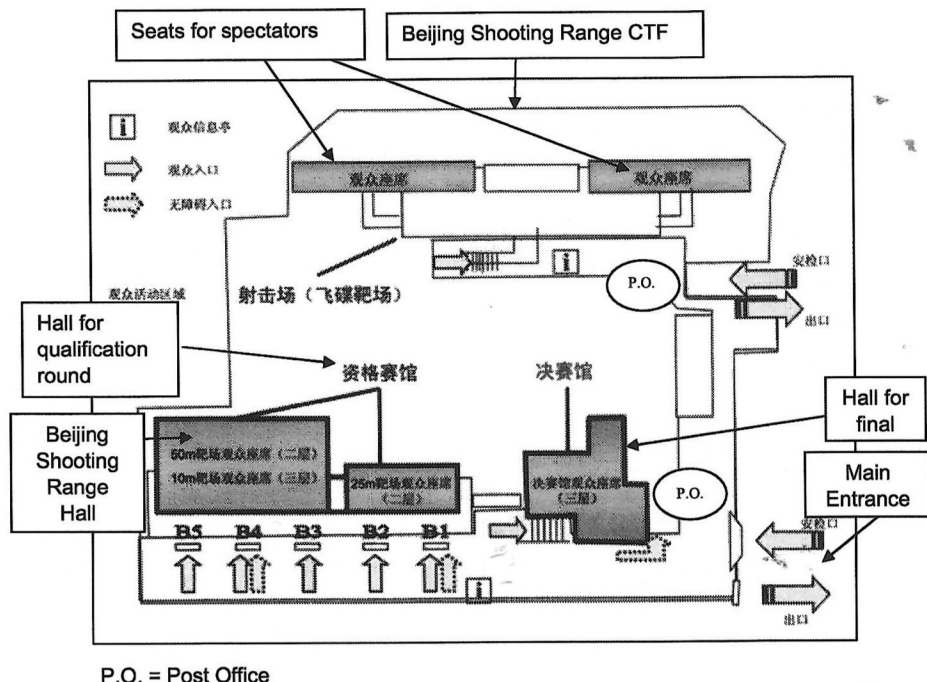


## Beijing 2008 - Temporary Post Offices, postmarks and cachets of the Shooting Range.

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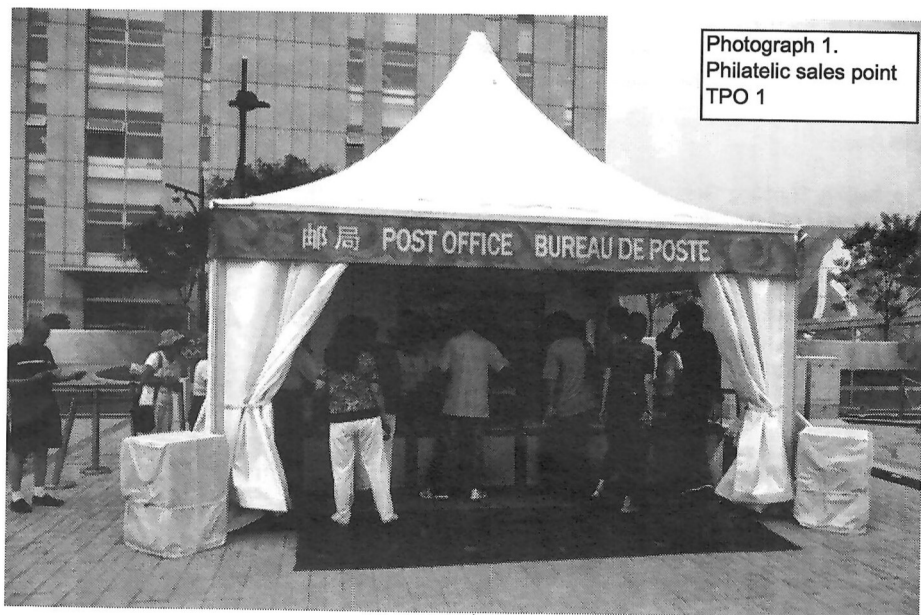
The Beijing Shooting Range Hall and Beijing Shooting Range CTF located side by side in the Shijingshan District of Beijing. Please see the map below:



I was at the Shooting Range on 14th. August, 2008. After entering the venue through the main entrance, I saw a temporary post office just in front of me. *Photograph 1.*

In common with many of the China Post facilities at the Beijing Olympic Games, it was more like a sales counter for philatelic souvenirs without any real postal service.

In the left hand side of the stand, I found a real post office with a postal service counter. *Photograph 2.*



Photograph 1.  
Philatelic sales point  
TPO 1



Photograph 2.  
Philatelic sales point  
and postal counter  
TPO 2

At the postal counter, two chops (handstamps) with red cachets were available. They were for the Beijing Shooting Range Hall and Beijing Shooting Range CTF. *Figs. 1 & 2.*

This TPO was located adjacent to the Shooting Range Hall, so the pictorial postmark of the Beijing Shooting Range Hall was also available. *Fig. 3.*

The text of the postmark reads:  
Beijing Shooting Range /  
2008.08.14.20 / (7) /  
Beijing Shinjingshan.



**Fig. 1**  
Beijing Shooting Range  
CTF / Beijing / 2008.8.9 –  
8.16

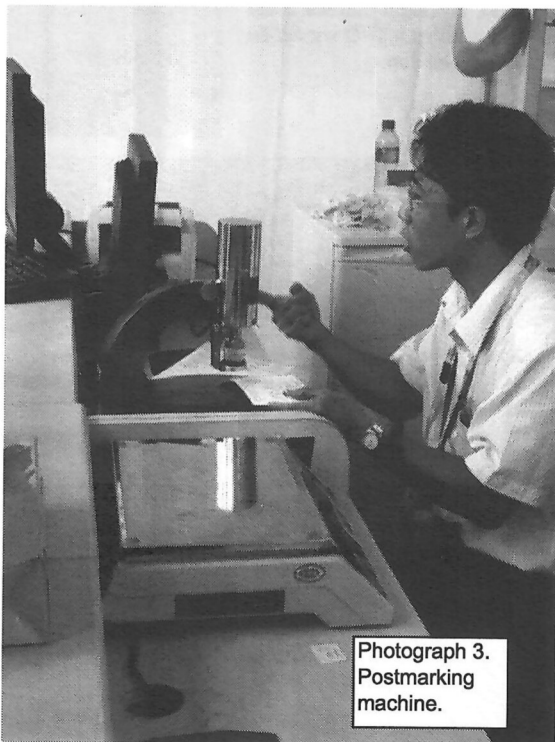


**Fig. 2.**  
Beijing Shooting Range  
Hall / Beijing / 2008.8.9 –  
8.17

**Fig. 3.**



Instead of using the traditional cancel, the postal clerk used an electric postmarking machine (operated by his foot) to cancel the cards (the silver and green machine in front of the postal clerk). *Photograph 3.*



**Photograph 3.**  
Postmarking  
machine.

Nearby was a postbox.  
*Photograph 4.*

The four Chinese characters translate as temporary post office, although the English version only states post office.

Walking to the right-hand side, we proceeded to the Beijing Shooting Range CTF.

There was another TPO in front of the entrance area. On this occasion, I thought that we could see clearly what a TPO should be - It was a mini-van.

*Photograph 5.*



**Photograph 5.**  
TPO. 3. The mini-van.

The postal clerks were supposed to serve the customers through the window, but, of course, China Post could not lose the opportunity of selling souvenirs, so the staff had arranged two tables just beside the van for marketing their souvenirs.

In this TPO, the red cachet of the Beijing Shooting Range CTF was again available, and because of location, the pictorial postmark of the Beijing Shooting Range CTF was provided. *Fig. 4.*

The text of the postmark reads:  
Beijing Shooting Rang CTF / 2008.08.14.20 /  
(7) / Beijing Shinjingshan.



Instead of using the electric mechanical postmarking device, the lady here used the traditional postmarking device - a steel engraved postmark with a hammer.

*Photograph 6.*

Photograph 6.  
Clerk with traditional cancel.

In addition to the traditional and more obvious philatelic items, the VISA receipts of the Beijing Olympics are also interesting postal collectibles, as the names of the TPO were inscribed on the receipts. The receipts showing the names of the Beijing Shooting Range Hall & Beijing Shooting Range CTF are illustrated below.

*{It should be noted that the acceptance of credit card payment for postal services and philatelic items is not common within post offices. The acceptance of VISA payments at postal facilities within the Olympic infrastructure is a direct result of their status as Worldwide Partner. Ed.}*

Beijing Shooting Range CTF Post Office  
2008/08/14 11:50:33

Beijing Shooting Range Hall Post Office  
2008/08/14 09:49:06


**中国银行** **VISA**  
 BANK OF CHINA

北京射击场邮局  
Beijing Shooting Range CTF Post Office  
2008/08/14 11:50:33  
<000002>

VISA  
\*\*\*\*\*4940C 11/06

消费SALE

金额/AMT RMB70.00

同意支付上述款项  
I ACKNOWLEDGE SATISFACTORY  
RECEIPT OF RELATIVE GOODS/SERVICES

持卡人签名/CARD HOLDER SIGNATURE:

WANG XIAOXI YIU  
ORIGINAL COPY SIGNED BY CUSTOMER  
NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED

MID: 821687105000008/TID: 20083668/OP: 001  
 BATCH: 000006  
 STAN: 000016/APP: 196205/REF: 822703000016  
 AID: A0000000031010/TC: 9191A9720709999BA  
 谢谢/THANK YOU  
 VISA AND BANK OF CHINA ARE  
 PROUD SPONSORS OF THE BEIJING 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES

持卡人存根/CARDHOLDER COPY


**中国银行** **VISA**  
 BANK OF CHINA

北京射击场邮局  
Beijing Shooting Range Hall Post Office  
2008/08/14 09:49:06  
<000167>

VISA  
\*\*\*\*\*4940C 11/06

消费SALE

金额/AMT RMB315.00

同意支付上述款项  
I ACKNOWLEDGE SATISFACTORY  
RECEIPT OF RELATIVE GOODS/SERVICES

持卡人签名/CARD HOLDER SIGNATURE:

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 STAN: 000020/APP: 168657/REF: 822701000020  
 AID: A0000000031010/TC: CE1F3453A02B57D0  
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