

## Royalty

Commemorative stamps honoring the royalty of Annam, Cambodia and Laos were issued in the 1942-44 period. The stamps promoted the theme of national identity.



BAO-DAI  
EMPOROR OF ANNAM



NAM-PHUONG  
EMPRESS OF ANNAM

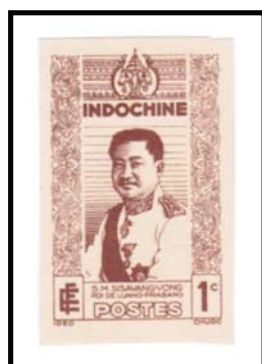


NORODOM SIHANOUK  
KING OF CAMBODIA



SISAVANG-VONG  
KING OF LAOS

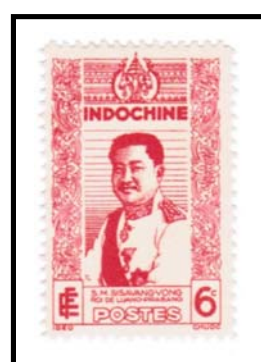
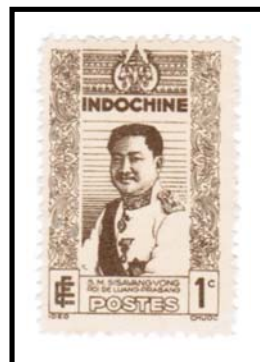
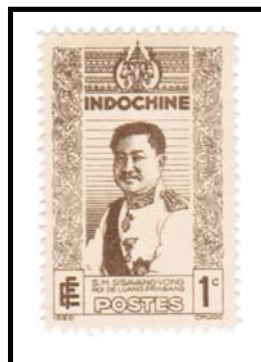
## Royalty Imperforate Varieties



## Royalty Shades

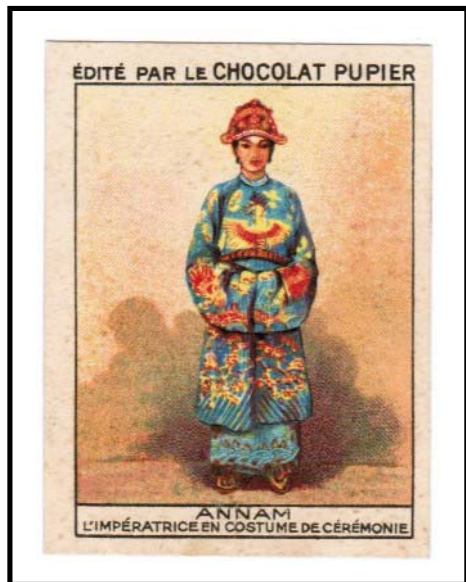


## Royalty Shades



## Nam Phuong Design

On 20 March 1934, at the imperial city of Hue, Bao Dai married Jeanne Marie-Thérèse (Mariette) Nguyen Huu-Hao Thi Lan (1914-1963), who was renamed Hoang Hau Nam Phuong, or Empress "Perfume of the South." She gave birth to two princes, Bao-Long, the crown prince and Bao-Thang, and three princesses: Phuong-Mai, Phuong-Lien, and Phuong-Dung. Empress Nam-Phuong died in France on 19 September 1963.



Trade card picturing the Nam-Phuong in ceremonial garb.



Period postcard showing Nam-Phuong, Empress of Annam, in similar pose to that depicted on her commemorative stamp

## Nam Phuong Design

The commemorative stamp on this photographic postcard of an older Nam Phuong was tied with a North Vietnam postmark in 1949.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI R.P. NORD VIET NAM 8-3 49

REVERSE

HANOI R.P. NORD VIET NAM 8-3 49

## Nam-Phuong Varieties



NORMAL



DOUBLE IMPRESSION



WATERMARK IN SELVEDGE

## Nam Phuong Postmarks

### ANNAM



BLAO



HA-TINH



HUE



NHATRANG



NINH HOA



QUINHON A HANOI



TOURANE

# Nam Phuong Postmarks

## COCHINCHINA



CAITAUTHUONG



CAMAU



CAP SĨ JACQUES



LONGTHANH



SAIGON-CENTRAL



TRANGBOM



VINHLONG

## SLOGANS



## Nam Phuong Postmarks

### TONKIN



BAC-NINH



HANOI



HANOI ENTREPOT P.T.T.



CAO-BANG



HAI-PHONG



NAM-DINH



THAI-NGUYEN

### RURAL



## Nam-Phuong Usage

During World War II, censors within the postal service randomly opened internal mail. After examination, envelopes were resealed with paper tape and handstamped so that inspectors knew when an envelope had already been checked.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI R.P. TONKIN 27-12 42

OUVERT PAR L'AUTORITE MILITAIRE football

censor's resealing tape

G# in circle

REVERSE

HAI-PHONG TONKIN 28-12 42

Nam-Phuong  
Usage

An underpaid bank mailing from Dalat to Tokyo was apparently accepted with only 6 cents postage in 1943. A handwritten note indicates that the letter was in transit for over two months.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
DALAT ANNAM 10-4 43  
bank censorship exemption handstamp  
REVERSE  
HAI-PHONG TONKIN 13-4 43

## Bao Dai

After assuming the throne in 1926, Bao Dai ruled in the shadow of his French masters. In 1945, he was forced to abdicate in the face of rebellion led by the Viet Minh. In 1949, with the support of Western governments, he was restored to the throne only to abdicate again in 1955. He died at a military hospital in Paris in 1997.



Trade card depicting Bao-Dai in ceremonial garb.



Period postcard shows Bao-Dai, the French Governor-General and the mayor of Haiphong reviewing the troops.

## Bao Dai Design

Bao Dai was a pivotal player in the independence of Vietnam. Interestingly, the Bao Dai stamp on this photographic postcard with his image was tied with handstamp commemorating Vietnam's independence.



NGÀY HOÀN-TOÀN ĐỘC-LẬP CỦA VIỆT-NAM  
SIGNATURE DES CONVENTIONS INTER-ETATS  
INDEPENDANCE DU VIET-NAM  
23 DECEMBRE 1950

### POSTAL MARKINGS

HANOI NORD VIETNAM 23-12 1950  
slogan handstamp

### REVERSE

HANOI NORD VIETNAM 23-12 1950

Bao-Dai  
1/2 cent Bao-Dai Varieties



DOUBLY PERFORATED HORIZONTALLY



DOUBLY PERFORATED VERTICALLY

## Bao-Dai Varieties



LIGHT SHADE



DARK SHADE



DOUBLY PERFORATED HORIZONTALLY

Bao-Dai  
Postmarks on ½ cent



HANOI D.



HANOI R. P.

# Bao-Dai Postmarks on 6 cents



BAC-NINH



BANMETHUOT



DO-LUONG



HAGIANG



HOA-BINH



HANOI ENTREPOT PTT



HUE



KON-TUM



NAM DINH



NINH-BINH



PAKSE



PHANTHET

# Bao-Dai Postmarks on 6 cents



PHAT-DIEM



PHU-LY



QUANG-NGAI A HANOI



THUDUC



TOURANE



TRACU



VIENTIANE



MO-CAY



HANOI A



VIET-TRI

Bao-Dai  
Postmarks on 6 cents

SLOGANS



Bao-Dai  
Use of 1/2 cent

A pair of ½-cent Bao-Dai stamps was favor canceled on 9 March 1945, the day of the Japanese military takeover of Indochina.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
HUE ANNAM 9-3 45

Bao-Dai  
Mixed Use of 1/2 cent

Indochinese stamps were demonetized at the end of April 1952. Nonetheless, a 1/2-cent Bao-Dai stamp was combined with a 40-cent Vietnamese stamp also commemorating Bao-Dai to create a philatelic souvenir in 1954.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON PHILATELIE VIET-NAM 15-6 1954

Bao-Dai  
Faked Cover with ½ cent

In the 1960s, covers in the style of American first day covers, with a printed image, stamp-related image on the left-hand side, were sold to soldiers serving in Vietnam as well as to other collectors.



Bao-Dai  
Use of 6 cents

During most of World War II, the local letter rate was 6 cents. For that reason, at least one value from each part of the royalty stamp series was printed with a 6-cent denomination.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
CANTHO COCHINCHINE 30-10 42

## Bao Dai Use of 6 cents

A block of six 6-cent Bao Dai commemoratives contributed to the postage on a 1942 mailing from a rural post office at Yenphonghuyen via Bac-Ninh to Shanghai, China.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

POSTE RURALE PROVINCE DE BAC-NINH YENPHONGHUYEN  
BAC-NINH TONKIN 21-9 42

### REVERSE

BAC-NINH TONKIN 21-9 42

## Annamite Royalty State Visit Envelope

Specially printed envelopes were prepared to commemorate the first official visit of Bao-Dai and Nam-Phuong to Phnompenh on 22 November 1942.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

PHNOM-PENH CAMBODGE 22-11 42

REVERSE

PHNOM-PENH CAMBODGE 22-11 42

## Annamite Royalty State Visit Handstamp

In addition to printed stationery, commemorative envelopes were also prepared with a handstamp marking that recognized the first official visit by the titular rulers of Annam.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

PNOM-PENH CAMBODGE 22-11 42

REVERSE

PNOM-PENH CAMBODGE 22-11 42

## Annamite Royalty First Day of Issue

The first day of issue for the stamps honoring Annamite royalty was 1 September 1942.



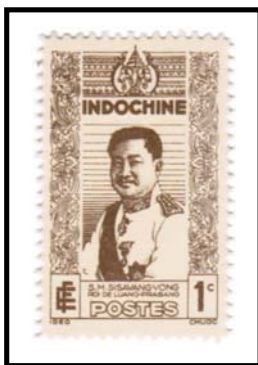
POSTAL MARKINGS  
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 1-9 42  
REVERSE  
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 1-9 42

## Sisavang Vong

Sisavang Vong (1885 - 1959) was the twelfth and last king of Luang Prabang (1904-1945) and first king of the Kingdom of Laos (1945-1959). Sisavang Vong was born in Luang Prabang, son of Zakarine, the King of Luang Prabang. He fathered 27 children by 15 wives. His son, Sri Savang Vatthana, succeeded him as ruler of Laos, but was never crowned.



Imperforate essay in trial color.



As-issued stamp.



POSTCARD SHOWS SISAVANG VONG SITTING ON THE THRONE OF LUANG-PRABANG SOON AFTER BEING CROWNED KING.

Sisavang-Vong  
Variety of 1 cent



Accent above "C" in "INDOCHINE"  
(bottom right)

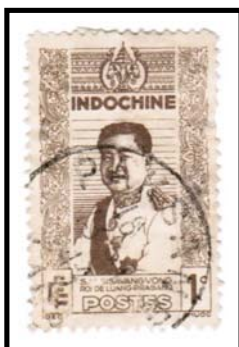
# Sisavang-Vong Postmarks on 1 cent



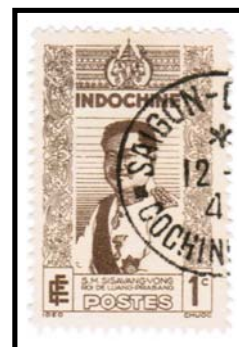
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LUANG-PRABANG

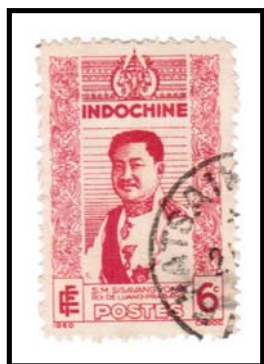


PAKSANE



SAIGON-CENTRAL

# Sisavang-Vong Postmarks on 6 cents



HATSAIKHOUNE



SAIGON-PRINCIPAL



PAKSONG



TCHEPONE



CAMP DE KHANG-KHAY



VIENTIANE

Sisavang-Vong  
First Day of Issue of 1 cent

Even for the same monarch, the Royalty commemoratives were issued on different dates. The 1-cent Sisavang-Vong stamp was issued on 10 March 1943, the same day as the 1-cent Sihanouk stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PNOM-PENH CAMBODGE 10-3 43  
REVERSE  
PNOM-PENH CAMBODGE 10-3 43

Sisavang-Vong  
First Day of Issue of 1-cent

A cover with a mixture of 1-cent Sisavang-Vong and 1-cent Sihanouk stamps were postmarked on 10 March 1943, the first day of issue for both stamps. The internal letter rate was 6 cents until 1 December 1943.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 10-3 43  
REVERSE  
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 11-3 43

Sisavang-Vong  
First Day of Issue of 6 cents

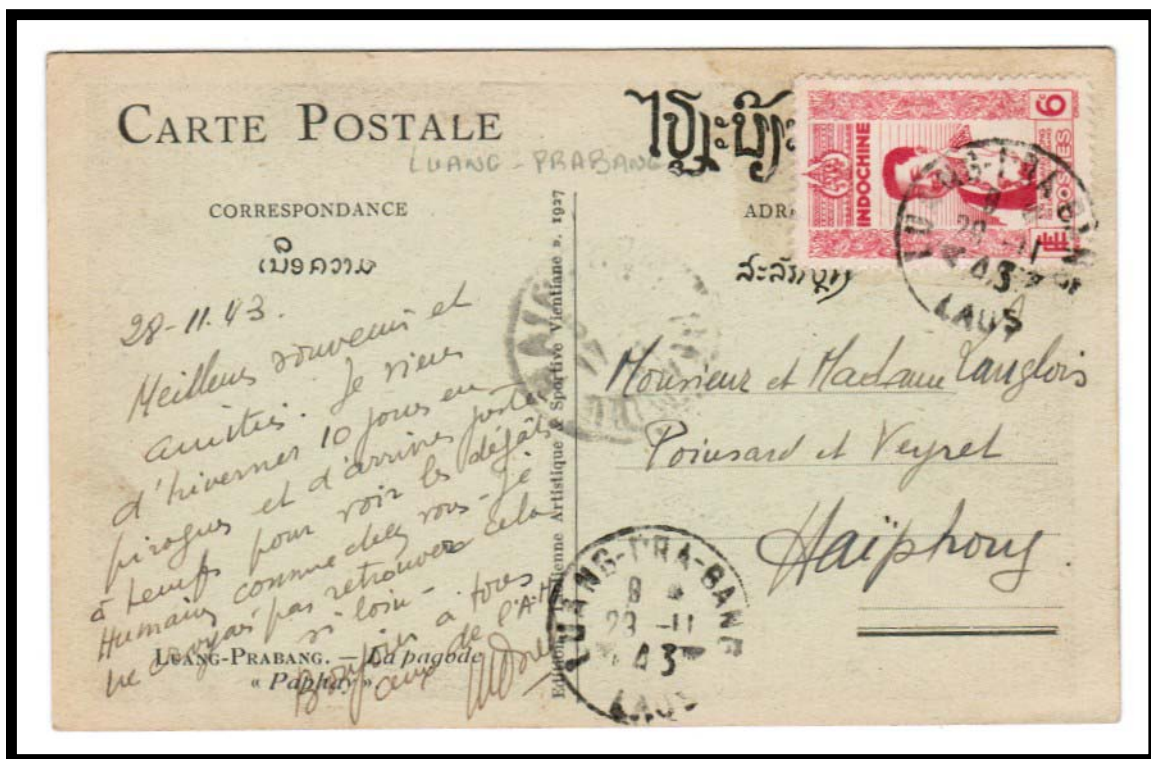
The 6-cent Sisavang-Vong stamp was issued on 1 June 1943. It was the last stamp from the royalty series to have been released for sale to the public.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 1-6 43  
REVERSE  
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 1-6 43

# Sisavang-Vong Use of 6 cents

The internal postcard rate remained at 6 cents throughout World War II. Here a 6-cent Sissavang-Vong commemorative paid the postage for mailing a postcard from Luang-Pra-Bang, Laos to Haiphong in 1943.



## POSTAL MARKINGS

LUANG-PRA-BANG LAOS 29-11 43  
HAIPHONG TONKIN 17-12 43

## Sisavang-Vong Use of 6 cents

The 6-cent Sisavang-Vong commemorative contributed to the postage for a postwar registered airmail letter sent from Saigon to Auckland, New Zealand in 1947.



### POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON R.P. COCHINCHINE 5-8 47  
registration label

### REVERSE

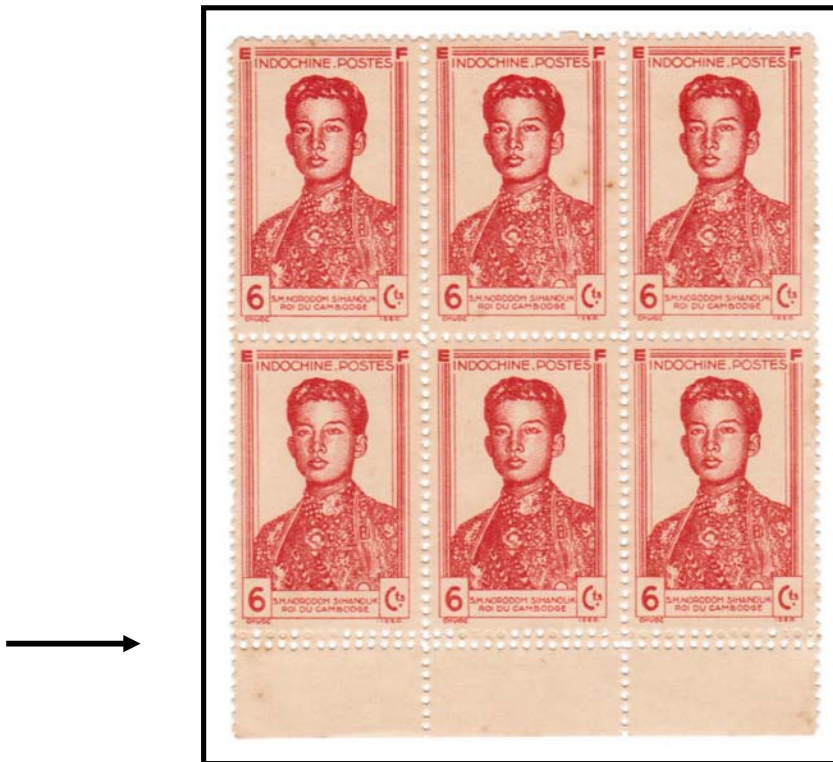
SAIGON R.P. COCHINCHINE 5-8 47

## Sisavang-Vong Faked Cover

The faked cover for the Sisavang-Vong issue bears a "VIENTIANE R." postmark. Presumably, the creator forgot to include the "P." for the abbreviation of "Recette Principal."



## Sihanouk Perforation Variety



DOUBLY PERFORATED HORIZONTALLY

## Sihanouk Postmarks



SAIGON-CENTRAL



CHOLONBINHTAY



CUCHI

## Sihanouk First Day of Issue

A block of four 1-cent Sihanouk commemorative stamps was favor-canceled at Pnompenh on the first day of issue, 10 March 1943.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 10-3 43  
REVERSE  
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 10-3 43

## Sihanouk Use of 1 cent

Two 1-cent Sihanouk commemorative stamps contributed to the franking for an internal letter sent from Kompongcham, Cambodia to Saigon in July 1943. Effective 1 December 1943, the internal letter rate rose to 10 cents.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
KOMPONGCHAM CAMBODGE 9-7 43  
REVERSE  
PHNOMPENH CAMBODGE 43

## Sihanouk Use of 1 cent

In combination with a 4-cent definitive stamp, a strip of six 1-cent Sihanouk commemorative stamps paid the postage for internal letter rate at the end of 1943.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 21-12 43  
REVERSE  
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 29 DEC 43  
QUANG-TRI ANNAM 2-1 44

Sihanouk  
Use of 6 cents

The 6-cent Sihanouk stamp franks an internal letter from Kampot, Cambodia to Saigon, Cochinchina in 1943. Upon arrival in Saigon, the letter was opened and examined by censor "C5."



POSTAL MARKINGS

KAMPOT CAMBODGE 17-7 43

censor's resealing tape with C5 censor's signature stamp  
military authority football

REVERSE

PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 18-7 43

SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 19 JUIL 43

Sihanouk  
Use of 6 cents

Originally issued to serve the internal letter rate, a pair of 6-cent Sihanouk commemoratives paid the foreign postcard rate to Belgium in 1948.



POSTAL MARKINGS  
PHNOMPENH CAMBODGE 21-2 48

## Sihanouk Faked Cover

The creator of this faked cover for the Sihanouk issue adorned it with "PHNOMPENH R.P." postmarks. This postmark did not appear until the early 1950s, well after the 1944 date on the cover.

