## **ICAO Philately - The Latest**

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In 2019, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) commemorated the 75th anniversary of the 1944 Convention on International Civil Aviation, also named Chicago Convention, which established the Organization. A prior article in the UNPI Journal (Vol. 43 #3, June 2019) had given an account of the various stamp issues related to this anniversary. Since then, two new issues are of interest to philatelists.

## MONGOLIA – 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADMISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

On October 26, 2021, Mongolia released a miniature sheet (Figure 1) commemorating the 60th anniversary of its admission to the United Nations (UN) in 1961.

Following the independence of Mongolia on January 5, 1946, the prime minister of the Mongolian People's Republic (MPR), Khorloogiin Choibalsan, applied for UN membership on June 24, 1946.

The entry of the Mongolian People's Republic (MPR) into the UN, from its first application in 1946, took 15 years. In the context of the global Cold War, UN membership became a tool to strengthen the influence of the USA and the Soviet Union. They sup-



Fig. 1: 2021 Miniature Sheet issued by Mongolia For the 60th Anniversary of Admission to the UN

ported the membership of their respective clients, while opposed it for clients of their adversary. Consequently, from 1947 to 1955, no new members joined the Organization for eight years.

However, the extension of UN membership to the newly independent African countries in the mid-1950s led to a US-Soviet struggle for allies among them. In conclusion, the MPR's admittance to the UN was the result of compromises of the two superpowers; on October 27, 1961, the General Assembly admitted the Mongolian People's Republic to the UN. On the same day, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania was admitted to the UN.

The miniature sheet consists of 6 stamps of 1000 \( \mathbb{T} \) each and represents a piece of history related to Mongolia, as detailed below (from left to right, and from top to bottom):

First stamp: Prime Minister Marshal Khorloogiin Choibalsan signing Mongolia's first application to join United Nations in 1946.

Second stamp: Golden Gerege; in the background: UN Headquarters building in New York. The Gerege was a tablet carried by Mongol officials and envoys to signify certain privileges and authority and to enable demanding goods and services from civilian populations.

Third stamp: Mongolia joined the United Nations as its 101st Member in 1961. Yumjaagiin Tsedenbal, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs addressing the UN General Assembly in 1961. Shown at the left of the eleven Delegates: Four people of the Mongolian Delegation after raising the country's flag in One UN Plaza in New York.

Fourth stamp: Mongolia's initiatives at the UN. As of 2022, Mongolia initiated more than 70 resolutions in the General Assembly, of which ten were adopted in the prior five years.

Fifth stamp: Displays the 60th anniversary logo of Mongolia's admission to the United Nations surrounded by the emblems of the various Organs, Organizations, and Specialized Agencies of the UN, including ICAO's logo.

The sixth stamp shows the 17 UN Goals to transform the world. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by all United Nations Member States in September 2015, provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 interlinked global Goals, which are an urgent call for action by all countries in a global partnership to transform the world.

In the margins, at the upper right is the state emblem (Figure 2), whereas four Mongolian flags, each twinned with a UN flag, embellish left and right of the sheet.



Fig. 2: State Emblem of Mongolia

## REPUBLIC OF KOREA - 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADMISSION TO ICAO

A miniature sheet (Figure 3) was issued to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the admission of Korea to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). It was released on the occasion of a three-day Legal Seminar held in Seoul, Republic of Korea from April 12, to April 14, 2022, and consists of a square of 14 stamps surrounding a central label.

The Republic of Korea became a Member of ICAO on December 11, 1952. As of May 2022, Korea has been a member state of the ICAO Council for seventh straight terms since 2001.

The Hangeul characters (Enlarged in Figure 4) found in the right margin of each stamp means "Forever". So the face value of the stamp is whatever is the current rate for a domestic one oz. letter.

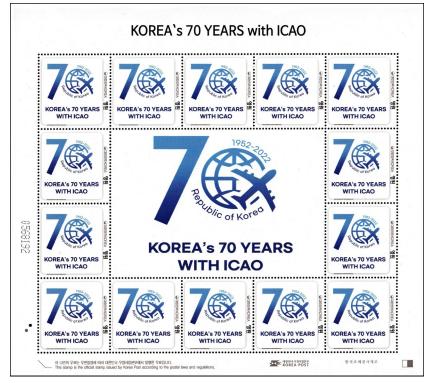


Fig. 3: 2022 Miniature Sheet issued by the Republic of Korea for 70 Years in ICAO

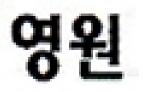


Fig. 4: Hangeul Characters on Each Stamp For Face Value of the Stamp

The Republic of Korea commemorated three times in the past its adherence to the 1944 Chicago Convention, as follows:

On December 11, 1962, with a stamp and a souvenir sheet (Figures 5 and 6) for the 10th anniversary.

Fig. 5: 1962 Republic of Korea Stamp for 10th Anniversary of Joining ICAO



On December 11, 1977, with a stamp (Figure 7) for the 25th anniversary.

Fig. 7: 1977 Republic of Korea Stamp for 25th Anniversary of Joining ICAO



Souvenir Sheet for 10th Anniversary of Joining ICAO



Fig. 8: 2002 Republic of Korea Postal Card for the 50th Anniversary of Joining ICAO

On December 11, 2002, with a postal stationery card (Figure 8) for the 50th

anniversary.

