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The first issue released in 2010 was the 10th Anniversary of T&T Postal Corporation (TTPost) on the 29th April. The date of 29th April was the date it was placed on sale at the outlets. The pictorial cancellation on the FDC and the brochure stated the FDOI incorrectly as 18th December 2009. The issue consisted of a Souvenir Sheet only, containing two \$ 10.00 stamps. One stamp illustrated the old GPO building, Wrightson Road and the National Mail Centre, Piarco. The other stamp illustrated old and new customer service counters.

The issue was printed by Thomas Greg & Sons de Columbia, S.A. and the graphics were done by Troy Rhodes. The size of the FDC was 11



FIG.2: 2010 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY / LONDON 2010 ONE OF TWO SOUVENIR SHEETS



Fig.3: BIODIVERSITY LAUNCH - STAFF OF THE EMA AT THE CEREMONY

inches by 6 1/4 inches (278mm X 157mm). The FDC's were sold at \$ 25.00 each and the Souvenir Sheets at \$ 20.00 each. The printing quantities produced were 500 FDC's and 3000 S/S's. A brochure was produced for this issue.

The second issue of this year was the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity / London 2010. The issue consisted of two Souvenir Sheets each measuring 7in. by 9in. (178mmX228mm). Each souvenir sheet contained 10 stamps (two of each denomination): \$ 1 - Wild Hog & No Man's Land, Bon Accord; \$ 2.50 - Butterfly Orchid & Hot Peppers; \$ 3.75 - Paria Bay and Hawk Eagle; \$ 4.50 - Pawi and Royal Ponciana; \$ 5.25 - Cocoa and Water Buffalo. The other Souvenir Sheet: \$ 1.00 - Agouti and Fishermen; \$ 2.50 - Caroni Swamp and Deer; \$ 3.75 - Corbeaux and Hummingbird; \$ 4.50 - Leather Back Turtle and Nariva Swamp; \$ 5.25 - Soldado Rock and orchid. At the top of each S/S was the London 2010, Festival of Stamps, logo.

The Souvenir Sheets were placed on sale on the 12th May in London at the London 2010 International Stamp Exhibition. The S/S's were sold at the Harry Allen booth, the representative of TTPost. TTPost prepared a special cancellation for use at the LONDON 2010 - it can be seen on the Fig. 2 illustration on the lower portion to the left of 2010. A privately produced souvenir of the LONDON 2010 exhibition with

the two souvenir sheets, TTPost cancellation and another dozen cancellations from other countries represented at the exhibition is available at TT \$ 300.00 each. Only a few were made, contact the Editor or Robert Franco.

Meanwhile, in Trinidad, the Souvenir Sheets had their launching ceremony on the 19th May at the Hilton in Port of Spain (see Fig. 3). The global celebrations for the International Day for Biological Diversity took place on the 22nd May. The chairperson of the ceremony was Mrs. Juliana Johan-Boodram, Ag. Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Planning, Housing and the Environment. Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Human Resources and the Environmental Management Authority participated in the ceremony.

The Souvenir Sheets were designed by Albert Sydney. The issue was printed by Colour Innovation Inc., Canada. The graphics were done by Troy Rhodes. No FDC's were prepared for this issue. The pair of S/S's were sold at \$34.00 each (\$64.00/pair). A quantity of 7,500 of each S/S were printed. Although the FDOI was the 19th May, the S/S's were not on sale at the TTPost outlets until early July.

Due to the large size of the S/S's released, we have available Hawid stamp mounts and Hagner stock pages to fit them. These are on sale at our monthly meetings or contact the Editor.

There are two issues that are scheduled for release in July. The 100th Anniversary of the Cadet Force on the 14th July and the 100th Anniversary of the Arrival of Syrian and Lebanese immigrants on the 20th July. Both issues were designed by Albert Sydney.

GENERAL NEWS

One of our local members, Derek Charles, recently migrated to the UK. He is now an active member of the Leeds Philatelic Society. Derek has now begun to specialize in a few areas and would like to trade some of his worldwide collections. Anyone interested can contact him, his e-mail address: derekstamps@hotmail.co.uk.

Her Excellency, Ms. Maria Eugenia Marcano Casado, Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela attended our March meeting. She showed us the stamp issue of Venezuela to commemorate their 200 years of Independence.

The large collection of mainly the British Isles described in Bulletin # 245/3 is still available. Anyone interested can contact the Editor.

POST OFFICE/ FRANCHISE LIST (Cont'd from #248)

FRANCHISES	DATE OPENED	NAME OF FRANCHISES & ADDRESSES	PHONE: NOS	TYPE
PLEASANTVILLE	21/05/08	Mary Charles, Village Plaza, Pleasant Ville, San Fernando	720-5305	FULL
PLYMOUTH		Courtney Phillip's Grocery Shell bourne Street Plymouth Tobago	639-2801	LTD
POINT FORTIN	22/08/05	G G R Insurance Services Limited c/oGrace Siewnarine # 29 Adventure Road Point Fortin	648-0423	PL
RIO CLARO	12/9/2003	Avind Moonan Moonan's Stationery Supplies High Street Rio Claro	644 3279	PL
ROXBOUROUGH	37140	Hollis Toppin, Ecomart 198 Main Road,Roxborough	660 -4428	LTD
SAN JUAN	37870	Ramish & Leela Supermarket, 48-50 EMR San Juan	638-2442	PL
SAN SOUCI	6/4/2004	Euphemia Guy,33 1/2 mm Paria Main Rd. San Souci Village , San Souci	670-1143	LTD
SANGRE GRANDE	9/2/2004	Sanjive Ramlogan Auto Masters LP# 914 Eastern Main Road Sangre Grande	668-7476	PL
SANTA CRUZ		Angela Dookeeran,West Indian Pharmacy, # 2 A Krishna Terrace, S	676-8456	FULL
SOUTH OROPOUCHE	27/08/07	Vishnu Maharaj,Sangeeta's Convinent Store, #14 School Street, South Oropouche	677-2524	LTD
SPEYSIDE	1/9/2007	Elizabeth Campbell, Jacamar Boutique, Windward Road, Speyside, Tobago	759-2299	FRAN 1
ST BARB'S	5/9/2002	Erollyn St John Lp 22 Upper St Barbs Rd	625-1526	LTD
ST MARY'S	3/26/2002	Vidya Persad St Mary's Village, Moruga	656-6130	LTD
SECOND CALEDONIA	6/21/2002	Glender Collymore Second Caledonia Rd Barataria	674-8631	LTD
ST. HELENA	1/5/2007	Devika Ramasar,Mercury Ltd. # 26 Golden Grove Road, St Helena	669-8717	LTD
TABAQUITE	3/26/2001	Natalie Manna, Chattergoon's Hardware Main Road Tabaquite	679-5635	FULL
TALPARO	3/19/2001	Teresa Assim, XtraMart Grocery, Talparo	643-7047	LTD
UPPER GUAICO	6/10/2002	Chanawatee Singh 5 3/4 mm Nestor Village Via Sangre Grande	668-1054	LTD
UPP ST.FRANCOIS VAL RE		Mr. Stephen Lucius Holder Upper St. Francois Valley Road Belmont	624-3159	LTD
TOCO		Anthony Mc Pherson Crystal's One Stop Shop LP# 51 Cor. Pasea &Galera Road Toco	670-2575	FRAN 1
VALENCIA		Julie Samaru c/o Near Perfection Main Road Valencia	667-9139	FULL
VALSAYN	5/5/2003	Tru Valu Supermarket Valpark Shopping Plaza Valsayn	645-1455	PL
UWI	21/7/2003	University Compound Old UWI Post Office	662-8935	FULL
WILLIAMSVILLE	15/8/2003	Changoor's Supermarket #142 Main Road Williamsville	656-1281	LTD
WHIM		Karen Joseph Royal Supermarket Cor Dun Veygam Junction Via Plymouth Road Tobago	639-1675	LTD

IMPERIAL CENSORSHIP FORM NO. 137

The cover below was mailed from the Turks and Caicos Islands (indistinct datestamp) via Jamaica to Trinidad where it received a backstamp at the GPO dated 6th March 1945. In Trinidad, the cover was examined by censor # IE/8780 (Wike TR CL5ii) who discovered it empty. The censor resealed the envelope with the censor label and placed the form " P.C. SLIP NO. 137 " inside. The form was printed on blue paper and its measurements are 53mm X 85mm.

The cover was franked with two stamps: 6 pence (SG #201a/ Sc # 85a) and 1 shilling (SG # 202a / Sc # 86a). Both stamps were part of the 1938 - 1945 King George VI definitive, but both stamps were reprints in different colours which were placed on sale 9th February 1945 (see SG catalogue). Therefore, it appears that the stamps on the outside of the envelope were sent to a collector, hence the absence of contents.

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