

Smart tunnel posted on stamps

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SIX stamps featuring different images of the Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel (Smart) will be made available to the public on Monday.

The stamps and First Day cover of the Smart tunnel, a project initiated to alleviate the flooding problem in the Kuala Lumpur city centre, was chosen as it represented the country's success in underground engineering.

Themed "Honouring Malaysia's Underground Engineering Excellence", the stamp collection also commemorates MMC Corporation Berhad's 100 years in the country as well as the project that was developed by MMC-Gamuda Joint Venture Sdn Bhd.

Smart's chief operating officer Mohd Fuad Kamal Ariffin said the company was happy to celebrate the engineering marvel with the country.

"The MMC started in 1911 and for a long time we were known as a tin-mining giant. It was only a decade ago that we ventured into the engineering and construction industry,"



A look inside: MMC administrative and event executive Haslina Che Hassan@Che Nordin holding the different stamp designs and First Day covers.

said Mohd Fuad at the event launch.

He said since then the company had not looked back but kept on working on other construction projects, including the current dou-

ble-tracking project.

Guests were also taken through a presentation on the construction of the 9.7km storm water tunnel which is the world's first underground double-storey motorway and water

channel.

Mohd Fuad said the Smart tunnel, which started operations in 2007, had helped the city from being flooded several times.

The commemorative stamps, measuring 45mmx28mm, are priced at RM12 per sheet.

They are printed in sheets of 20 on a security stamp paper and available in pairs of 60sen.

The six images chosen are the interior of the Smart road tunnel, the schematic cross-section of a 3km double-deck motorway, the tunnel-boring machine (TBM) at work, the TBM after breaking through the south section of the tunnel and the last is of the construction gantry.

Pos Malaysia is also selling miniature stamp sheets (80mm x 90mm) at RM5 each while the First Day covers are priced at 50sen each.

The First Day cover set with stamps are priced at RM4.10.

Pos Malaysia Berhad head of stamp philately unit Yasmin Ramli said they hoped the public would be able to learn more about the excellence of Malaysia's underground engineering through stamps and other philatelic products.