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2 **Commemorative sheetlets** for Longjiang and Expo 2010, Shanghai

3-13 **Foreign Legations and their Guards in Peking after the Boxer rebellion**; postal items from guard members of the various countries are shown and discussed; includes map of Legation Quarter.

13-16 **Yuan Shi-kai** was President of the Chinese Republic, but proclaimed himself Emperor in December 1915, a title which he renounced 3 months later. During that period stamps were prepared and cancels had to bear the year 'yuan nien' (first year of the reign). Examples are shown with special attention for Paishuichen, where the old Lunar Cancel was still in use until that time.

16 **Varieties of perforation in SG 1538-39** (1952 PRC issue) are discussed again as follow-up to latest issue.

17 **Hong Kong letters** franked with British period stamps sent in **1997** are shown with the special chop to alert the addressee to the fact those were no longer valid and Postage was due.

18-19 **The China Labour Corps** active in France during the First WW is discussed and a rare letter addressed to one of those men is shown, along with the standard envelopes issued.

19 **Commemorative sheetlets** for Teacher's Day and various Fruits are shown

20-21 **New issues PRC**

22-23 **New issues Hong Kong post**

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