

SEPTEMBER 16, 1943

2P REGULAR ISSUE

Issued in plates of 400 stamps divided into four panes of 100 stamps (10 x 10). Plate imprints “Naikaku Insatsu Kyoku Seizo” (Printed by Cabinet Printing Bureau) appear on the bottom margin below position 98 in the same colour of the printed stamps.

On the first day of issue, there was an unexpected rush of purchasers and the entire printing (40,000 stamps) was sold out before noon. Because of many complaints from collectors who had been unable to obtain even a single 2p stamp, additional quantities were ordered from Tokyo. The second printing was issued on April 10, 1944. It is difficult to differentiate between the First and Second printings. The First Printing occurs on slightly heavier paper and displays clear-cut perforations; conversely, the Second Printing is on thinner paper and frequently displays ragged perforations.



ACCORDION ERROR



Printing Error on top right corner due to natural paper fold

IMPRINT BLOCKS

