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News from the Bureau

Air Mail Delays

We do wish to apologise to all our customers for all the delay in airmail delivery to and from Tuvalu, due to circumstances beyond our control.

All airmail to and from Tuvalu had been on hold since February this year, 2010, due to conditions stipulated in the agreement between the Tuvalu Government and the Air Pacific, the airline that currently serves as the only air carrier that links Tuvalu to the outside world.

As of today, 8th July 2010, the airmail services to and from Funafuti has been restored and it is our deepest hope that this problem will not recur.

Shanghai 2010 Expo

For all those who have visited the Expo 2010 in Shanghai, you will have noticed the Tuvalu Philatelic Bureau (TPB)'s presence in the Pacific Pavilion.

TPB is currently represented at the Expo 2010 by our Accountant, Mr Teleke Apelu. Mr Apelu will be returning at the end of this month and our Finance Manager, Mr Filemoni Panisi, will replace him and remain in Shanghai for the rest of the Expo's duration.

TPB will be releasing a special commemorative stamp issue to mark its attendance at the Expo 2010, which will be released at a later date. We will duly inform all our customers of its release date.

A special delegation from Tuvalu will travel to Shanghai to mark the Tuvalu day at the Expo 2010, being the 32nd independence anniversary of Tuvalu. The delegation will comprise of the Minister of Finance and his wife, as well as a dance troupe made up of youth representatives from each of the eight constituencies in Tuvalu.

Currently, the Pacific Pavilion at the Expo 2010 is very much alive with entertainment from all the Pacific islands represented in the pavilion.

The Pacific Pavilion is the third largest pavilion at the Expo 2010 and features 14 Pacific island countries as well as 2 major Pacific islands organisations: the South Pacific Tourism Organisation and the Pacific Islands Forum.

The 14 countries include Vanuatu, Papua New

Guinea, Palau, Tonga, Micronesia, Samoa, Fiji, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Niue.

The Pacific Pavilion is often alive with entertainment from the various Pacific islands, with the beat of the islands reverberating around the Pavilion as dancers enthral the scores of visitors that continue to pass through the Pavilion daily.

On 28th June 2010, the Pacific Pavilion welcomed its 2 millionth visitor, since the opening of the Expo 2010 on 1st May 2010. The lucky visitor received gift packs from all the Pacific island stalls in the Pacific Pavilion.

Earlier in the same month, on 5th June, the Pacific Pavilion welcomed its one millionth visitor, 7-year old Wang Hao Di. Apart from the traditional gifts from the Pacific Pavilion participants, he also won a trip for 2 to Papua New Guines, for 7 days, donated by Mr Jimmy Yomapisi, the head of the PNG delegation.

Many dignitaries have visited the Pacific Pavilion, and these include the various Ministers and politicians from the Pacific islands countries represented in the pavilion, as well as dignitaries from other countries and organisations.

Some of the special visitors that have passed through the Pacific Pavilion include:

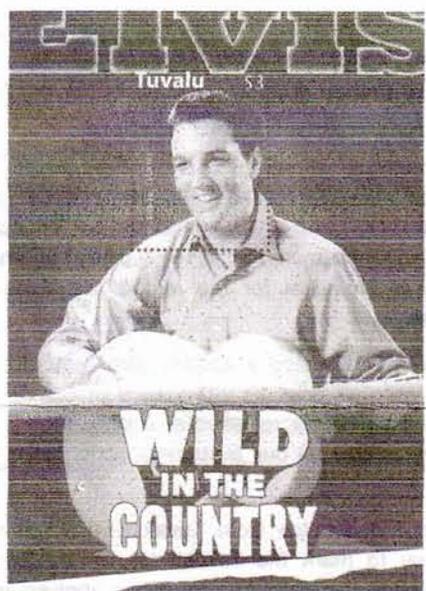
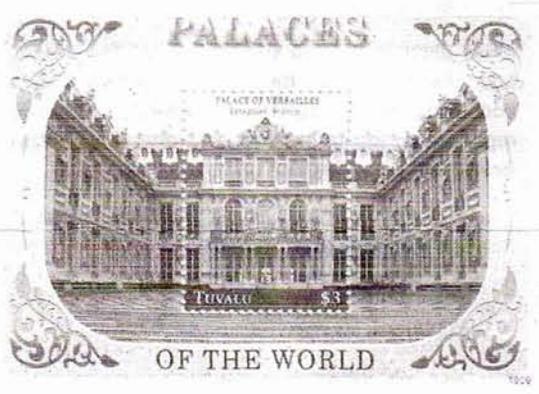
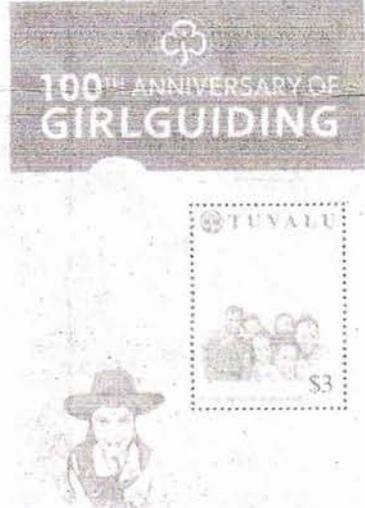
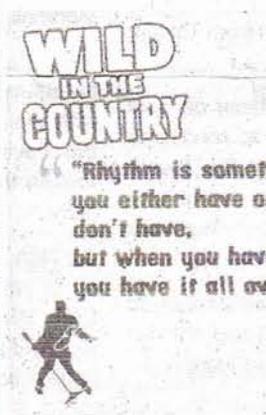
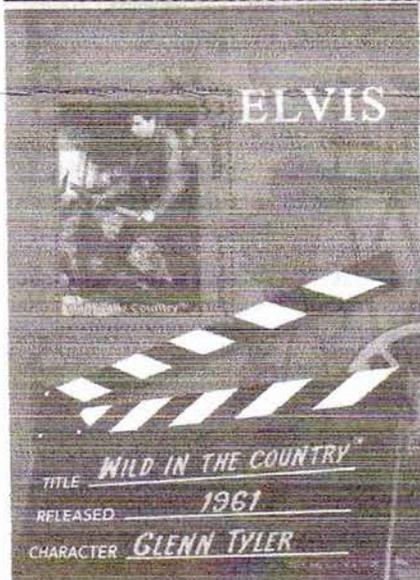
- BIE (Bureau of International Exhibitions) President, Mr Jean-Pierre Lafon
- Over 200 VIP visitors, made up of members of the diplomatic missions of France throughout China, captains of industry and guests from France
- A group of tourism wholesalers from Beijing
- Physically and mentally challenged special young persons
- Leader of the New Zealand Labour Party, Mr Phil Goff, and delegation
- Vanuatu's Leader of the Opposition, the Honourable Ham Lini and delegation

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The price of greatness is responsibility
- Sir Winston Churchill

Images of Elvis (Silver), Elvis Movie Series, Palaces of the World, and 100th Anniversary of Girl Guiding

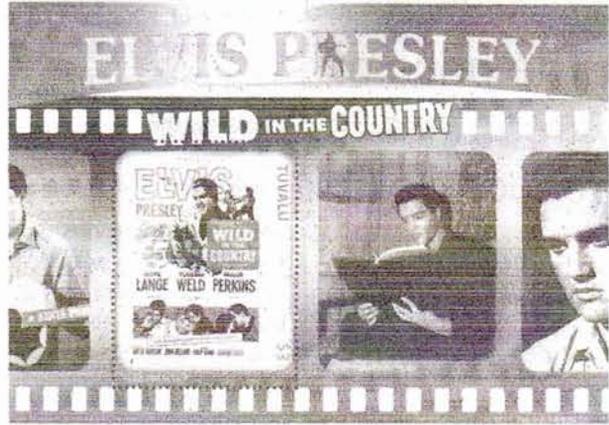
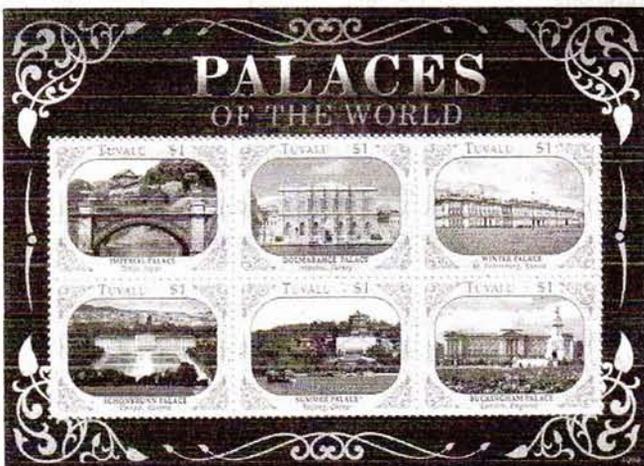


Top Left: *Elvis (Silver)*
Souvenir Sheet

Top & Above: *Girl Guiding*
100th Anniversary
Sheetlet & Souvenir
Sheet

Above Far Left, Above Left,
Left, & Below: *Elvis Movie*
Series Souvenir
Sheets

Far Left & Below Left:
Palaces of the World
Souvenir Sheet and Sheetlet



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- PNG's Minister for Commerce and Industry, Hon. Gabriel Kapris and delegation
- Samoa's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism of Samoa the popular Misa Telefoni Retzlaff and his wife, and the Ambassador for Samoa in Beijing Terry Toomata
- Australian Minister for Trade Mr Simon Crean, who arrived with his entourage from Canberra and Australia's Commissioner General Lyndall Sachs

Apart from the official dignitaries that visited the Pacific Pavilion, there were also dancing troupes from around the Pacific

who visited the pavilion and staged special performances which drew big crowds with colourful, captivating and pulsating traditional dances from around the Pacific region. These dance troupes include:

- Tahiti Ora from French Polynesia
- Traditional dancers from Ambrym, Vanuatu
- Oceania Dance Troupe, a multicultural dance group based in Fiji

A group of singers from Queensland, the Voice Weavers of Queensland, also honoured the Pavilion with 2 concerts.

The Pacific Pavilion also hosts a choir, conducted by maestro, Igelese Ete, who is also the entertainment manager of the pavilion. Igelese Ete will be leaving this

month, July, and will be replaced by Master Lai Veikoso of Fiji, for the rest of the duration of the Expo 2010. Every morning, the Pacific Pavilion choir sings the pavilion's theme song "People of the Sea" to welcome the first guests to the Pacific Pavilion.

The theme for the Pacific Pavilion is *Pacific—An Inspiration to Cities*.

The Pacific Pavilion will continue to entertain visitors from all over the world for the rest of the exhibition, with much more in store for prospective visitors.

A Tuvalu—Shanghai Expo 2010 stamp issue will be available later for sale at the Tuvalu stall in the Pacific Pavilion and will be distributed to all our customers once available. Tuvalu's theme at the Expo 2010 is *Green Island is Tuvalu Life Line*. ■

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Elvis 75th Birthday (Silver)

Release Date: 17th June 2010

ORDER FORM

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY		UNIT PRICE	SUB-TOTAL
	MINT	USED		
Souvenir Sheet (in silver with 2 Stamps @ \$6)			\$12.00	
First Day Cover			\$13.00	
Presentation Pack			\$13.00	
			TOTAL	

STANDING ORDER CUSTOMERS: Please use this form for additional orders only.

Method of Payment:

Cheque

Cash (A\$, Pounds Sterling US\$)

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Elvis Movie Series

Release Date: 28th July 2010

ORDER FORM

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY		UNIT PRICE	SUB-TOTAL
	MINT	USED		
Souvenir Sheet 1			\$3.00	
Souvenir Sheet 2			\$3.00	
Souvenir Sheet 3			\$3.00	
Souvenir Sheet 4			\$3.00	
Pres Pack (ss 1 & ss2)			\$7.00	
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			TOTAL	

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100th Anniv. Girl Guiding

Release Date: 16th August 2010

ORDER FORM

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY		UNIT PRICE	SUB-TOTAL
	MINT	USED		
Sheetlet (4 stamps @ \$1.30)			\$5.20	
Souvenir Sheet			\$3.00	
FDC—Sheetlet			\$6.20	
FDC—Souvenir Sheet			\$4.00	
Pres. Pack (Sheetlet only)			\$9.20	
			TOTAL	

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Palaces of the World

Release Date: 28th July 2010

ORDER FORM

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY		UNIT PRICE	SUB-TOTAL
	MINT	USED		
Sheetlet (6 stamps @ \$1)			\$6.00	
Souvenir Sheet			\$3.00	
FDC—Sheetlet			\$7.00	
FDC—Souvenir Sheet			\$4.00	
Pres. Pack (Sheetlet only)			\$10.00	
			TOTAL	

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