

Introduction of Faisalabad Philatelic Association

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Faisalabad Philatelic Association was established in 1990 to promote philately in Pakistan.

Membership Fee:

1. Life	Rs. 10,000
2. Annual	Rs. 500
3. Youth	Rs. 100

Meetings

Meetings are held monthly on every 2nd Sunday at 22-J-Z Madina Town, Faisalabad.

Newsletter/Journal/Magazine of Association

Newsletter in English is issued on the important occasions only and distributed to the members free of cost.

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The members of Association are renowned throughout the world. The President Mr. Akhtar ul Islam Siddiqui Participated in all important philatelic events in the country. Some important activities of Mr. Siddiqui are as follows:



Mr. Muhammad Khan Juneju Prime Minister of Pakistan awarding Gold Medal to Mr. A.I. Siddiqui in ECOPHILEX 86.



A. National and International Exhibition:

He was first Pakistani who participated in literature section of International Philatelic Exhibition - PHILEKOREA 84. Korean Post Office issued a Souvenir Sheet with Pakistan Flag due to his Participation. He also participated in many national and International Exhibitions. He arranged many exhibitions from 1968-1986 as Executive member of Pakistan Philatelic Association, Lahore.

Keeping in mind his valuable suggestions, Pakistan Post Office issued different commemorative stamps on many occasions. For example:

(1) Government College, Faisalabad

To commemorate the 100 years Government College, Faisalabad the Pakistan Post Office issued a stamp of Rs.4 denomination. The design is based on the photograph by Mr. A.I. Siddiqui.

(2) Eid ul Fiter – Commemorative Stamp

To commemorate the Eid ul Fiter, Pakistan Post Office issued a commemorative stamp on the suggestion of Mr.A.I.Siddiqui .The Leaflet was also written By Mr. A.I.Siddiqui.

B. Stamps Column in National News Papper:

His stamps columns "Tiktoon Ki Dunya" regularly published in "Daily Mashriq" Lahore, which were very informative and highly appreciated.

C. Stamps Book:

In 1971, Feroze sons Ltd., Lahore published his book "Tiktoon Ki Dunya" which was very popular in beginners of stamps world and a source of authenticated knowledge. Later on Siddiqui Publishers published a revised edition of the said book in 2002.

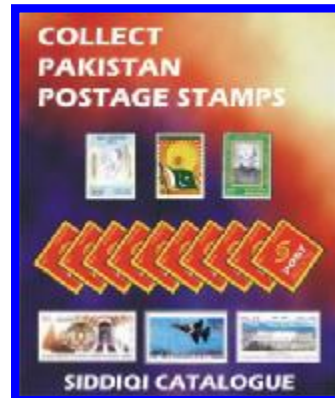
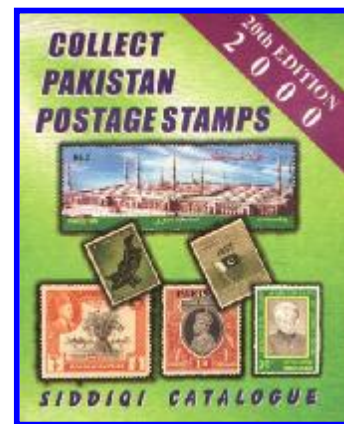
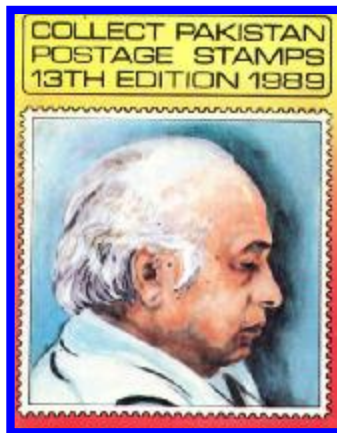
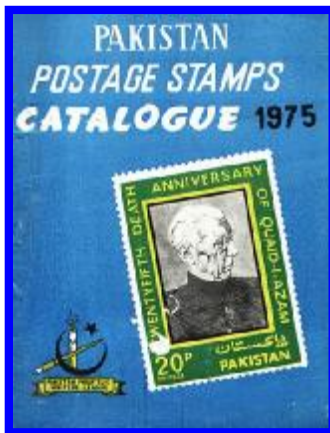
It is the first Philatelic Book which was awarded Cash Prize Rs.10,000/- and Certificate of appreciation by National Book Foundation, Government of Pakistan.

D. Stamps Catalogue:

The first attempt to compile a catalogue of world's stamps was made in 1861 by F.G.O. Berger-Levrault, a Strasbourg bookseller and a pioneer stamp collector. He compiled a list of every stamp known to him and circulated it to his friends. It was the first stamps catalogue of the world. The first British catalogue "Aids to stamp collectors" was compiled by F.W. Booty in April 1862. The first edition of Scotts catalogue appeared in 1886. The famous Gibbons catalogue was first time appeared in 1870. It was the first British catalogue in 3 volumes covered a period from 1840 to 1870.

The First regular catalogue of Pakistan Postage Stamps was published in 1975 titled "Pak Stamp age Catalogue". Later on in 1983 the title of the catalogue was changed as "Collect Pakistan Postage Stamps" depicting details of postage stamps of Pakistan, Bhawalpur and Lasbella. Twenty editions of this catalogue had been published till to date. It is a handy pocket size book printed on art paper. This is the only catalogue of Pakistan postage stamps which is published regularly since 1975.

In 2000, the silver jubilee of this catalogue earmarked his great success. First time in the philatelic history of Pakistan the On line catalogue was free of charges made available during the year 2008. Please visit website www.pakistanphilately.com. Again first time in Pakistan the 2009 edition is available on CDs.



It is the only catalogue of Pakistan Postage Stamps, which is registered under Copy Right Act, Government of Pakistan. New stamps collectors can up to date there knowledge through this catalogue about all the Pakistan postage stamps.

The catalogue received many awards in national and international exhibitions. At National stamp exhibitions Pak Philex 83, Lahore and Eco philex 86, Islamabad Gold medals were awarded to the catalogue. In stamps exhibitions at India, China, France, Hong Kong, Korea and in many other countries medal were awarded. In 1986 the Prime Minister of Pakistan awarded gold Medal to the author.

E. Website pakistanphilately.com

First time in the history of Pakistan Mr. A. I. Siddiqui lounged a comprehensive Website on Pakistan Postage Stamps. This web site consists of the following items:

1. First On line Catalogue of Pakistan and Bhawalpur Postage Stamps from 1947 to November 2008.
2. Directory of Philatelists of Pakistan. (City wise list)
3. News
4. Article on Pakistan Stamps.
5. List of Associations in Pakistan.
6. Post Office column andmany other things.
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Collectors can visit this website free of charges at www.pakistanphilately.com

F. Issuance of Stamps by Switzerland Post Office with the advertisements of Siddiqui Catalogue.

The Switzerland post office printed two different advertisements on stamps sheet lets to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Siddiqui Stamps Catalogue " Collect Pakistan Postage Stamps".

