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SPECIAL STAMPS AND FIRST DAY COVER HONOURING MALAYSIA'S UNDERGROUND ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

Kuala Lumpur, Thursday - Pos Malaysia will be issuing Special Stamps and First Day cover on "SMART tunnel - Underground Engineering Excellence" which will feature Malaysia's present accomplishment in underground engineering. The stamps will be available for sale on 21 November 2011.

The Underground Engineering Excellence Stamp Collection commemorates MMC Corporation Berhad's (MMC) illustrious 100 years' milestone and features one of Malaysia's most innovative projects, the SMART tunnel that was developed by MMC-Gamuda Joint Venture Sdn Bhd.

SMART is an acronym for Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel, a project under the Federal Government initiated to alleviate the flooding problem in the city centre of Kuala Lumpur. SMART tunnel is believed to be the world's first underground double-storey motorway and water channel. The 9.7 km storm water tunnel has the capacity to hold 1 (one) million m³ of floodwater and has mitigated flood for Kuala Lumpur on numerous occasion. It has won many accolades and received recognition world-wide and was featured in the National Geographic and Discovery Channel as Malaysia's ultimate engineering marvel and screened on the KHAWATER, one of the most popular documentary programmes in the Middle East.

“It is an honor for Pos Malaysia to celebrate Malaysia’s notable accomplishments in the field of engineering that has contributed towards our nation through our special stamps, First Day Cover and Miniature Sheet. By collaborating with MMC Corporation Berhad, we hope that the public would learn more about the excellence of Malaysia’s underground engineering that we have achieved through our stamps and philatelic products,” said Dato’ Syed Faisal Albar, Group Managing Director / CEO of Pos Malaysia.

Encik Anwar Syahrin Ajib, Director of Finance for MMC said, “We are very pleased to be able to work closely with Pos Malaysia on this stamp collection that features an engineering marvel such as the SMART Tunnel. MMC has been on the forefront of the nation’s innovative projects, especially on the tunneling technology breakthrough. Therefore, it is most apt that our expertise is captured in the ‘Underground Engineering Excellence’ stamp collection. The special stamp collection also underscores our leadership position in domestic engineering and construction as demonstrated in our current role as the Main Contractor together with Gamuda Berhad for the Electrified Double Track Project as well as the Project Delivery Partner in the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) project.

The stamps, measuring 45mm X 28mm in size, are printed in sheets of 20 on security stamp paper and are available in setenant pairs in 60 sen (3 designs) denominations featuring:

- SMART Road tunnel,
- Schematic cross section,
- Tunneling trough,
- TBM after breakthrough,
- Tunnel breakthrough and
- Construction gantry

Miniature Sheet is at 80mm X 90mm in size and uniquely features lenticular design of the stamps, printed on Self Adhesive security stamp paper which brought to life the visuals within the SMART Tunnel in the two stamp pieces – the first lenticular stamp in the world featuring underground tunnel and the first of its kind produced by Pos Malaysia.

**** Further details are included in the enclosed brochure of the stamp collection.**

First Day Cover is at 50 sen and Miniature Sheet at RM 5.00 (2 stamps within the Miniature Sheet at RM2.00 and RM3.00 respectively) can be purchased at all Pos Malaysia outlets. Folders at RM5.50 each is only available at selected outlets.

Stamp enthusiasts are advised to join SODA (Standing Order Deposit Account) to enjoy the convenience of receiving their stamps and other philatelic products without having to queue up at the post office on the day of issue. In addition to that customers can now enjoy the convenience of Philately Online at www.posonline.com.my to open SODA account, top up and check for the balance in their SODA account and update personal details.

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