

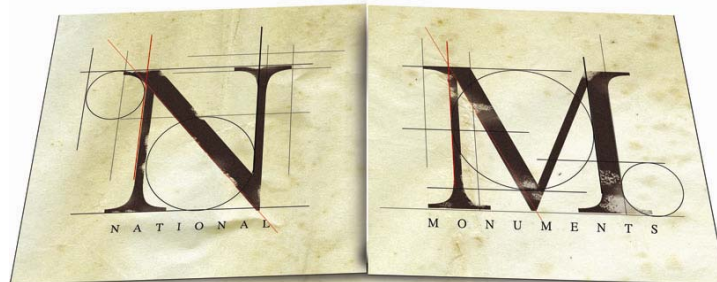
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National Day Stamp Issue: National Monuments
A Celebration of Architectural Link between the Past and the Present

Date of Issue: 4 August 2010



Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with miniature sheet (Price: S\$2.75)



Presentation pack with complete set of stamps (Price: S\$7.65)

Singapore, 3 August 2010 – Notwithstanding its small geographical size, Singapore has 61 national monuments gazetted by the Preservation of Monuments Board. Apart from their architectural and artistic value, these national monuments embody our multicultural heritage and unique historical past, and bear testimonials of our nation's progress.

Six of the national monuments will be featured in this year's National Day stamp issue and the First Day Cover will be cancelled with a unique NDP 2010 postmark. Mr Leo Teck Chong, the designer who designed the first two National Monuments stamp issues in 1991 and 2004, used pencil as the medium of expression this time to bring forth the intricacy of structural forms.

Bowyer Block at the Singapore General Hospital (1st local stamp)

The Bowyer Block was opened as part of the Singapore General Hospital in 1926. Previously known as the Upper Block, it was renamed after Dr John Herbert Bowyer, the former Chief Medical Officer who died during the Second World War. Today, it is the only block that still remains standing and its distinctive clock tower has been readapted for use as the Singapore General Hospital Museum.



College of Medicine (2nd local stamp)

The College of Medicine building was opened in 1926 by Sir Laurence Nunns Guillemard, then Governor of the Straits Settlements and Patron of the College. It became the Faculty of Medicine for the University of Malaya in 1949, the National University of Singapore in 1982 and finally the headquarters of the Ministry of Health in 1987.



Command House (55¢ stamp)

The Command House, built in the 1930s, served as the official residence of 16 successive General Officers commanding Malaya and Singapore (1938-1971). Following the withdrawal of the British military from Singapore, the House served as the official residence of the Speaker of Parliament (1971-1989) and as a venue for State Functions (1993-1998). In 2007 it became the UBS Wealth Management Campus.



Chinese High School Clock Tower (65¢ stamp)

The Chinese High School Clock Tower (now known as Hwa Chong Institution Clock Tower) was completed in 1925. It was also used by the British forces as an artillery observation post in the Second World War. Today, the clock tower marks the significance of the institution as the first Chinese-medium secondary school to be built in Southeast Asia by its founder, Mr Tan Kah Kee.



Former Raffles College (Bukit Timah Campus) (80¢ stamp)

The Raffles College campus at Bukit Timah was opened in 1929 as the first institution to offer higher learning in Malaya. It later housed the University of Malaya (1949-1962), the University of Singapore (1962-1981), the National Institute of Education (1982-2000) and the Singapore Management University (2001-2005), and currently, the National University of Singapore's Faculty of Law and Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy as well as several of the University's research institutes.



Tan Teck Guan Building (S\$1.10 stamp)

The Tan Teck Guan Building was built in 1911 by Mr Tan Chay Yan in memory of his late father Mr Tan Teck Guan (the second son of Mr Tan Tock Seng). It was the site of the first medical school, known then as the Straits and Federal Malay States Government Medical School.





Products on Sale

Apart from this complete set of six stamps (S\$3.68), SingPost is also releasing a Presentation Pack (S\$7.65) and Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with the complete set of stamps (S\$4.55) or miniature sheet (S\$2.75).

All the stamp products of this issue will be on sale from 4 August 2010 at all post offices and the Singapore Philatelic Museum. Orders can also be made at SingPost's online shopping portal, *vPOST*, at <http://shop.vpost.com.sg>.

Information and enquiries

For more information on this new stamp issue, please contact 1605 or visit <http://www.singpost.com>.

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**ANNEX 1**

| <b><u>Items on Sale</u></b>                                       | <b><u>Price</u></b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| First Day Cover (without stamps)                                  | S\$0.25*            |
| Complete set of stamps                                            | S\$3.68             |
| Miniature Sheet                                                   | S\$2.00             |
| Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with complete set of stamps | S\$4.55*            |
| Pre-cancelled First Day Cover affixed with miniature sheet        | S\$2.75*            |
| Presentation Pack                                                 | S\$7.65*            |

**Technical Details**

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|----------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date of Issue        | : | 4 August 2010                                                           |
| Denominations        | : | 1 <sup>st</sup> local, 2 <sup>nd</sup> local, 55¢, 65¢, 80¢, \$1.10     |
| Stamp Size           | : | 48mm x 34.8mm (Stamps)<br>100mm x 40.5mm (\$2 stamp in Miniature Sheet) |
| Miniature sheet size | : | 113mm x 80mm                                                            |
| Perforation          | : | 14                                                                      |
| Paper                | : | Unwatermarked                                                           |
| Printing Process     | : | Offset Lithography                                                      |
| Printer              | : | Joh Enschede Security Print                                             |
| Sheet Content        | : | 10 stamps per sheet                                                     |
| Designer             | : | Leo Teck Chong                                                          |

\* Prices inclusive of prevailing GST for purchases within Singapore.