The two stamps sold in 1942 to benefit University City were the first of several semi-postal issued for politically popular causes. In 1944, the low value was overprinted in black giving it a new denomination of 10 cents + 2 cents.



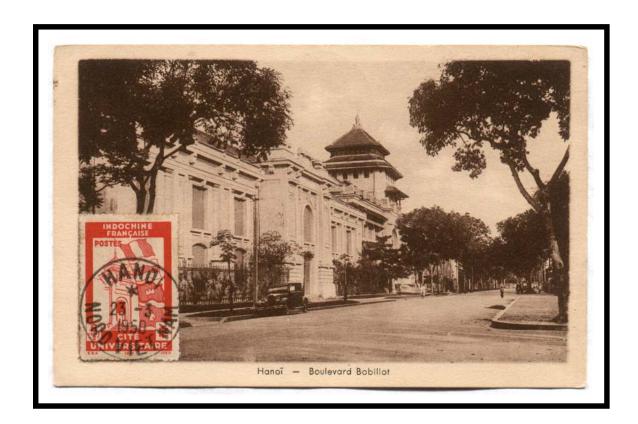




When overprinted, a serial number was applied in the bottom margin of the sheet.



A stamp-postcard combination represents an after-the-fact attempt to create a "maximum card." The postcard's caption makes no mention of the significance of the buildings on Boulevard Bobillot (now Lê Thánh Tông street).



POSTAL MARKINGS HANOI TONKIN 23-3 1950

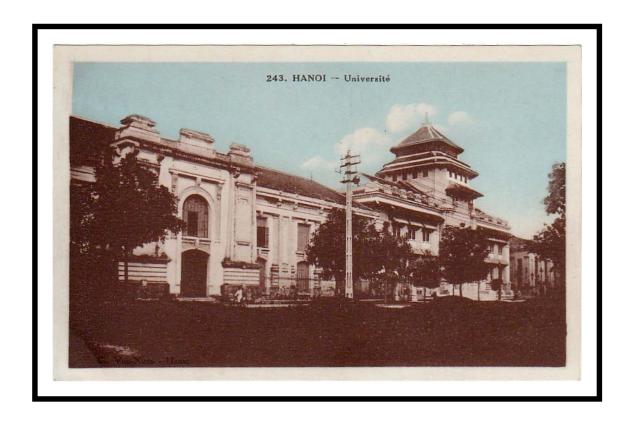
Early postcard depicting School of Medicine had arched entryway but lacked the two-level roof structure that was added later.



This postcard incorrectly locates Hanoi Université on Paul Bert Street. The particular building shown on the picture postcard had been the Magasins Generaux Debeaux Freres since 1885.

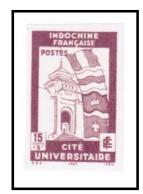


A two-color postcard is somewhat later than the other postcards. A telephone and power pole in the foreground dates the postcard's image.



University City Varieties





IMPERFORATE



PERFORATED 11



PERFORATED 14



PERFORATED 11



PERFORATED 14

University City Color Shades















University City Overprint Shifts









University City Postmarks



BINH-DINH ANNAM



DALAT ANNAM



TRANGBOM COCHINCHINE



TUYHOA ANNAM



VINHLONG COCHINCHINE



HANOI R.P. TONKIN



SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHIE



SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE

University City Postmarks



DALAT ANNAM



SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE



HANOI R.P. TONKIN



PLEIKU ANNAM



HANOI R.P. TONKIN

University City First Day of Issue

Two semi-postal stamps were sold starting on I June 1942 to benefit the University City in Hanoi.



POSTAL MARKINGS

PNOM-PENH CAMBODGE 1-6 42

REVERSE

PNOM-PENH CAMBODGE 1-6 42

University City First Day of Issue

The two University City commemoratives were used on the first day of issue for a local registered letter. Effective 16 April 1942, new postal rates had gone into effect. Postage for this letter was calculated as follows:

internal letter rate registration fee	0\$06
	0\$30
total	0\$36



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI A TONKIN 1-6 42
registration label
REVERSE

HANOI R. P. B^{IS} TONKIN 1-6 42 HANOI R. P. TONKIN 1-6 42

University City Use of 6 + 2 cents

The 6c + 2c University City semi-postal stamp paid for delivery of commercial correspondence in October, 1942.



POSTAL MARKINGS CHO-DIEN TONKIN 30-10 42 REVERSE

TUYEN-QUANG TONKIN 1-11 42 HANOI BIS TONKIN 3-11 42 HANOI R.P. TONKIN 3-11 42

University City Use of 6 + 2 cents

Effective 16 October 1944, the internal letter rate was increased from 10 cents to 15 cents. Evidently, this sender jumped the gun and franked his letter with 15 cents worth of postage the month before the increase went into effect.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 16-9 44
REVERSE
PNOMPENH CAMBODGE 18-9 44

University City Use of 15 + 5 cents

For an official wartime mailing from Mytho Province, the envelope had been constructed from folded ledger paper. A single copy of the high-value semi-postal stamp paid the postage.



POSTAL MARKINGS
MYTHO COCHINCHINE 15-9 42

University City Usage

Both values of the semi-postal series were favor cancelled on 20 December 1942, the opening day for the Saigon Fair.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-FOIRE-EXPOSITION 20-12 42

University City Usage

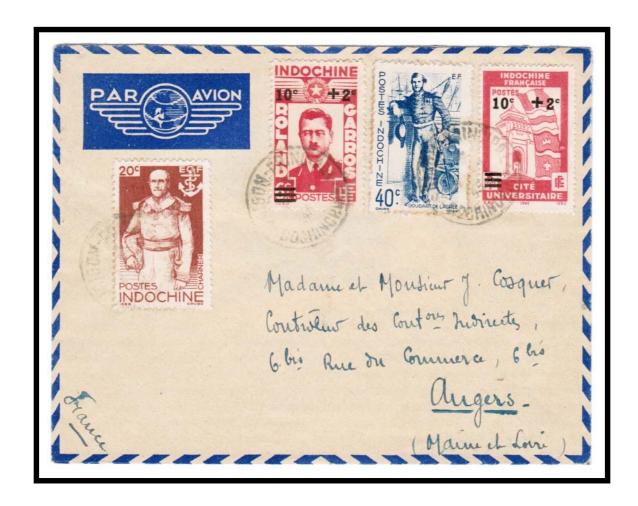
Occasionally, envelopes with printed cachets were prepared in conjunction with the introduction of new stamps.



POSTAL MARKINGS HANOI R.P. TONKIN 29-1 43

New Value University City Usage

The revalued University City semi-postal stamp contributed to the franking for this early postwar airmail letter to France in 1946.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 3-2 46
REVERSE
SAIGON-PRINCIPAL COCHINCHINE 3-2 46