

CHINESE HOROSCOPE – 2019 YEAR OF THE PIG



Magyar Posta is issuing a miniature sheet on the Year of the Pig in the Chinese horoscope, which covers the period from 5 February 2019 to 25 January 2020. Fifty thousand copies of the new stamp issue designed by Attila André Elekes were produced by the Pénzjegynyomda Zrt. printing company. The stamp is available from Filaposta, philately specialist services, certain post offices and www.posta.hu.

According to Chinese astrology, the Year of the Pig is the period of career and material abundance. People born under the pig are the most open and straightforward in the zodiac.

The main motif of the stamp design is the centrally positioned figure of the pig, which lends its name to the year. The two designs of the four-stamp sheet only differ in their colour, thus one pair of stamps has a light coloured pig on a red background while on the other pair the animal is red and the background is light.

A graphic representation of a pig also appears on the first day cover while the special postmark takes the form of a traditional Chinese lantern enclosing the Chinese character for pig, which appears on the stamp and the first day cover as well.

The series began with the miniature sheet Year of the Horse in 2014 and every year since then a new issue with the current animal sign has appeared.

Order code:

2019010040011 (miniature sheet)
2019010060012 (miniature sheet FDC)

Issued on: 25 January 2019

Face value/selling price:

Miniature sheet: 4 × HUF 435 (*On the date of issue, HUF 435 pays the postage of a non-priority postcard or standard letter up to 20 g outside Europe.*)

First day cover: HUF 1,840

Printing technique: 4-colour offset

Number of copies: 50,000 miniature sheets

Perforated size of stamps: 25 x 25 mm

External imperforated size of miniature sheet: 80 x 80 mm

Paper type: White, wood-free, surface-treated, gummed stamp paper with optical whitener

Printed by Pénzjegynyomda Zrt.

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