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Brazil – Postage stamp issues  
Theme: Brazil's diplomatic relations

Dear Sir/Madam

**BRAZIL** asks me to inform the designated operators of UPU member countries of the following:

"The designated operator of Brazil has established contacts with several foreign embassies in Brazil: Chile, China (People's Rep.), France, Korea (Rep.), Lebanon, Netherlands, Portugal, Russian Federation, Syrian Arab Rep. and Thailand. The aim is to launch a series of philatelic issues in 2009 on themes linked to the countries concerned and suitable for stamp launches. Brazil will be paying tribute to these countries and territories, and will launch joint issues with five of them: Chile, Hong Kong (China), Korea (Rep.), Netherlands and Portugal.

"For this purpose the designated operator of Brazil has enclosed a list of the themes that have been agreed upon in conjunction with the above-mentioned embassies and which seem to us to be particularly representative of the countries in question.

"We are confident that this joint approach will help to strengthen not only trading links but also friendship and philatelic exchanges between the designated operators that have taken part of their own accord."

Yours faithfully,

K.J.S. McKeown  
Director of Markets Development



## Series of stamps on diplomatic relations – 2009

Country	Theme	Date of issue	Place of launch
China (People's Rep.)	Lunar calendar: Year of the Ox	26 January	Brasília – DF, Rio de Janeiro – RJ and São Paulo – SP
Portugal <i>Joint issue</i>	100th anniversary of the birth of Carmen Miranda	9 February	Lisbon (Portugal) and Rio de Janeiro (Brazil – RJ)
Chile	Protection of poles and glaciers	18 March	Brasília – DF
Thailand	Brazil. Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest and the cathedral of São Pedro de Alcântara, Petrópolis (RJ). Thailand. White water lily and Thai temple	17 April	Brasília – DF
Lebanon	Beirut: World Book Capital 2009	23 April	Brasília – DF, Rio de Janeiro – RJ, São José do Rio Preto – SP and São Paulo – SP
Russian Federation	To be determined	12 June	Brasília – DF
Netherlands	Maurice of Nassau	4 August	Brasília – DF
Korea (Rep.)	To be determined	30 October	Brasília – DF
Hong Kong, China <i>Joint issue</i>	Football	To be determined	To be determined
France	Year of France in Brazil. Le Corbusier and Claude Lévi-Strauss	To be determined	São Luís – MA
Syrian Arab Rep.	To be determined	To be determined	Brasília – DF