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United Nations First Day Of Issue Ceremony at NAPEX 2010

NAPEX 2010, the Washington, D.C.-area stamp show, will host a first day of issue ceremony for the several United Nations stamps and stationery that are being issued June 4, 2010. The NAPEX ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. in Martinique's at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner in McLean. Admission to the ceremony is free and open to the public, and the stamps will be available for sale at the show.

NAPEX 2010 runs Friday through Sunday, June 4-6. The United Nations Postal Administration will have a booth at the show for all three days. At Saturday afternoon's cachetmakers bourse, it's likely there will be additional first day covers of the United Nations issues for sale.

The stamps include two stamps with designs by Christopher Corr, a 3-cent stamp showing people from around the world and a 4-cent with multicultural people forming the skyline of New York City; a 98-cent aerogramme featuring a UN air transport vehicle; a \$9.80 souvenir sheet commemorating the Shanghai World Expo, and showing the Shanghai and New York skylines; and a 44-cent stamped envelope in two sizes, showing cherry blossoms at UN Headquarters in New York.

Earlier in the day, at 11 a.m., NAPEX 2010 is hosting a first day of sale ceremony for the U.S. Negro Leagues Baseball stamps.

NAPEX 2010 is a World Series of Philately show, one of about 30 "national" shows, and features not only a competitive exhibition of multi-frame stamp and cover exhibits, but also single-frame and literature competitions. In addition, NAPEX 2010 will host the annual meetings of three national stamp societies — American Air Mail Society, the Colombia/Panama Philatelic Study Group, and Society of Australasian Specialists/Oceania.

The three-day NAPEX 2010 will also include more than 70 dealers, a U.S. Postal Service sales booth and Nordica, which represents several Scandinavian countries. There is a special hotel rate at the Hilton of \$130 a night for NAPEX visitors.

For more information on NAPEX, visit www.napex.org or contact show chairman Darrell Ertzberger at mteton@aol.com.