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Asking Canada Post to issue a “Mackay 150” Stamp in 2022



Everybody

Please sign our petition on [Change.org](http://chnng.it/7GPKqbrV)

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Then share it in your facebook, twitter or email.

Associations, Churches, Local Governments

Please write a letter on letterhead from your organization to Canada Post asking them to issue a stamp on March 9, in 2022 - the 150th anniversary of Mackay's arrival in Taiwan and of Canada's engagement in Asia.

Send the letter to:

Chair of the Stamp Advisory Committee, Canada Post
2701 Riverside Drive, Suite N1070, Ottawa K1A 0B1

What should the letter say?

- (1) That your organization supports the request from Canadian Mackay Committee to issue a stamp commemorating Mackay in March 2022.
- (2) What is your organization.
- (3) Why you support this request or why Mackay is important to your members.

The letter should be brief – no more than one page including address and signatures. You do not need to make a case for Mackay, we have already done that. Just briefly state why you support this request for a stamp in 2022.

Please send a copy to us at canadianmackay@gmail.com

Petition to Canada Post asking for a George Leslie Mackay stamp in 2022

On March 9, 1872 Canada first set foot in Asia, in the person of Rev. George Leslie Mackay (1844-1901), who founded the first Canadian overseas mission and is now a national hero in Taiwan.

“Mackay of Formosa” was the most famous missionary of his generation, noted for his unusual yet successful methods. He established the first hospital, first modern school, first school for women, and first museum in Taiwan. He is remembered there in school textbooks, on a 2001 stamp, in statues, a museum, commemorative days, and Mackay Memorial Hospital.

In Taiwan he married a Chinese woman, Tiuⁿ Chhang-mia (Minnie). She became the head of the Girl’s School, and worked as his partner and leader of the church. She is today recognized in Taiwan’s feminist history as Taiwan’s first woman to “stand up”.

In Canada Mackay vigorously opposed the head tax on Chinese. He advocated open immigration and argued that Canada needed people from all cultures to build the country. He is the forgotten prophet of Canadian anti-racism and fair immigration policies.

It is a surprise to people from Taiwan to learn that Mackay is unknown in Canada today. Commemorating him on a stamp for the 150th anniversary of Canada’s engagement in Asia would be a small step to reviving this forgotten history.

If you support contemporary Canadian values of equality, empowerment of women, and fair immigration policies - values this noble man lived out in Taiwan for thirty years from 1872 to 1901 - please sign this petition.