



# A Catalog of the Cachets of the Union of Burma Revolutionary Council Administration 1963-1973

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## Introduction

This listing is an attempt to list the cachets (the envelope designs) that commemorated events in Burma during the Union of Burma from 1963 to 1973. While these covers are encountered in the philatelic market, there has not been a reference guide to these covers.

Burma has long been a “step-child” of philately. With a short period of membership in the British Commonwealth before gaining independence, Burma is frequently, viewed as a place where Indian stamps were used. Due, in part, to the relative anonymity of Burmese philately, the items included in this listing are, generally speaking, inexpensive. There are not many collectors seeking these items. More discoveries are waiting to be made.

This volume is a continuation and companion to the two earlier works *A Catalog of Burmese Illustrated Envelopes 1937-1947* and *A Catalog of Burmese Cachets Union of Burma 1948-1961*. In those volumes, as in this listing, each envelope design has a two-part designation. The first number, from fifty to seventy-six, designates the event, and the second part is a sequential listing of designs for the event. This structure allows new numbers to be added for any covers not previously identified. The numbers one to twenty are used in *A Catalog of Burmese Illustrated Envelopes 1937-1947* and the numbers twenty-one to forty-one are used in *A Catalog of Burmese Cachets Union of Burma 1948-1961*. The missing numbers (forty-two to forty-nine) are held in reserve in case additional events with cachets are to be included in future editions. The numbering across volumes eliminates the possibility of one number representing different cachets. The catalog numbering system is copyrighted; permission to use it - should it be of interest or utility - is freely given provided that the numbers are always referred to with the prefix “Zwillinger”.

If you possess a cover not included here and would like to contribute to future revisions of this catalog, please send me a clear full size photocopy of the cover, or, even better, a clear scan of the cover with the information needed to include it in this listing.

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75	Voting Stamp Issue	December 15, 1973
	First Flight Cover	November 25, 1965

**50-1**

**First Anniversary of New Government Issue**

March 2, 1963



Text:

First Day Cover

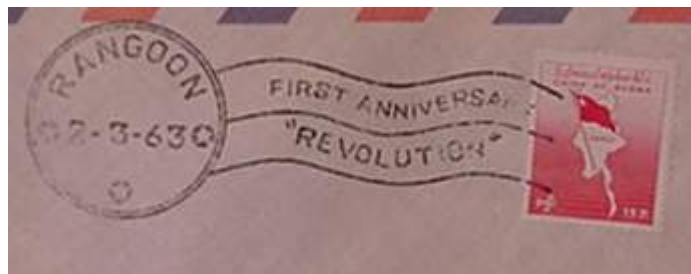
First Anniversary of the Revolutionary Government of the

Union of Burma

2 March 1963 B.E. 1324

Note

Commemorative postmark in black



**50-2**

**First Anniversary of New Government Issue**

March 2, 1963



Text: First Day Cover

50-3

**First Anniversary of New Government Issue**

March 2, 1963



Text:

First Anniversary of Revolutionary Government

1962-1963

2<sup>nd</sup> March

SE. 1324 - 25

Welcome to Burma

First Day Cover

50-4

**First Anniversary of New Government Issue**

March 2, 1963



Publisher: Burma Post Office

Text: 2-3-63  
First Anniversary  
"Revolution"  
Issued by  
Burma Post Office

**51-1 Freedom From Hunger Stamp Issue**  
March 21, 1963



Text: "Freedom From Hunger"

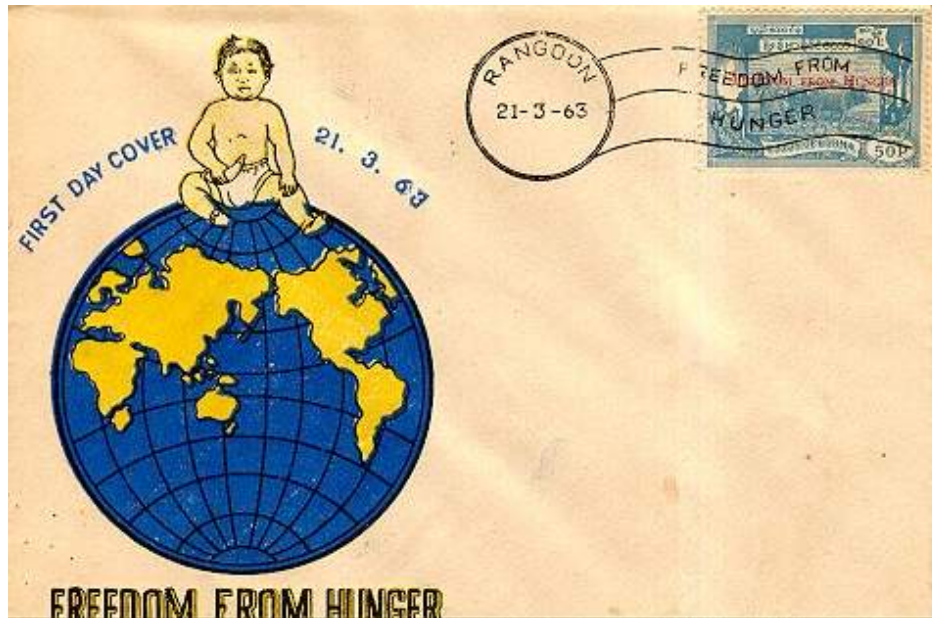


51-2

## Freedom From Hunger Stamp Issue

March 21, 1963

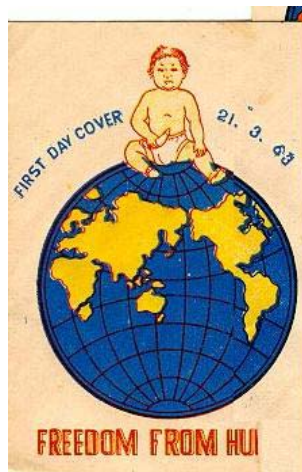
-2a  
green title



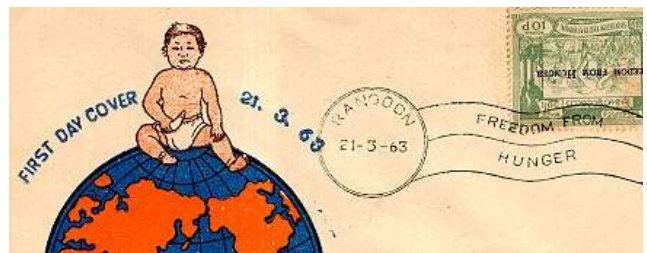
Text: First Day Cover

Notes: Known in 2 other color combinations

-2b  
orange title  
(right)



-2c  
orange globe  
(far right)



**52-1 May Day Stamp Issue**  
May 1, 1963



Publisher: Burma Post Office

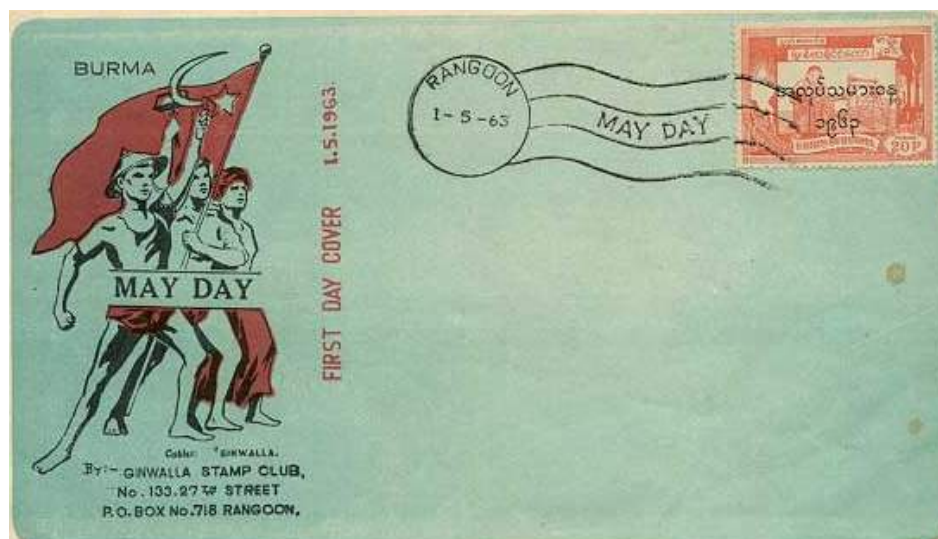
Text: May Day  
1963  
First Day Cover  
Issued by  
Burma Post Office

**52-2 May Day Stamp Issue**  
May 1, 1963



Text: 1st May 1963  
Workers' Day  
Rangoon  
First Day Cover

**52-3**      **May Day Stamp Issue**  
May 1, 1963



Publisher:    Ginwalla Stamp Club

Text:            BURMA  
                    MAY DAY  
                    Cable Ginwalla  
                    Ginwalla Stamp Club  
                    No. 133 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
                    P.O. BOX No. 718 RANGOON  
                    First Day Cover  
                    1.5.1963

**53-1**

**First Flight Cover**

April 4, 1964



Publisher: Thai International Airlines

Text: First Flight of  
THAI International  
Caravelle Jet  
World's Quietest Airliner

54-1

## Birds Stamp Issue

April 16, 1964



Publisher: Burma Posts & Telegraphs

Text: Burma Posts & Telegraphs  
First Day Cover  
(Birds of Burma)  
16<sup>th</sup> April 1964  
Burmese New Year  
Notes Special cancellation



**54-2 Birds Stamp Issue**  
April 16, 1964



Publisher: Ginwalla Stamp Club

Text: First Day Cover  
Birds of Burma  
Burmese New Year 16<sup>th</sup> April 1964  
Ginwalla Stamp Club, P.O. Box 718 Rangoon

Notes See 53-3 for a note on the Ginwalla Stamp Club

**54-3 Birds Stamp Issue**  
April 16, 1964



Text: Burma Posts and Telegraphs  
First Day Cover  
Birds of Burma  
16<sup>th</sup> April 1964  
Burmese New Year



55-1

**Centenary of the ITU Stamp Issue**

May 17, 1965



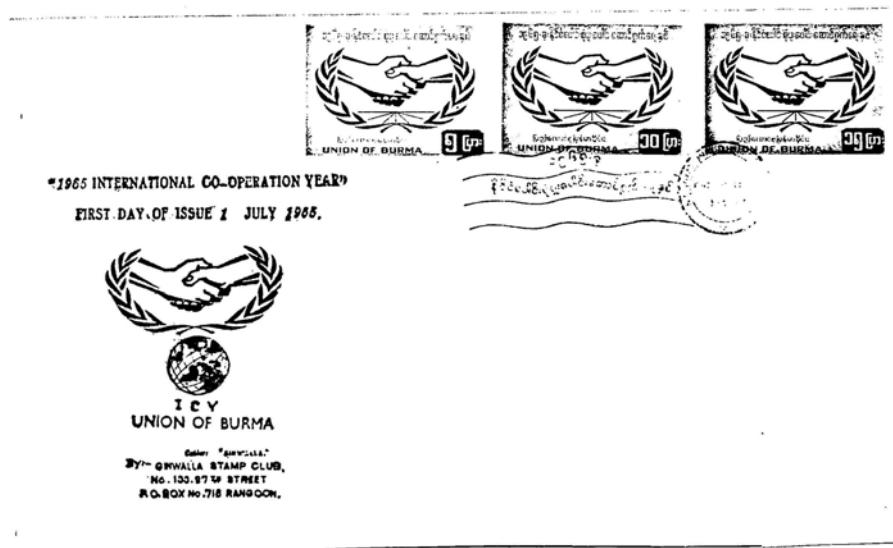
Publisher: Ginwalla Stamp Club

Text: First Day of Issue 17<sup>th</sup> May 1965  
Union of Burma  
Cable "Ginwalla"  
By Ginwalla Stamp Club  
No. 133 87<sup>th</sup> Street  
P.O. Box No. 718 Rangoon

56-1

## International Cooperation Year Stamp Issue

July 1, 1965



Publisher: Ginwalla Stamp Club

Text: 1965 International Co-operation Year  
First Day of Issue  
1st July 1965  
I.C.Y  
Union of Burma  
Cable "Ginwalla"  
By Ginwalla Stamp Club  
No. 133 87<sup>th</sup> Street  
P.O. Box No. 718 Rangoon

**56-2**

**International Cooperation Year Stamp Issue**

July 1, 1965



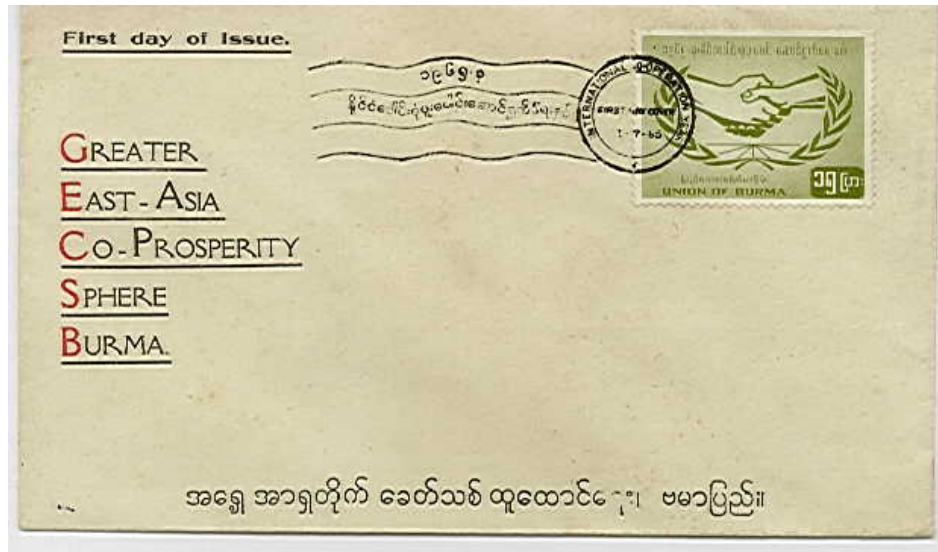
Text:

First Day of Issue  
1st July 1965  
Union of Burma  
I.C.Y  
1965  
Commemorating  
The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
“International Co-operation Year”  
of United Nations

56-3

**International Cooperation Year Stamp Issue**

July 1, 1965



Text:

First Day of Issue  
Greater  
East-Asia  
Co-Prosperity  
Sphere  
Burma

**57-1 Farmers Day Stamp Issue**  
March 2, 1966



Text: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1966  
Peasants' Day  
First Day Cover

**57-2 Farmers Day Stamp Issue**  
March 2, 1966



Text: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1966  
Peasants' Day  
First Day Cover

**57-3 Farmers Day Stamp Issue**  
March 2, 1966



Text: First Day of Issue  
Union of Burma  
Peasants' Day  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 1966

**58-x Labor Day Stamp Issue**  
May 1, 1967

The editor has not encountered a cachet for the issue of this stamp.

**59-1**

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Stamp Issue**

January 4, 1968



Text:

First Day Cover 4-1-68  
Independence Day  
Independence Monument



**59-2**

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Stamp Issue**

January 4, 1968



Text:

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence of Burma  
4<sup>th</sup> January 1968

**60-1**      **Burmese Pearl Industry Stamp Issue**  
March 4, 1968



Text:            First Day Cover  
                    4<sup>th</sup> March 1968  
                    Commemorating  
                    The 4<sup>th</sup> Burma [unclear]  
                    And Pearl [unclear]

**60-1**      **Burmese Pearl Industry Stamp Issue**  
March 4, 1968

Variety A  
Text under  
Cachet is  
yellow



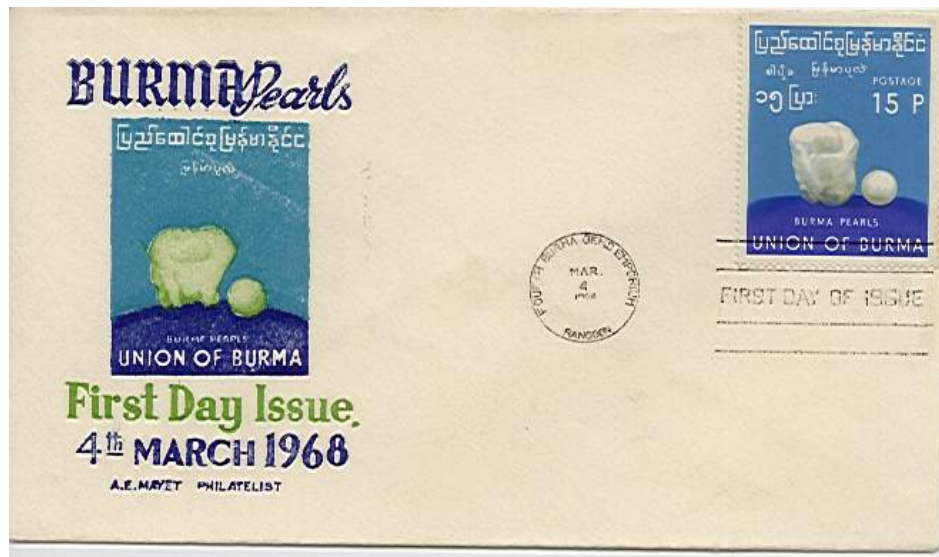
Publisher:    A.E. Mayet

Text:            Burma Pearls  
                    First Day Issue  
                    4<sup>th</sup> March 1968  
                    A.E. Mayet

**60-1  
Con't**

**Burmese Pearl Industry Stamp Issue**  
March 4, 1968

Variety B  
Text under  
Cachet is  
green.



Publisher: A.E. Mayet

Text: Burma Pearls  
First Day Issue  
4<sup>th</sup> March 1968  
A.E. Mayet

**60-2**

**Burmese Pearl Industry Stamp Issue**

March 4, 1968



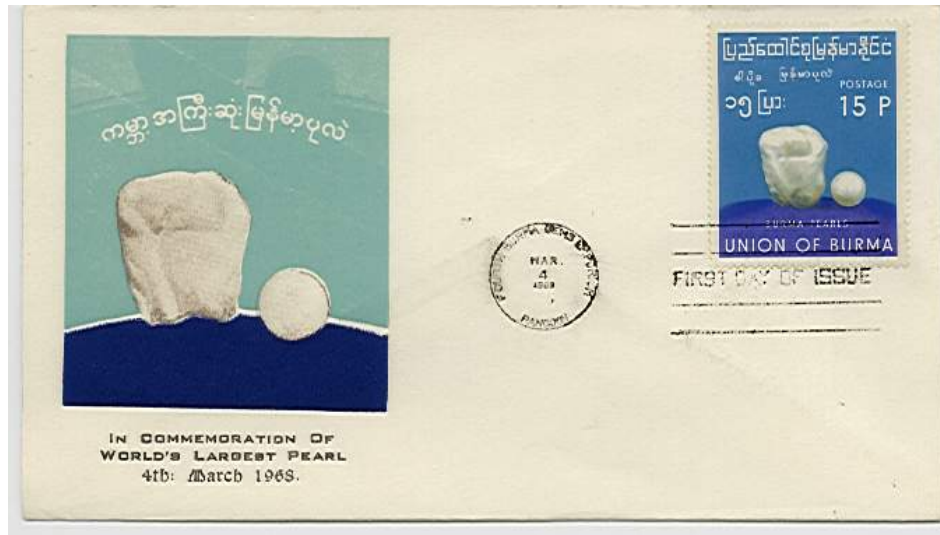
**Publisher:** Ginwalla Stamp Club

**Text:** Burma Gems Jades and Pearls Emporium  
Fifteen Pya  
Burma Pearls  
Commemorative Postage Stamp  
4<sup>th</sup> March 1968  
Issued by Ginwalla Stamp Club  
P O Box No 718  
Rangoon (Burma)

**60-3**

**Burmese Pearl Industry Stamp Issue**

March 4, 1968

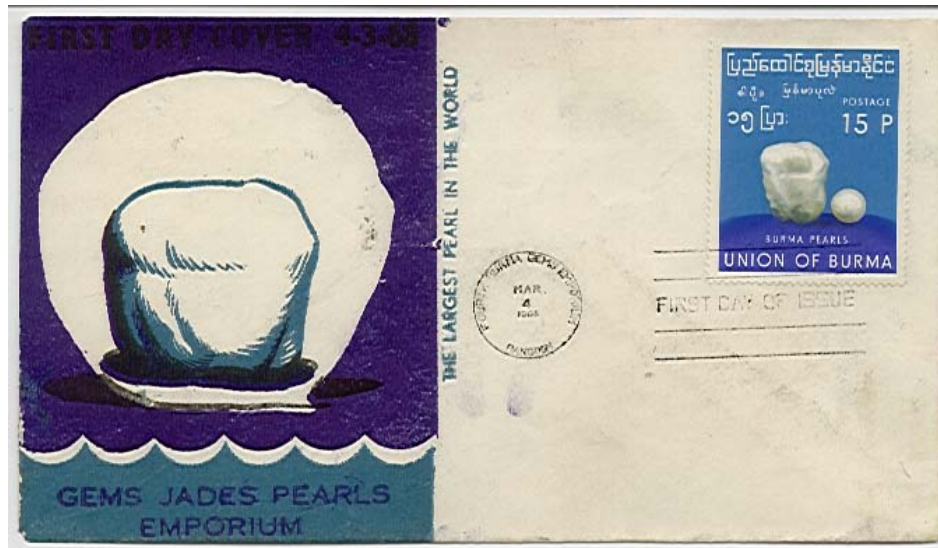


Text:

In Commemoration  
World's Largest Pearl  
4<sup>th</sup> March 1968

**60-4 Burmese Pearl Industry Stamp Issue**

March 4, 1968



Text: The Largest Pearl in the World  
Gems Jades Pearls Emporium

**61-x Bird Stamp Issue**

July 1, 1968

The editor has not encountered a cachet for the issue of this stamp.

**62-1 Peasants' Day Stamp Issue**  
March 2, 1969



Publisher: Ginwala Stamp Club

Text: Union of Burma  
First Day of Issue  
March 2, 1969  
Peasants' Day  
Issued by  
Ginwala Stamp Club  
P.O. Box No 718  
Rangoon, Burma

Note: See 53-3 for a note on the Ginwala Stamp Club



**62-2 Peasants' Day Stamp Issue**  
March 2, 1969



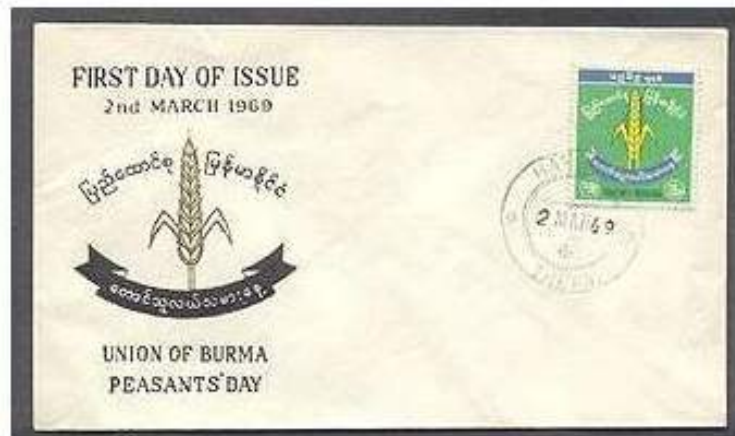
Text: Peasants Day  
First Day Cover  
2.3.69

**62-3 Peasants' Day Stamp Issue**  
March 2, 1969



Text: Celebrating  
The First Opening of the  
Central Peasants' Council  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 1969

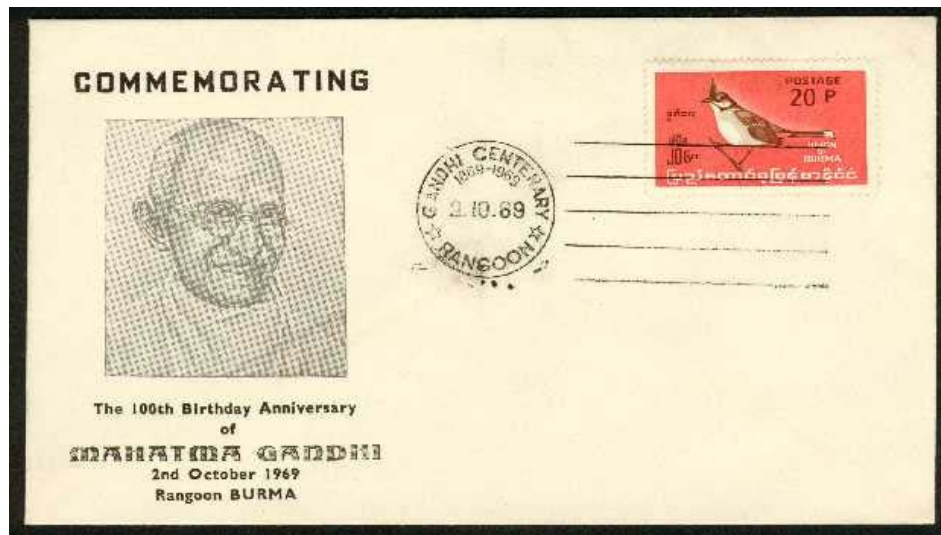
**62-4 Peasants' Day Stamp Issue**  
March 2, 1969



Text: First Day of Issue  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 1968  
Union of Burma  
Peasants' Day

**63-1**

**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**  
October 2, 1969



Text: Commemorating  
The 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary  
Of  
Mohatma Gandhi  
2<sup>nd</sup> October 1969  
Rangoon Burma

64-1

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ILO Stamp Issue**

October 29, 1969



Text:

First Day of Issue  
29<sup>th</sup> October 1969  
Commemorating  
The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
International Labour Organization  
Union of Burma

64-2

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ILO Stamp Issue**

October 29, 1969



Text: International Labour Organisation  
1919-1969 Golden Jubilee  
First Day Cover  
29-10-69  
Union of Burma

64-3

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ILO Stamp Issue**

October 29, 1969



Text:

1919-1969  
Commemorating  
The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Of  
International Labour Organisation  
29<sup>th</sup> October 1969  
Rangoon Burma

64-4

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ILO Stamp Issue**

October 29, 1969



Text:

ILO  
ILO Golden Jubilee  
First Day of Issue  
29<sup>th</sup> October 1979  
Ginwalla Stamp Club  
PO Box No 718  
Rangoon, Burma..  
ILO Golden Jubilee  
First Day of Issue  
29<sup>th</sup> October 1969

Notes:

Last three lines in red are printed  
The material above the last three lines appear to be rubber-stamped

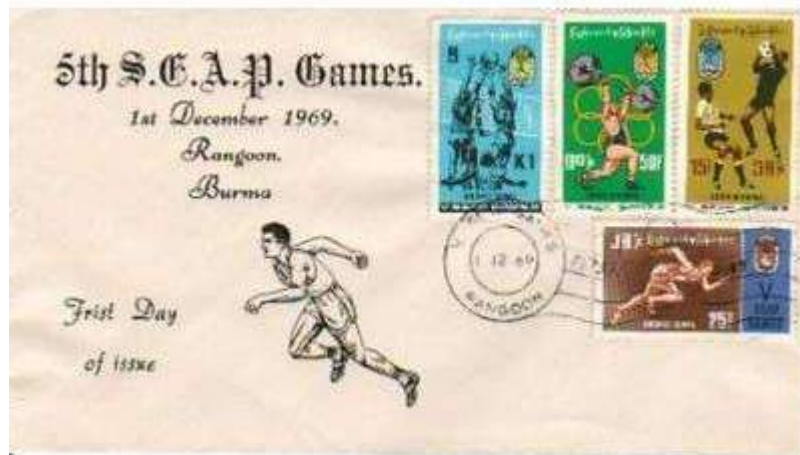
This is not a First Day Cover; it was used in 1975. The return address is Ahmed E. Ginwalla. The Ginwalla Stamps Club may be his creation.



**65-1**

**5<sup>th</sup> South East Asia Peninsula Games Stamp Issue**

December 1, 1969



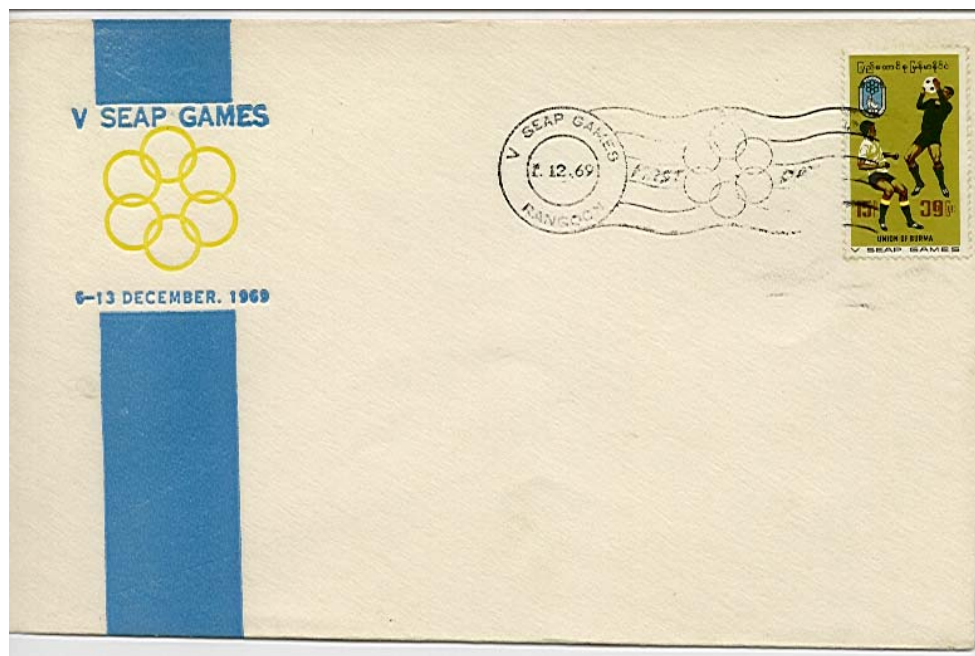
Text:

5<sup>th</sup> S.E.A.P. Games  
1<sup>st</sup> December 1969.  
Rangoon  
Burma  
First Day of Issue

65-2

**5<sup>th</sup> South East Asia Peninsula Games Stamp Issue**

December 1, 1969



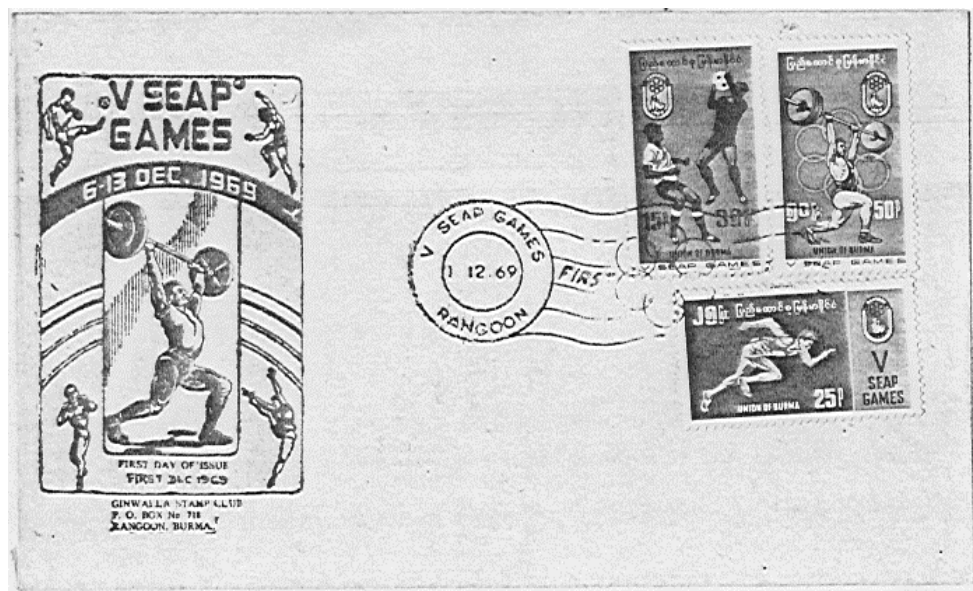
Text:

V SEAP Games  
6-13 December. 1969

65-3

## 5<sup>th</sup> South East Asia Peninsula Games Stamp Issue

December 1, 1969



Text:

V SEAP Games  
6-13<sup>th</sup> December 1969.  
First Day of Issue  
First DLC 1969  
Ginwalla Stamp Club  
PO Box No 718  
Rangoon, Burma..

**66-1      Armed Forces Day Stamp Issue**  
March 27, 1970

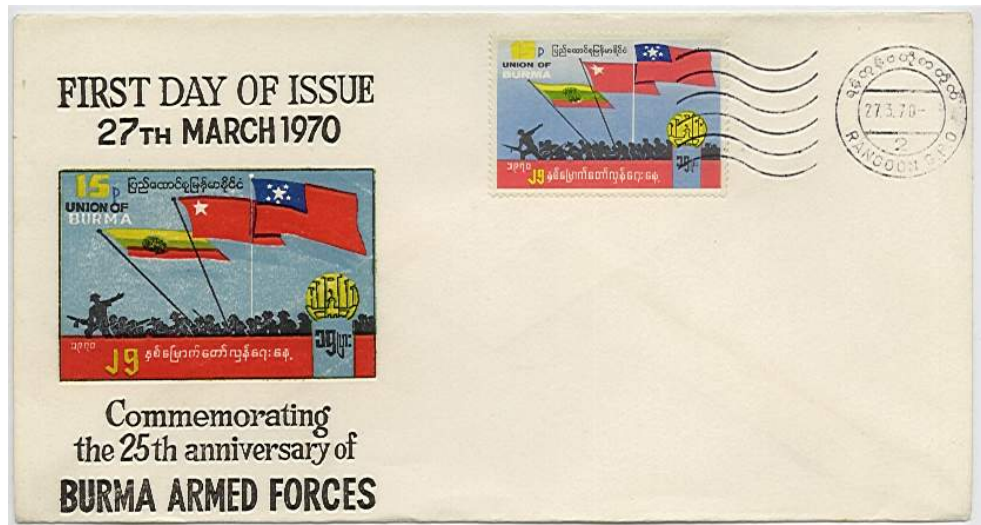


Text:            25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Armed Forces Day  
                    First Day of Issue 27-3-70      Burma

66-2

**Armed Forces Day Stamp Issue**

March 27, 1970



Text:

First Day of Issue  
27<sup>th</sup> March 1970  
Commemorating  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Burma Armed Forces

67-1

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations Stamp Issue**  
June 26, 1970

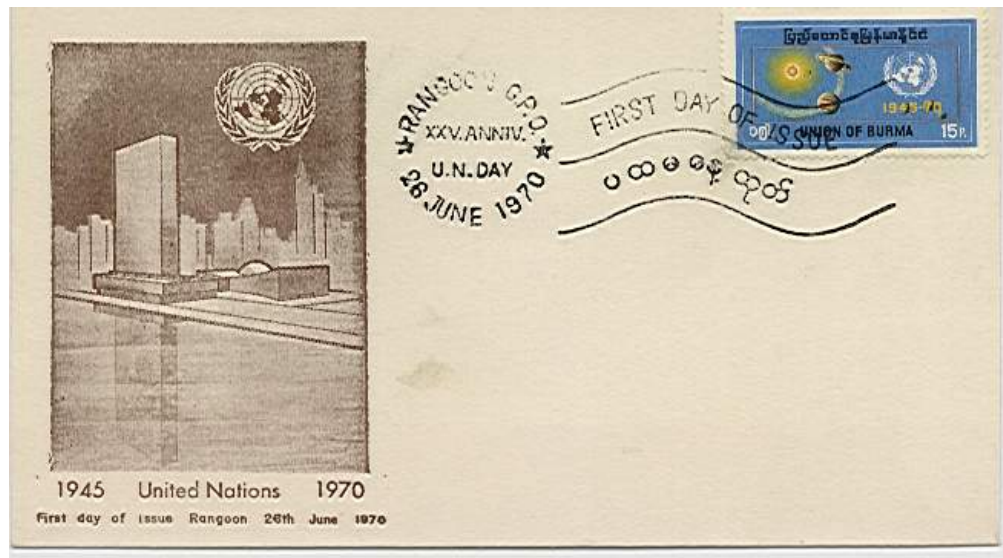


Text:

Union of Burma  
Issued to Commemorate  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of United Nations Peace and Progress year  
First Day of Issue 26-6-70

67-2

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations Stamp Issue**  
June 26, 1970



Text:

1945 United Nations 1970  
First Day of Issue Rangoon 26<sup>th</sup> June 1970

68-1

## 50<sup>th</sup> National Day Stamp Issue

November 23, 1970



Publisher: Burma Post Office

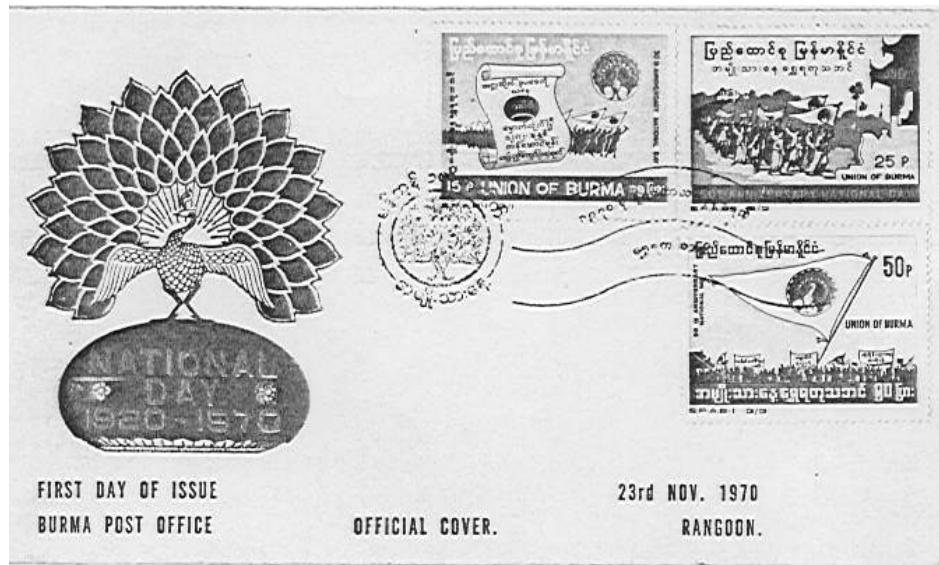
Text: National Day 1920-1970  
First Day of Issue 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1970  
Burma Post Office Official Cover, Rangoon



68-2

# 50<sup>th</sup> National Day Stamp Issue

November 23, 1970



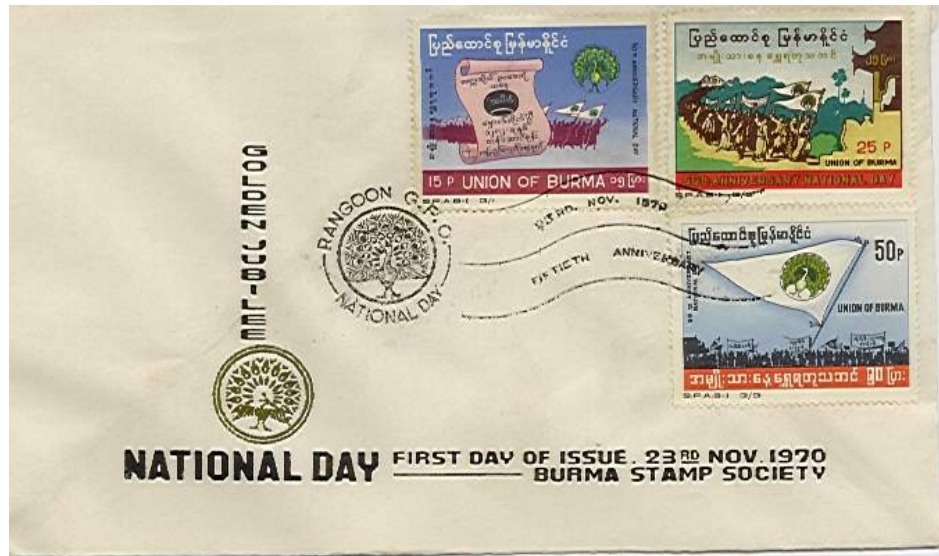
Publisher: Burma Post Office

Text: National  
Day  
1920-1970  
First Day of Issue 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1970  
Burma Post Office Official Cover, Rangoon

68-3

## 50<sup>th</sup> National Day Stamp Issue

November 23, 1970



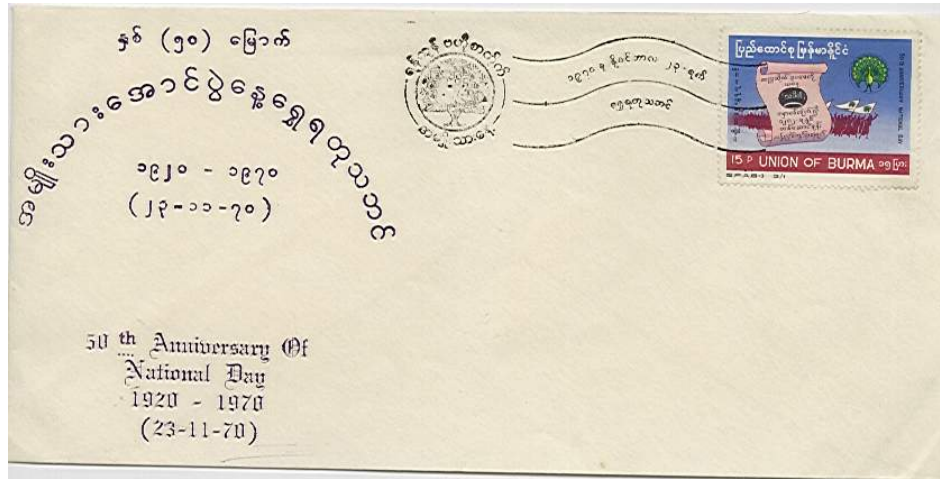
Publisher: Burma Stamp Society

Text: Golden Jubilee  
National Day First Day of Issue 23 Nov. 1970  
Burma Stamp Society

68-4

**50<sup>th</sup> National Day Stamp Issue**

November 23, 1970



Text:

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of  
National Day  
1920 - 1970  
(23 - 11 - 70)

69-1

**1<sup>st</sup> Congress of Burmese Socialist Program Party  
Stamp Issue** June 28, 1971



Text: PP Congress  
28-6-71 o Rangoon  
First Day of Issue

Note: There may be a “BS” before the “PP”;  
The original illustration is cropped.

69-2

**1<sup>st</sup> Congress of Burmese Socialist Program Party  
Stamp Issue** June 28, 1971



Text: First Day Cover  
28 - 6 - 1971  
B.S.P.P. First Congress 1971  
Issued By  
Burma Posts and Teles. Dept.

Note: Very large cover: roughly 8.5 by 10 inches.

69-3

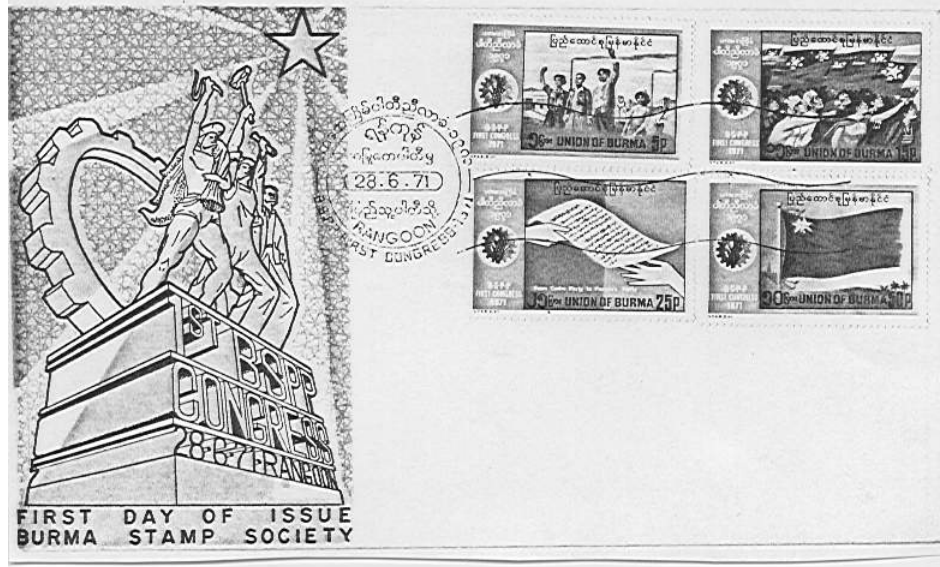
**1<sup>st</sup> Congress of Burmese Socialist Program Party**  
**Stamp Issue** June 28, 1971



Text: First Congress B.S.P.P.  
First Day Cover 28. 6. 71

69-4

**1<sup>st</sup> Congress of Burmese Socialist Program Party  
Stamp Issue** June 28, 1971



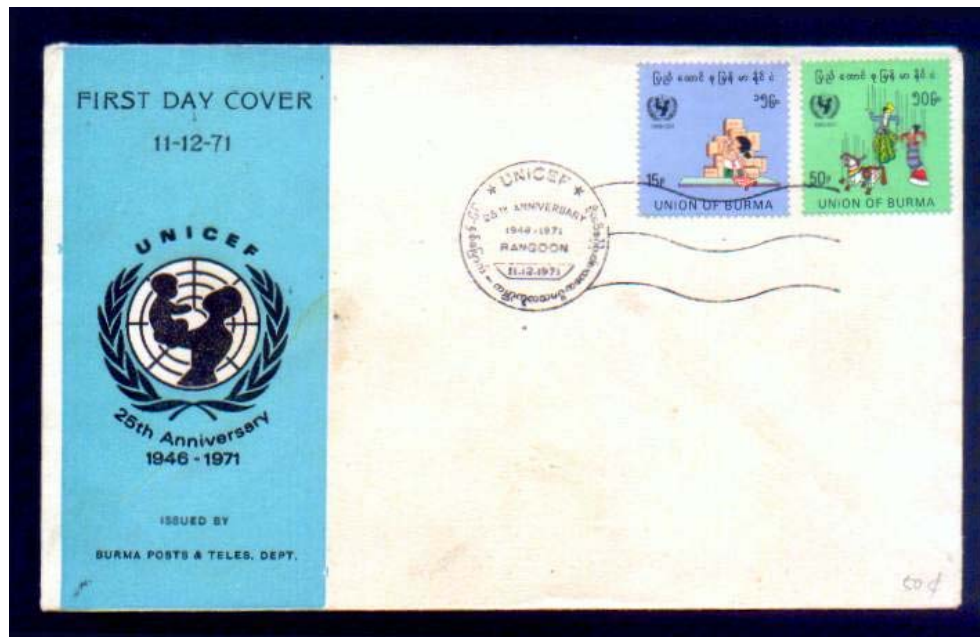
Publisher: Burma Stamp Society

Text: First Day of Issue  
Burma Stamp Society

70-1

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary UNICEF Stamp Issue

December 11, 1971



Publisher: Burma Posts and Teles. Dept.

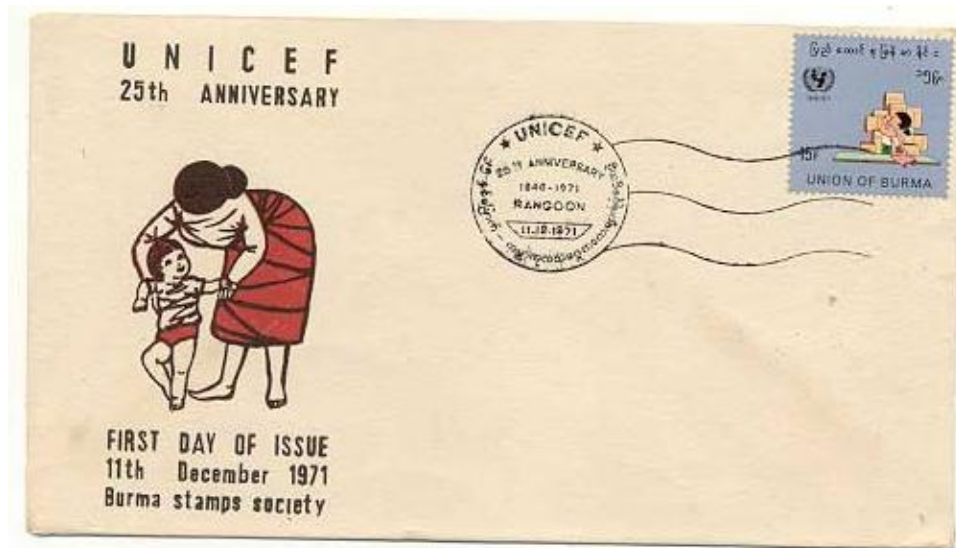
Text: First Day Cover  
11-12-71  
UNICEF  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1946-1971  
Issued by  
Burma Posts and Teles. Dept.



70-2

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary UNICEF Stamp Issue**

December 11, 1971



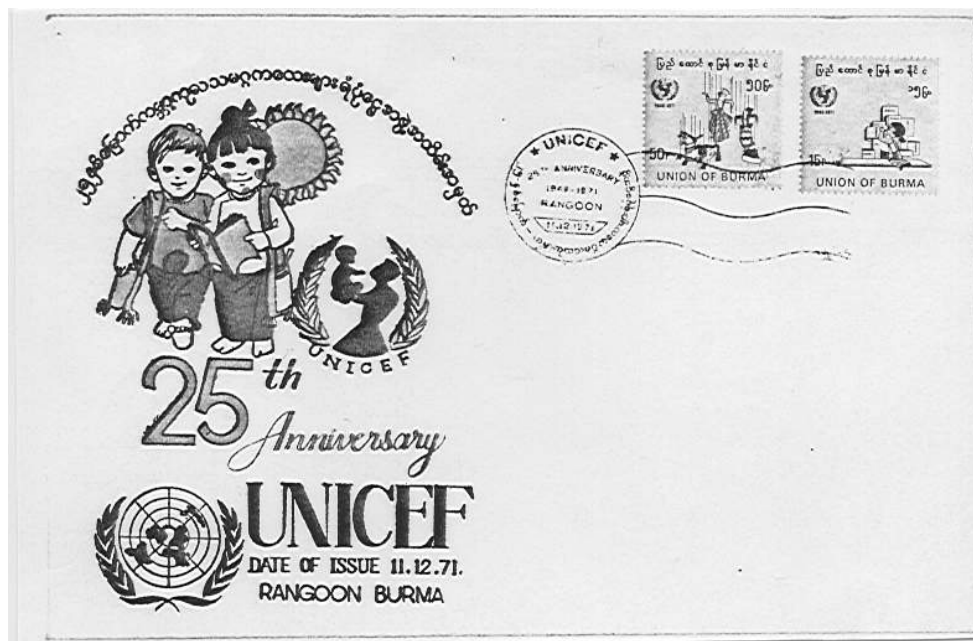
Publisher: Burma Stamps Society

Text: UNICEF  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
First Day of Issue  
11<sup>th</sup> December 1971  
Burma Stamp Society

70-3

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary UNICEF Stamp Issue

December 11, 1971



Publisher: Burma Stamps Society

Text: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
UNICEF  
Day of Issue 11.12.71  
Rangoon Burma

**70-4**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary UNICEF Stamp Issue**

December 11, 1971



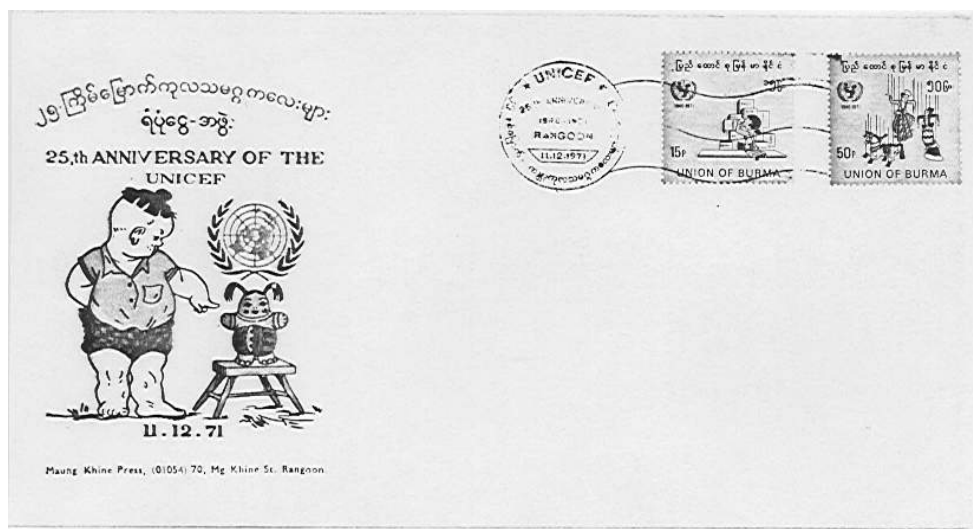
Publisher: Burma Stamps Society

Text: UNICEF  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
First Day of Issue  
11<sup>th</sup> December 1971  
Burma Stamp Society

70-5

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary UNICEF Stamp Issue

December 11, 1971



Publisher: Maung Khine Press

Text: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
UNICEF  
11.12.71

Maung Khine Press, (01054) 70, Mg Khine St. Rangoon

70-6

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary UNICEF Stamp Issue**

December 11, 1971



Text:

Burma:  
First Day of Issue  
11<sup>th</sup> December 1971  
U.N.I.C.E.F.  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

71-1

## Union Day Stamp Issue

February 12, 1972



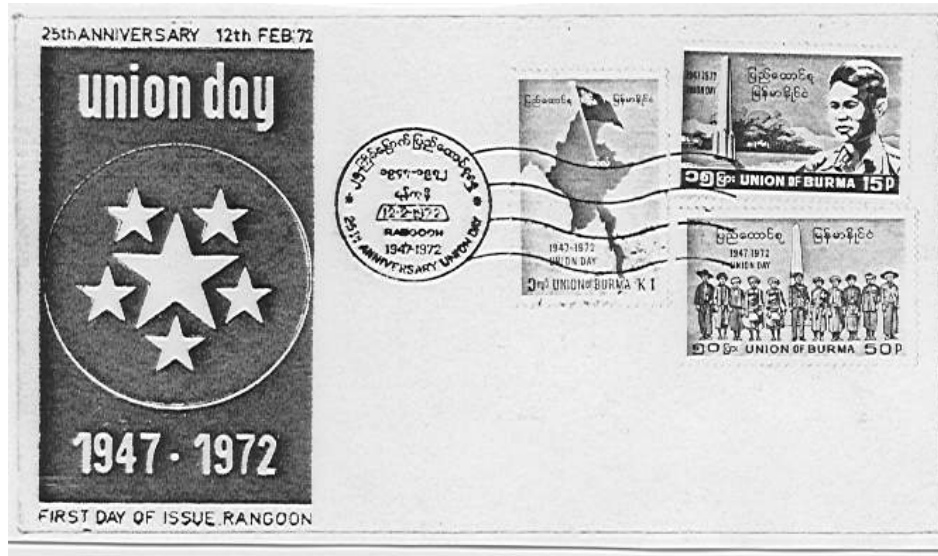
Publisher: Burma Posts & Telegraphs

Text: First Day Cover

12-2-72

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1947 - 1972 Burma Posts & Telegraphs

**71-2 Union Day Stamp Issue**  
February 12, 1972



Text: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 12<sup>th</sup> February 1972  
Union Day  
1947 – 1972  
First Day of Issue Rangoon

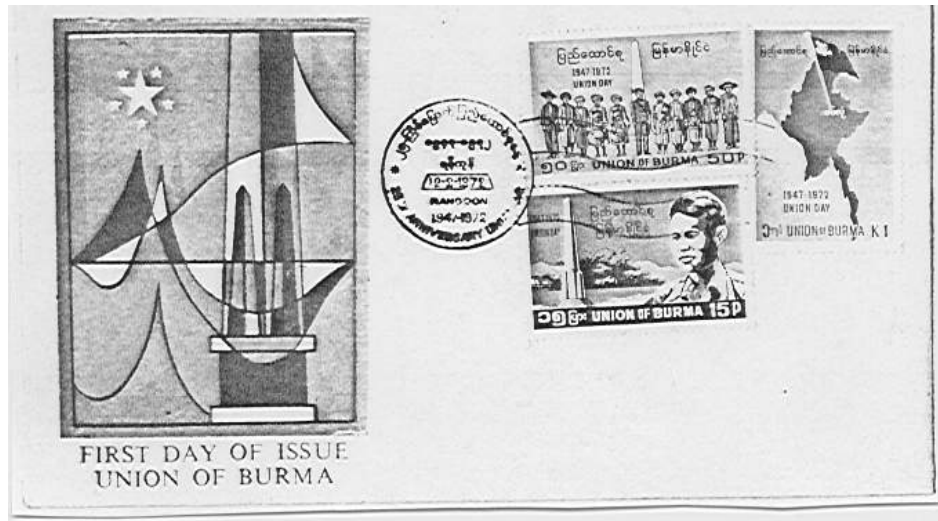
Note: Cachet know used later on other issue; see listing 72-4,  
reproduced below also



**71-3**

**Union Day Stamp Issue**

February 12, 1972



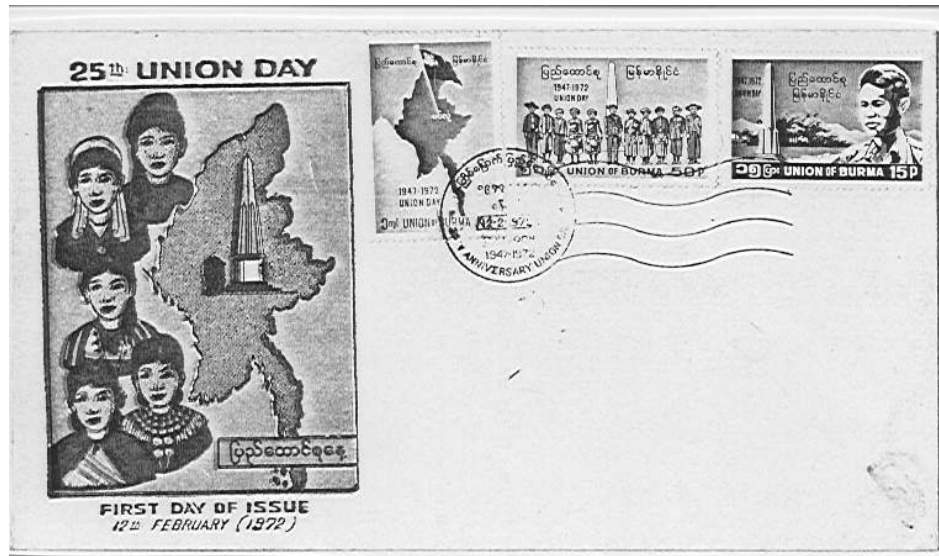
Text: First Day of Issue  
Union of Burma



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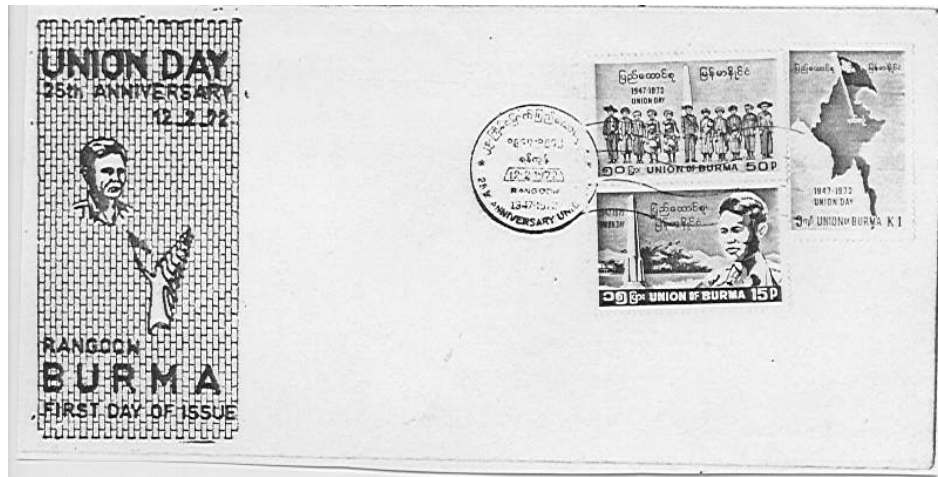
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25<sup>th</sup> Union Day  
First Day of Issue  
12<sup>th</sup> February (1972)

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**Union Day Stamp Issue**

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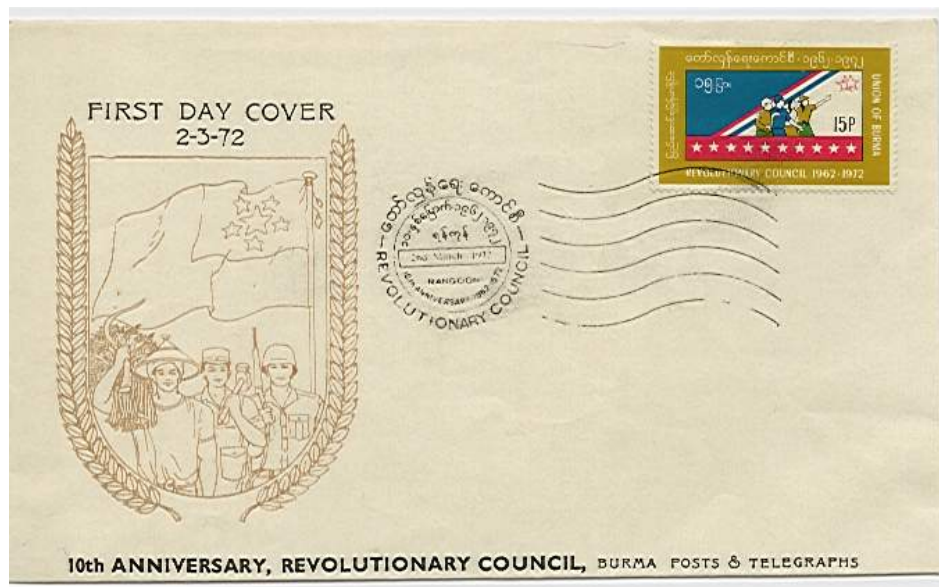


Text:

Union Day  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
12.2.72  
Rangoon  
Burma  
First Day of Issue

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**Revolutionary Council 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Stamp Issue** March 2, 1972

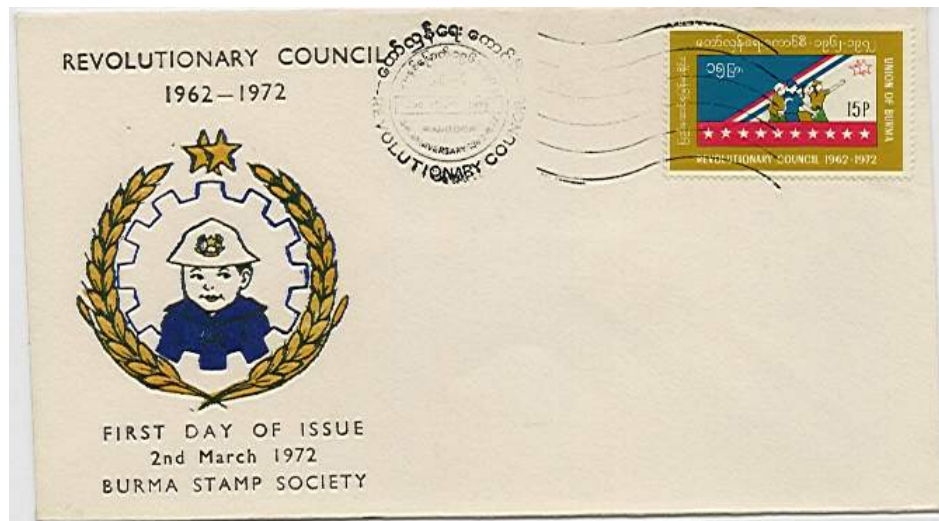


Publisher: Burma Posts & Telegraphs

Text: First Day Cover  
2-3-72  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Revolutionary Council, Burma Posts &  
Telegraphs

72-2

**Revolutionary Council 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Stamp Issue** March 2, 1972



Publisher: Burma Stamp Society

Text: Revolutionary Council  
1962 - 1972  
First Day of Issue  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 1972  
Burma Stamp Society

72-3

**Revolutionary Council 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Stamp Issue** March 2, 1972



Text: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 12<sup>th</sup> February 1972  
Union Day  
1947 – 1972  
First Day of Issue Rangoon

72-4

**Revolutionary Council 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Stamp Issue** March 2, 1972



Text: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Revolutionary  
Council  
BURMA  
First Day of Issue

72-5

**Revolutionary Council 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Stamp Issue** March 2, 1972



Text: Tenth Anniversary of the Revolutionary Council. 1962-1972.

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**World Health Day Stamp Issue**

April 7, 1972



Text:

World Health Day  
7 April 1972



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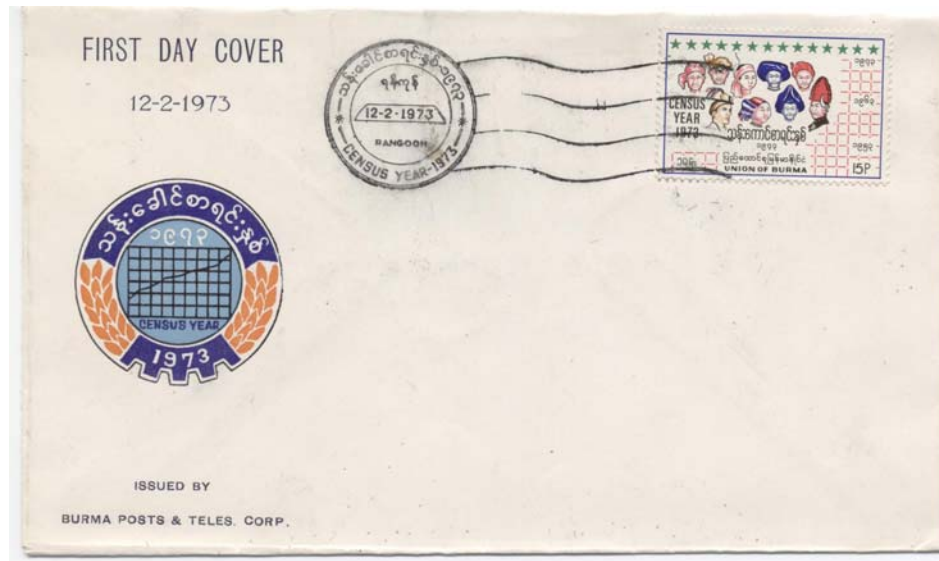
**World Health Day Stamp Issue**

April 7, 1972



Text: World Health Day  
7.4.72  
First Day  
Of Issue  
Union of Burma

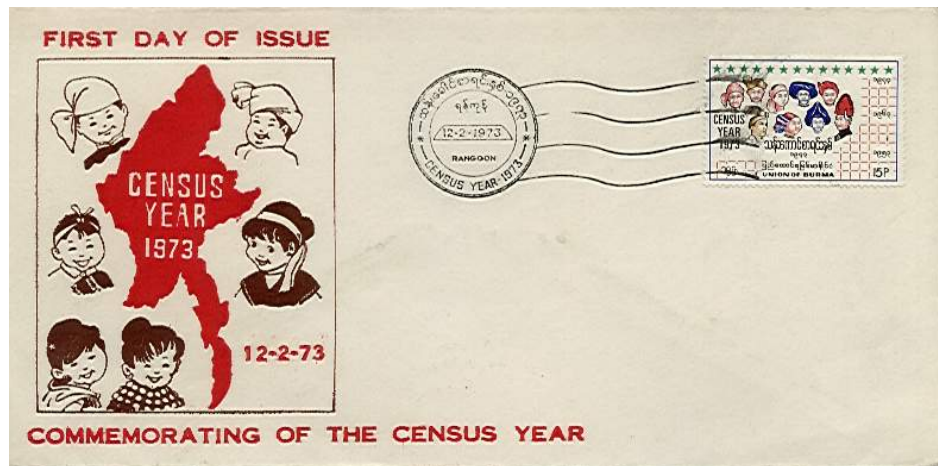
**74-1      1973 Census Stamp Issue**  
February 12, 1973



Publisher: Burma Posts & Teles. Corp

Text: First Day Cover  
12 - 2 - 1973  
Issued By  
Burma Posts & Teles. Corp.

**74-2**      **1973 Census Stamp Issue**  
February 12, 1973



Text:            First Day of Issue  
                  Census  
                  Year  
                  1973  
                  12 - 2 - 1973  
                  Commemorating of the Census Year

**74-3**      **1973 Census Stamp Issue**  
February 12, 1973



Text:            Commemorative of he Census Year (12<sup>th</sup> February 1973)

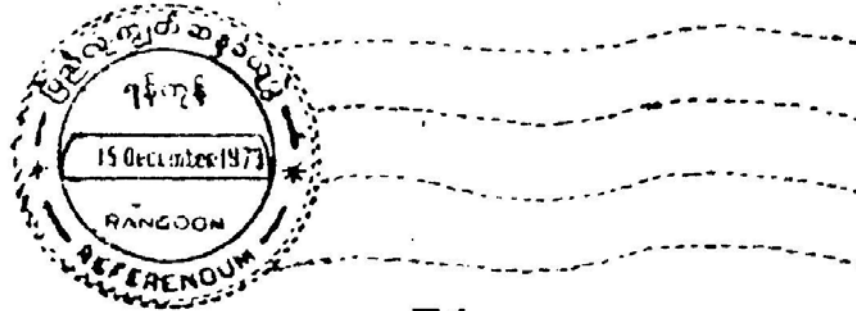
**75-x**

**Voting Stamp Issue**

December 15, 1973

The editor has not encountered a cachet for the issue of this stamp. A commemorative first day cancellation has been recorded; First Day Covers with cachets almost certainly exist.

First Day  
Cancel:



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**76-1 First Flight Cover**  
November 25, 1965



Publisher: BOAC

Text: By Air Mail  
Par Avion  
BOAC  
First Flight Between  
London and Nandi

Note: Nandi is in Fiji