

Gibraltar Opens 2014 with Year of the Horse



On January 30, Gibraltar began its 2014 stamp program with a se-tenant pair of Lunar New Year stamps. According to the Chinese Zodiac, 2014 is the Year of the Horse, beginning on January 31, 2014 and ending on February 18, 2015.

The spirit of the horse is recognized to be the Chinese people's ethos—making unremitting efforts to improve themselves. It is energetic, bright, warm-hearted, intelligent and able. Ancient people liked to designate an able person as “Qianli Ma”, a horse that covers a thousand li a day (one li equals 500 meters, or approximately 546 yards).

People born in the year of the horse are said to have ingenious communicating techniques and in their community they always want



to be in the limelight. They are clever, kind to others, and like to join in a venture career. They are cheerful, perceptive, talented, earthy but stubborn. They like entertainment and large crowds, are popular among friends, active at work and refuse to be reconciled to failure, although their endeavor cannot last indefinitely.

The Gibraltar stamps were issued in sheets of ten. They were printed by Cartor Security Printers using a four-color offset lithography process. Face value of the stamps are 50p and £1, and are available at face value from the World Online Philatelic Agency, which represents 21 stamp issuing postal administrations. To access the WOPA site, go to <http://www.wopa-stamps.com/>.