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**INAUGURATION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
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**THE PHILATELIC BUREAU
POSTS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT
SRI LANKA (CEYLON)**

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AND DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS,

Duke Street, Colombo 1, Sri Lanka (Ceylon)

22nd May, 1972.

THE Posts and Telecommunications Department will issue a special stamp on 22nd May, 1972 to mark the inauguration of Ceylon as the Republic of Sri Lanka.

After the General Elections which were held on 27th May, 1970, the Hon'ble Sirimavo Bandaranaike, Prime Minister, convened at the Navarangahala on 19th July, 1970 a meeting of all the Members of the House of Representatives at which it was decided that the Members of the House of Representatives would constitute themselves into a Constituent Assembly for the purpose of adopting a new Constitution which will declare Sri Lanka to be a Free, Sovereign and Independent Republic, pledged to realize the objectives of a Socialist Democracy including the fundamental rights and freedoms of all citizens.

In furtherance of that resolution, the Constituent Assembly adopted a set of Basic Resolutions which formed the guidelines on which the legal text was to be drafted. The final form of the

Constitution will be adopted on 22nd May, 1972, and with its adoption, Ceylon, which is now an Independent Dominion acknowledging the Queen as its Sovereign, will become a Republic.

The principal features of the new Constitution are a Supreme Legislature, a Cabinet System of Government and an Independent Judiciary. Fundamental Rights and Freedoms are guaranteed and a Constitutional Court will decide whether prospective legislation conflicts with the provisions of the Constitution.

Technical Details

<i>Denomination</i>	..	15 cents
<i>Date of Issue</i>	..	22nd May, 1972
<i>Designer</i>	..	L. D. P. Jayawardhana
<i>Design</i>	..	Depicts the rays of the rising sun behind the mountain of the "Illustrious Foot", (Sri Pada), with a lotus in full bloom in the foreground
<i>Colours</i>	..	Yellow, blue, magenta and black
<i>Size</i>	..	36 × 30 mm.
<i>Format</i>	..	Horizontal
<i>Printer</i>	..	Thomas De La Rue & Co., Ltd., England
<i>Printing Process</i>	..	Delacryl
<i>Sheet Composition</i>	..	100 stamps
<i>Paper used</i>	..	TR 2
<i>Gum used on the Stamp Paper</i>	..	Synthetic gum

First Day Cover Service

Official first day covers will be available for sale in two sizes. The price of a large cover is 20 cents and a small cover 15 cents.

Terms of Sale

Overseas orders for the supply of the new stamps and first day covers should be addressed with full particulars to the Director, Philatelic Bureau, 4th Floor, Ceylinco House, Colombo 1, Sri Lanka (Ceylon), and should be accompanied by Mail Transfer, International Money Order or Bank Draft payable to the Director, Philatelic Bureau.

C. J. SERASINGHE,
Postmaster-General
and
Director of Telecommunications
and
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Posts and
Telecommunications.