HANDBOOKS AND SPECIALIZED CATALOGUES
OF POSTAL ISSUES OF THE RYUKYU (Liu Ch’iu) ISLANDS
(Issued Under United States Administrations)

These catalogues are the ones that the current editor has written or compiled beginning in October 2009 and should be completed sometime in 2021. Publication release dates are indicated. Ones without release dates have not been published but most are nearly ready for publication. [These are the new catalogue, monograph, and document series.]

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Fascicle 4: Miyako Island Postal History During and After the War, First Edition, Version 1.1 (Released February 2013)


Supplement Number 1: Commemorative Cancellation Types Added to RPSS Work Table Version 1.1 Website: September 2015 Version 1.2, August 2018 Version 1.3, October 2020 Version 1.4

Second Edition: Small Japanese Commemorative Cancellations: basic listing (a more expanded listing in Part VII, Fascicle 27, Section 1 and will likely be removed from the second edition). The second edition has been expanded and updated with historical background and Supplement Number 1 has been added.
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**Fascicle 9:** *Tuberculosis Prevention Seals 1952 - 1971*, First Edition (Released July 2011)

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  Website: August 2018 Version 1.0; October 2020 Version 1.1

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  **Section 2:** *First Day Certificates, First Day Sheets, Metal Engraved Cachets, Postal Stationery Cachets, Cultural / Historical / First Flight Cachets 1947 - 1972, Commemorative Cancellations, Scenic Cancellations, Private Cancellations, Post Office Openings, Last Day of Sales Cachets, and Last Day of Use Cachets*

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**Fascicle 22:**  *Stamp Errors and Varieties – Postage Stamps, Air Mail Stamps, and Special Delivery Stamp of the Central Governments 1948 - 1972*, First Edition (Released April 2017)


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