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2015 – THE YEAR OF THE GOAT



2015 is the Year of the Goat in the Chinese zodiac, which Magyar Posta is celebrating on a miniature sheet. According to the Chinese zodiac, this year will be the year of hope, typified by harmony and peace. Although wars and conflicts rage in many parts of the world, the Year of the Goat will be a year of peace and compromises. The miniature sheet of four stamps contains two tête-bêche pairs with the same goat motifs but with different colour schemes. The graphic artist *Imre Benedek* also designed the first day cover and postmark to match the miniature sheet. Sixty-five thousand copies of the miniature sheet were produced by *ANY Security Printing Company*. The miniature sheet will be available at large post offices and Filaposta in Hungary from 19 February, but may also be purchased from Magyar Posta's webshop.

The Year of the Goat begins on 19 February 2015 and lasts until 7 February 2016. It promises major changes and new experiences and events in all walks of life for all signs of the zodiac. Most of the changes are likely to be positive in the coming year. Your creative abilities will develop suddenly, bringing new innovative options for you. This is a year where desires can be satisfied but only for people with a positive attitude towards life. So long as this is combined with creativity, ambition and determination, you can achieve unbelievable success. This is a good period for weddings as most marriages will be amicable and fortunate. As regards health, many people will realise that it is not money but physical well-being that is the most important. More people will pay attention to their health and eating a healthy diet, and many will avoid or learn how to handle stressful situations. Sport will also play an important role in your life. Conflicts will likewise come to an end.

The signs of the Chinese zodiac are repeated every 12 years. The last Year of the Goat was in 2003 and the next will be in 2027. Last year Magyar Posta issued a miniature sheet to welcome the Year of the Horse and the Company intends to continue the series in 2016 with a release marking the Year of the Monkey. (*Source: twice.hu*)

GOAT2015: Order code: 2015040040011 (miniature sheet) 2015040060012 (FDC) • Date of issue: 19 February 2015 • Total face value: HUF 1,140 • Number of copies issued: 65,000 miniature sheets • Perforation size: 26 x 26.44 mm • Imperforate size: 67 x 67.88 mm • Printing method: 3+0 colours (direct colour) • Printed by ANY Security Printing Company • Designed by Imre Benedek