

Canada Post to issue limited-edition commemorative stamp featuring His Royal Highness Prince George

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OTTAWA, Oct. 17, 2013 /CNW/ - Less than a week before His Royal Highness Prince George of Cambridge's christening, Canada Post is proud to announce a new limited-edition commemorative stamp featuring the infant Prince to be issued October 22

. The stamp features an informal photo of His Royal Highness Prince George with his mother and father, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge

. The photo was taken by his grandfather, Michael Middleton, this summer. Prince George will be the youngest Royal to make an appearance on a Canadian stamp.

"When His Royal Highness was born, people around the world celebrated. Canada joined the festivities with blue baby lights shining on the Peace Tower in Ottawa, the Horseshoe Falls in Niagara Falls and the CN Tower in Toronto

. This stamp proudly memorializes this moment in our history," says the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport and responsible for Canada Post.

"Canadian stamps continue to document moments in time and this stamp is a fitting addition to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's family album of Canadian stamps," says Deepak Chopra, President and CEO of Canada

Post. "We know that Canadians - as well as people across the world - will enjoy sharing this piece of royal history for the future king."

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In 2011, Canada Post issued two stamps featuring His and Her Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge; one to commemorate the young couple's engagement and the second to mark their wedding. Those stamps proved to be the most popular issues of that year.

Also, part of this new issue is a souvenir sheet and Official First Day Cover, showcasing an image of the Peace Tower in Ottawa awash with blue light as it was on the night of the Prince's birth. The stamp and other collectibles will be available at post offices across Canada as well as online at canadapost.ca/shop starting October 22.

About the stamp The stamp measures 32 mm x 32 mm with simulated perforations. This Permanent™ stamp, which is always worth the going domestic rate, is printed by Lowe-Martin on Tullis Russell paper using seven-colour lithography. The stamp is pressure sensitive and the Official First Day Cover will be cancelled in Prince George, British Columbia. The stamp is available in booklets of 10 stamps and souvenir sheets of two stamps. To purchase philatelic products, please visit canadapost.ca/shop.

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Image with caption: "Canada Post President and CEO, Deepak Chopra (right), shows a new stamp featuring His Royal Highness Prince George to the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport and responsible for Canada Post, and Kevin MacLeod, Canadian Secretary to the Queen. The limited-edition commemorative stamp will be available starting October 22nd (CNW Group/Canada Post)". Image available at: http://photos.newswire.ca/images/download/20131017_C4800_PHOTO_EN_32193.jpg

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