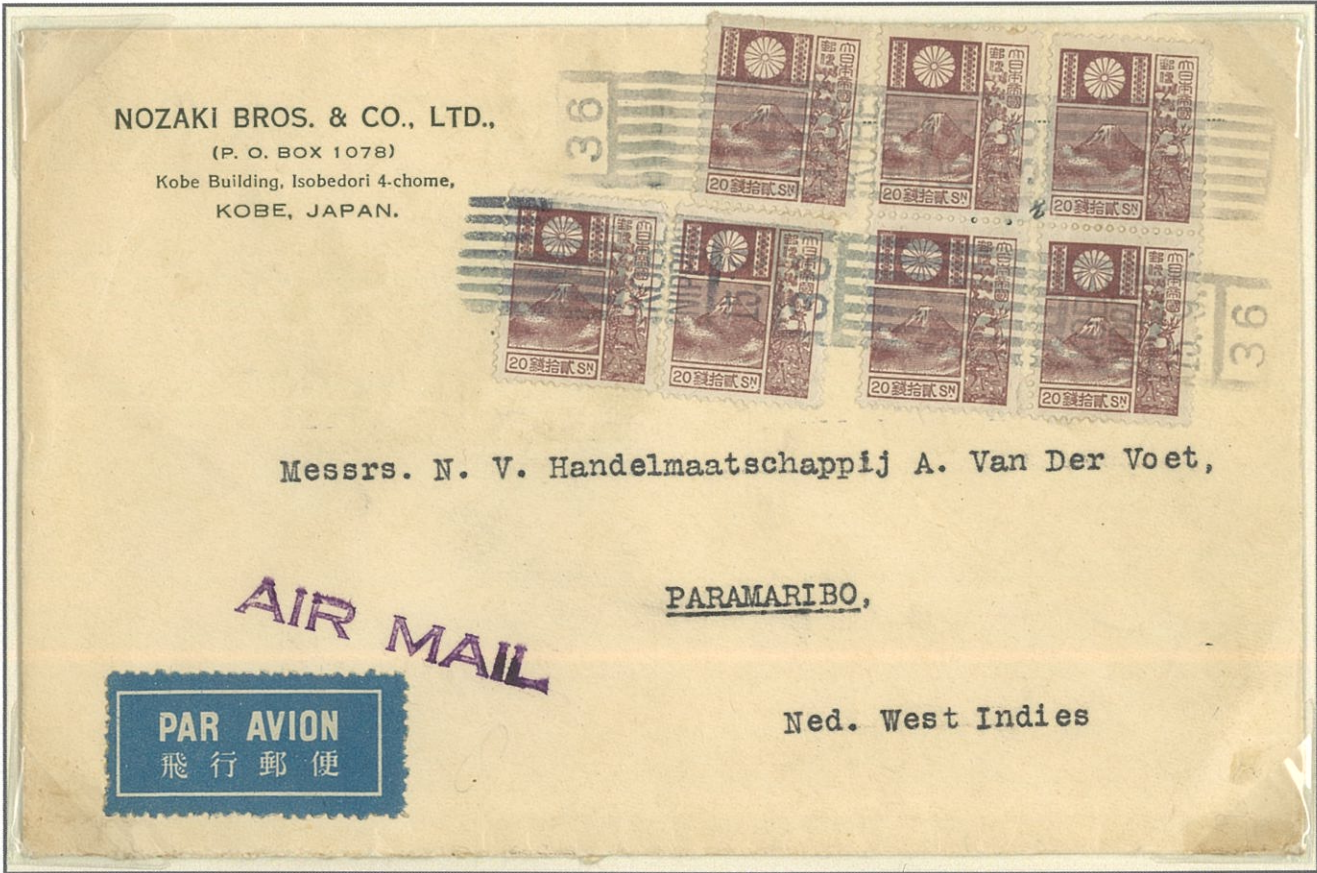


pos. 97/99
arabic gum



Dextrin gum

1 Yen 40 Sen Rate, Airmail Letter to Ned. West Indies



Sextuple Franking, tied by roman letter roller cancellation
KOBE - San Francisco - (air) - Paramaribo / Netherland West Indies, 15 9 1936
1 Yen 40 Sen correctly paid for airmail letter to Ned Guiana (nowadays Surinam), 140 = 10 + 130

43 Sen Rate, Express Letter Sheet



A pair of 20 Sen uprating 1930 3 Sen letter sheet
OGAKI to Imao, 9.11.2 (1934)
40 Sen correctly paid for express fee, 10 for
registration fee and 30 for special delivery
fee of the distance of under 2 ri.

Photo of red framed marks (80%)

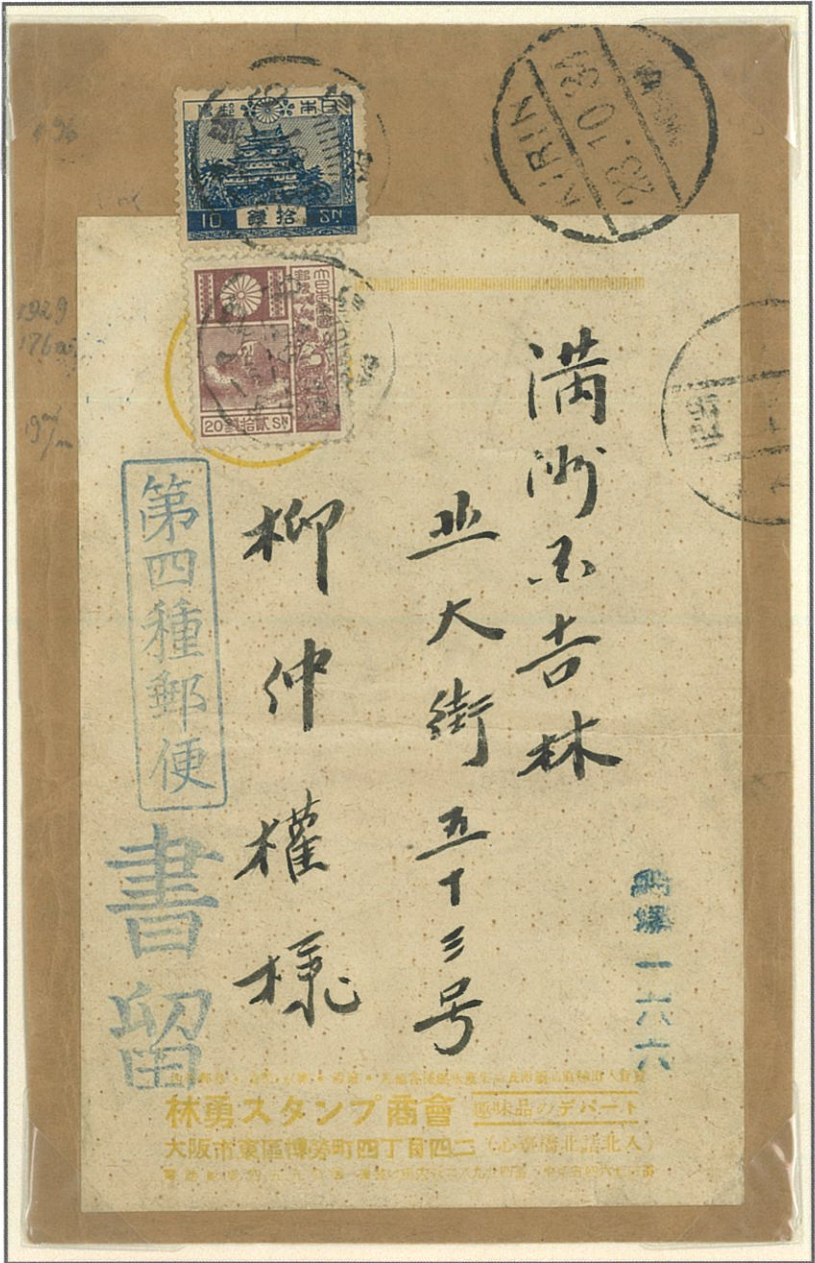


Express



Registration

30 Sen Rate, Registered 4th Class Mail to Manchuria



Franked with a 10 Sen, tied by c.d.s.
SENBA to Kirin, 9 10 13
30 Sen correctly paid for registered 4th class
mail of the 7th weight step, 30 = 2*7 + 16

1934-1937 Impression

The shade was changed into deep claret in 1934

TAIHOKU / TAIWAN / NIPPON
4 12 37

pos. 87/99



pos. 86/100

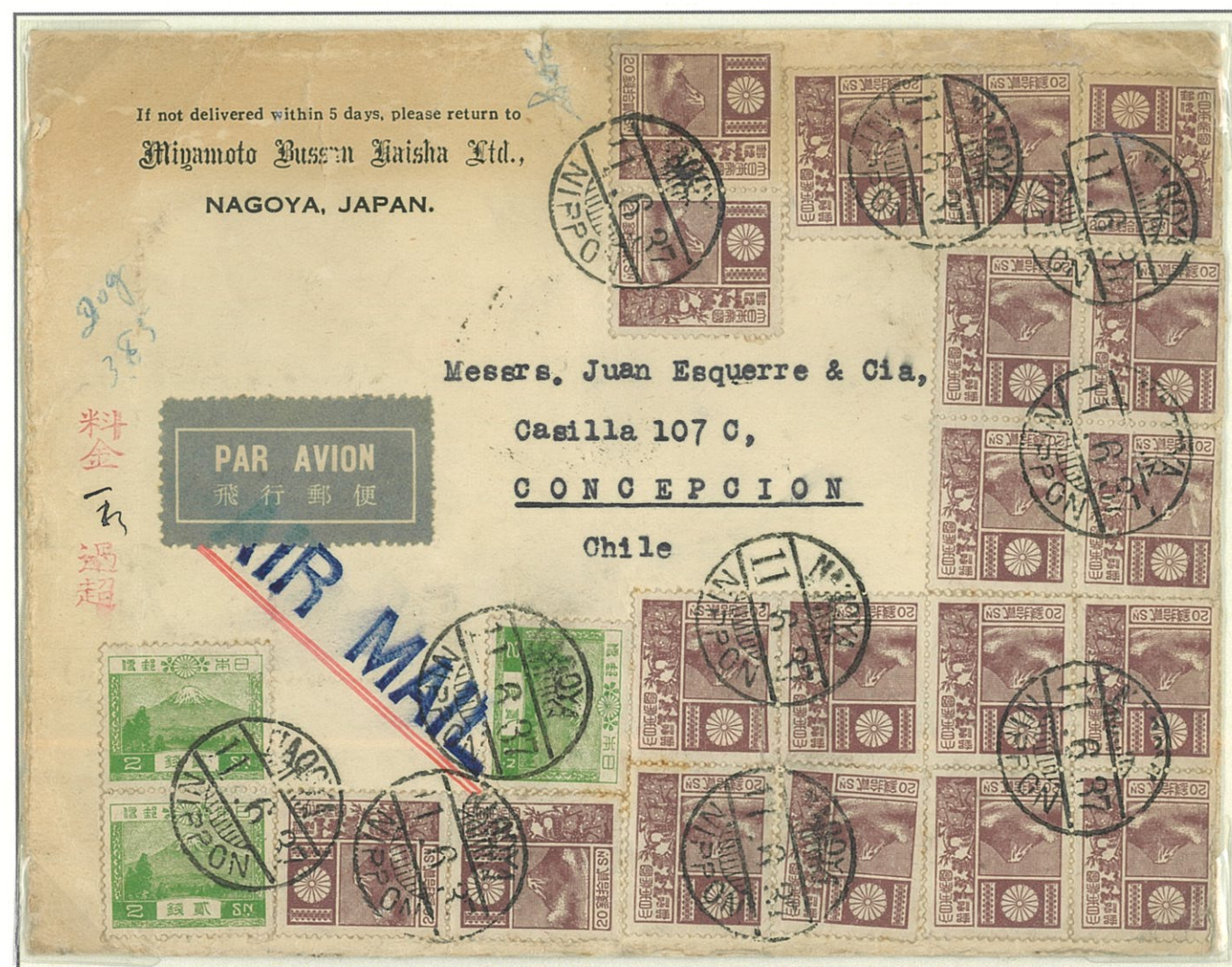


pos. 9/20



FUKUOKA 12 8 12 (1937)

3 Yen 85 Sen Rate, Airmail Letter to Chile

19 times franking with triple 2 Sen tied by roman letter cds
NAGOYA to Concepcion / Chile via the US, 11 6 (1937)
Airmail fee between the US and Chile is 3 Yen 65 Sen after 1937.4.1

Early Usage

Double franking with double 1 Yen and 6 Sen, tied by roman letter c.d.s.
YOKOHAMA - (Steam ship Empress of Japan) - Seattle - (air) - Miami
- (air) - San Juan - (air) - Sao Paulo / Brazil, 3 8 34
2 Yen 46 Sen correctly paid for registered airmail letter to Brazil, including 2 Yen 20 Sen for airmail fee