

GLANCE ON STAMPS USED IN DUBAI

Dubai had the earliest postal service in whole Trucial Sates: From August 19, 1909 when Branch Office was opened managed under Karachi post office, British India.

The British India stamps were used from 1909 to 1947, after separation of Indian sub-continent the postal service was taken over by Pakistan for a brief period from 15 August 1947 to 31 March 1948.

British Postal Agency in Eastern Arabia then took over with Great Britain stamps with value only (same as used in Muscat) surcharges in Indian currency in use.

From 15 June 1963 the local government of Dubai took over control of the postal services and for the first time ever its own stamps were issued. This was continued till formation of United Arab Emirates (Union between Dubai and six Trucial Sates).

The exhibit will explore the issues used in the Emirate of Dubai from opening of first post office in 1909 under British Indian postal administration until the last issue of Dubai local administration on 31st July 1972 along with errors, verities, postal stationery and usage of the stamps.

This traditional Dubai exhibit shown as per following plan:-

Frame 1: Indian Postal Administration, Pakistan Administration

Frame 2: British Postal Administration

Frame 3: Local Administration Part -A

Frame 4-5: Local Administration Part - B

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