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U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AND PACIFIC RIM POSTS PROVIDE FIRST-EVER JOINT OFFERING OF GUARANTEED MAIL SERVICE

Washington, D.C. — In an historic agreement, The U.S. Postal Service has joined with the postal administrations in Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan and the Republic of South Korea to offer an enhanced expedited shipping service to these destinations.

"The Pacific Rim continues to grow in global significance as the nations there experience unprecedented growth in trade; it's where our customers want to be," said Jim Wade, vice president of international business for the U.S. Postal Service. "The combined dependability, high performance and modern technology this alliance brings allow us to better satisfy our current customers and to acquire new ones," Wade added.

Launched today, enhancements to the Postal Service's Global Express Mail provide day-certain guaranteed delivery to the Pacific Rim and United States — with the security and safety customers have come to expect from the U.S. Postal Service and without hidden surcharges.

This offering will be available beginning July 26 at all Post Offices in all 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Customers can track a shipment's progress online at www.usps.com or by calling 1-800-222-1811.

Since 1775, the Postal Service and its predecessor, the Post Office Department, has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. It is an independent federal agency that visits 142 million homes and businesses every day, six days a week and is the only service provider delivering to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services. With annual revenues of more than \$69 billion, it is the world's leading provider of mailing and delivery services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. The Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world's mail volume—some 206 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year—and serves seven and a half million customers each day at its 37,000 retail locations nationwide. Its website, usps.com, attracts more than 21 million visitors each month.