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1. EIGHT ARAB POSTAL CORPS, EMIRATES POST SIGN MONEY TRANSFER DEAL

DUBAI (Wednesday, August 13, 2008; Posted: 04:09 AM) - Eight Arab postal corporations, led by Emirates Post, have signed an agreement to implement a regional, low-cost post-to-post money transfer system, which is backed by Universal Postal Union's (UPU) IFS application and international financial network. "The multilateral agreement will allow the Arab region and some countries in Asia and Africa to provide reliable and cost-effective money transfer services through secure channels to migrant workers," said CEO of Emirates Post, Ibrahim Bin Karam. The project will allow participating postal operators to conduct money transfer operations on a multilateral basis and other Arab countries are expected to join the regional network by the end of 2008.

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2. China's national postal museum admission-free from Aug. 22-24

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BEIJING, Aug. 19 (Xinhua) -- Visitors will be able to enjoy the collections of valuable stamps admission-free from Aug. 22-24 at the Beijing-based National Post and Postage Stamp Museum.

The collections include the first set of Olympic stamps and the stamps that were issued for this year's Beijing Olympics.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the period.

The move marks its upcoming first anniversary on Aug. 22 and is also intended to accommodate visitors to the Olympics.

The museum is the largest of its kind in the country, with more than 100 million postal items from China and abroad.

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3. TNT and Postal Corporation sign parcel delivery deal

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By Tabitha Areba

Postal Corporation of Kenya (PCK) and TNT Express Worldwide Kenya Ltd have signed an agreement that will allow the companies to extend their services and value-additions to customers.

TNT Express will begin the delivery of international parcels on behalf of EMS Kenya (PCK's express delivery division) to an initial 90 international routes where EMS Kenya does not have an agreement. PCK will assume local distribution of TNT consignments through the 300-plus post offices.

The agreement was signed by the Postal Corporation of Kenya Postmaster General Fred Odhiambo for EMS Kenya, while TNT Express was represented by the Country Manager Sam Gichohi.

"This is a true 'win-win' agreement that will allow us to offer customers world-class and extensive express delivery of services," said Mr Gichohi.

international footprint

PCK has grown its international business to 109 countries. The new partnership will extend this count beyond 200.

PCK will, on its part, enable TNT Express to expand and streamline coverage in this market by offering better national coverage for their international consignments.

"The forging of this new partnership is in line with PCK's refreshed go-to-market strategy, which includes forging useful partnerships with key players to widen our market," said Odhiambo.

The move comes only two months after TNT Express announced its commitment to invest Sh136 million in expanding operations. This new announcement with further its objective of strengthening its presence Kenya.

4. Postal Bank supports girls' education

Dailynews Reporter

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THE Tanzania Postal Bank (TPB) in collaboration with the Western Union has donated 100 desks worth 20,000 US dollars in support to girls' education.

The donation was presented to 'Wanawake na Maendeleo'-- (WAMA)-- for their newly constructed secondary school at Nyamisati, Coast Region.

The donation coincides with the 10th anniversary of TPB and Western Union partnership in the country.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony held at WAMA premises in Dar es Salaam recently, TPB Head of Marketing and Business Development Mwindi Kiula said that this year they were delighted to commemorate 10 years of partnership with Western Union.

In his comments, the Deputy Director of Primary Education in the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Jumanne Sagini, said that he was delighted to note that stakeholders in the sector were collaborating with WAMA to support the education sector.

"WAMA has built an exemplary new secondary school at Nyamisati, Coast Region and is making other efforts to support the sector in Lindi Region, efforts that are also commended by the ministry," he said.

Speaking at the same occasion, WAMA Chairperson, First Lady Mama Salma Kikwete, thanked TPB and Western Union for donating 100 desks and the support of five children all valued at 23m/-.

"The spirit shown by TPB and Western Union is so patriotic that I appeal to other organizations to emulate it," she said.