

12. Mail (YUBIN)

(1) Basic Information About Mail

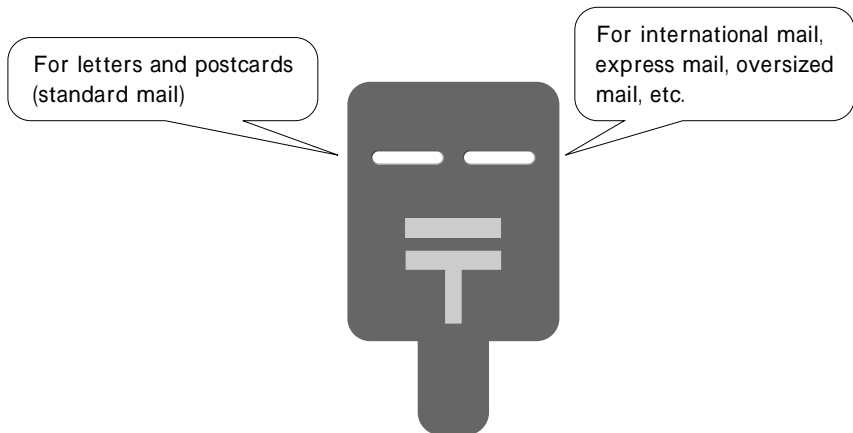
"〒" is the symbol of mail

This mark is found at post offices(YUBINKYOKU) and on mailboxes. In addition, this mark is found on signs in stores where stamps, postcards and revenue stamps are sold.

Mailboxes

You can send letters and postcards with stamps on them by putting them in a mailbox.

Mailboxes have 2 mail slots.



Post Office

All activities relating to mail are handled by post offices. In addition to mail services, post offices also handle savings, remittance and payments. All post offices offer the same services, but offices hours may differ.

Japan Post <<http://www.japanpost.jp>> (English available)

Post Office Business Hours

A・・・Major Post Offices Within Toyohashi City

Toyohashi Post Office 106 Shinmei-cho, Toyohashi TEL : 0532-52-2103

Toyohashi Minami Post Office 1-1 Kamishinkiri, Nakano-cho, Toyohashi

TEL : 0532-47-6905

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| S E R V I C E S | Mail | Day | A (Major Post Offices) | General Post Offices | |
| | | Weekdays | 9 am ~ 7 pm | "YU-YU" window open 24 hours | 9 am ~ 5 pm |
| | | Saturdays | 9 am ~ 5 pm | | Closed |
| | Sundays/ Holidays | 9 am ~ 12:30 pm | | | |
| | Insurance Savings | Weekdays | 9 am ~ 4 pm | | |
| | | Weekends/ Holidays | Closed | | |
| | ATM | Weekdays | 8 am ~ 11 pm | 9 am ~ 5:30 pm | |
| | | Saturdays | 9 am ~ 7 pm | 9 am ~ 12:30 pm | |
| | | Sundays/ Holidays | 9 am ~ 7 pm | Closed | |

(2) Postage Fees

The chart below shows the category and fee for major items. Price varies according to weight, size and content. If you do not know the cost or want to buy postcards or stamps, please inquire at the post office.

Fees for Normal Domestic Mail

| Type | | Weight | Fee |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------|---------|
| Sealed Letter | Standard mail | Up to 25 grams | 80 yen |
| | | Up to 50 grams | 90 yen |
| | Non-standard mail | Up to 50 grams | 120 yen |
| Postcard | Regular postcard | | 50 yen |
| | Return postcard | | 100 yen |

Fees for Normal International Mail (Airmail)

| | | Weight | Asia | North/Central America, Oceania, Middle East & Europe | South America & Africa |
|--------|----------------------|----------------|---------|--|---------------------------------|
| Letter | Standard mail | Up to 25 grams | 90 yen | 110 yen | 130 yen |
| | | Up to 50 grams | 160 yen | 190 yen | 230 yen |
| | Non-standard mail | Up to 50 grams | 220 yen | 260 yen | 300 yen |

* Postcards to anywhere in the world are 70 yen.

(3) Parcel Post ("Yu" Pack)

You can use this service when you want to send non-letter items. Delivered to anywhere in Japan by the next day (except some areas). Bring them to a post office or call to request a pick-up.

Convenience stores which display "Yu" Pack signs also offer this service.

Other International Post

EMS (International Express Mail)

quickest way to send papers and items overseas.(takes 2 ~ 3 days on average)

Able to track delivery status of items.

International Parcel

There are 3 types: air parcel, surface parcel and economy air parcel (SAL). Airmail takes 3 ~ 6 days, surface mail takes 1 ~ 2 months, and SAL takes 3 days ~ 1 week longer than airmail.

In addition to these options, there are a number of other services. Furthermore, there are some items which you can not send. For more details, please ask at the post office.

(4) Other

Delivery When You Are Not At Home (FUZAIHAITATSU)

In the event that registered mail or a package is delivered when you are not home, the postman will leave a notice (Fuzai Haitatsu Tsuchi-sho) and take the item back to the post office. If you want to have the item delivered again, fill in the desired date on the notice and drop it in a mailbox or call the number on the notice and request when you want them to deliver again. If you go to the post office directly to pick up your mail, please bring identification and the notice.

When You Move

When your address changes, please be sure to notify the post office. Mail sent to your previous address will be forwarded to your new address for 1 year.

Delivery Services (TAKUHAIBIN)

If you take luggage or small packages to a delivery service store, you can send them just like parcel post. There are signs in front of these kinds of stores, such as convenience stores.