WHY JAPAN REALLY TOOK THE DUTCH EAST INDIES



Japanese Marines land in DEI, 1942

Japan's real reason for attacking the Dutch and taking the Dutch East Indies is resources, specifically lack of them.

Japan is a small mountainous island with little to none resources that would help them in the war. To continue fighting, Japan needs petroleum, scrap iron and other raw materials.

Most of the petroleum came from America, approximately 55%, but the DEI (Dutch East Indies) supplied a crucial 25%. After the Germans had occupied the Netherlands in 1940, Japan began to demand that the DEI government supply it with natural resources.

The DEI government had realized that they were in a weak position, and tried to buy time and delay supplying Japan with resources. And so in the summer of 1941, it joined the U.S. in freezing Japan's assets and putting an ban on oil and other exports to Japan.

The impact on Japan was devastating. They stopped war with China due to lack of resources, and signed a truce with the USSR, allowing them to attack the U.S. and other European Colonial powers.

So headquarters at Tokyo sent out a message of "advance south" and Japan began taking colonies and countries in Southeast Asia.

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JAPANESE TAKE DUTCH EAST INDIES



March 9th, 1942

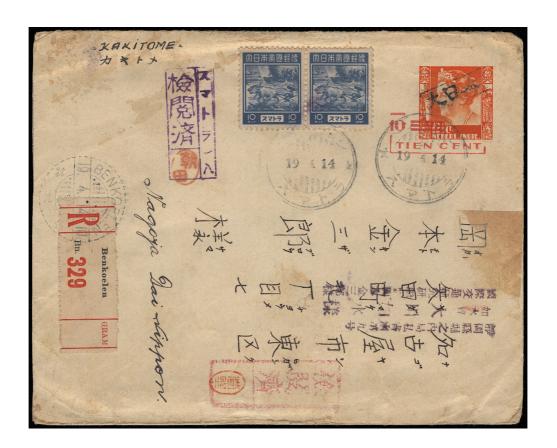
The Netherlands Indies gov. has surrendered to the Japanese without offering any onland resistance. Previously, in the Battle of the Java Sea, the Japanese had defeated forces of America, Dutch, British and Australian forces relatively easily with its sea ward defenses. Japan claims to be the "The leader of Asia, the protector of Asia, the light of Asia." Japan claims that it will wipe out all traces of Western society in Indonesia, and this has gained hope from the natives of the Dutch East Indies.



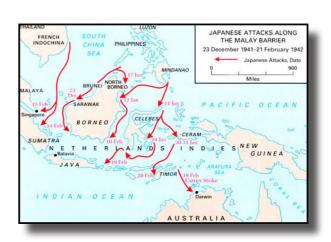
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Japanese Occupation of Netherlands East Indies: Sumatra, 1943 (July 12), cover from Kotanapan to Pontianak (Bulterman 142), a 7½ ¢ Tapanuli letter sheet with red Japanese flag and framed, violet "Dai Nippon", cancelled by Kotanopan 18.7.12 cds, with black censor mark. Exceptionally fresh and clean, Very Fine, scarce.

Start Price HK\$4,200







Why was the Dutch East Indies important to Japan?

Japanese Occupation of Netherlands East Indies: Sumatra, 1944, registered postal cover from Benkoelen to Nagoya, Japan, a 10 ¢ on 12½ ¢ revalued Bengkulu framed "Dai Nippon" entire, with additional 10 ¢ (pair) adhesives added, each cancelled by 10.4.14 cds'. Front also shows dual censor chops and Benkoelen registration label, fresh and VF-F, a great Rarity, unlisted used in both Bulterman and the JSCA, a show piece. Start Price HK\$24,000



Japanese Naval Control Area, Envelope, ca. 1942, 10¢ on 12½¢ South Celebes Naval Occupation anchor resurcharge entire (Bulterman 238), pristine mint, Very Fine, scarce. Start Price HK\$1,700







Japanese Naval Control Area, 1943, postal cover from Balikpapan to Borneo (Bulterman 207), a 10 ¢ on 12½ ¢ Bandjermasin anchor on revalued entire, violet anchor overprint, cancelled by Balikpapan 4.9.03 cds, used to Borneo. Violet boxed chop and 2 red personal chops, minor scuff on face, F-VF, rare.

Start Price HK\$13,000



Japanese Occupation of Netherlands East Indies: Sumatra, 1943 (Dec 1), cover from Palembang to Nagoya, Japan (J.S.C.A. 7SS1. Bulterman 69), a 10 ¢ on 12½ ¢ revalued postal entire with IP Lengkong signet ring, franked with additional 5 ¢ x 2 and 10 ¢ Netherlands Indies adhesives, each bearing signet strikes in blue or red, to registered, censored cover used to Japan. Fresh and Very fine, a tremendous rarity and major exhibition piece, choice.

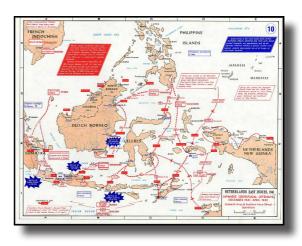
Start Price HK\$63,000











The Japanese lines of advance in the Dutch East Indies, Sarawak and North Borneo (British), and Portuguese Timor









Japanese Naval Control Area, 1943, card from Menado to Soerabaja (J.S.C.A. 4NS1. Bulterman 242b), a 3½ Menado postal card, cancelled by Menado cds., with overprint showing anchor overprint blotted out by orange-red ball and black bar, violet censor chop, centre light fold VF-F, scarce.

Start Price HK\$1,800

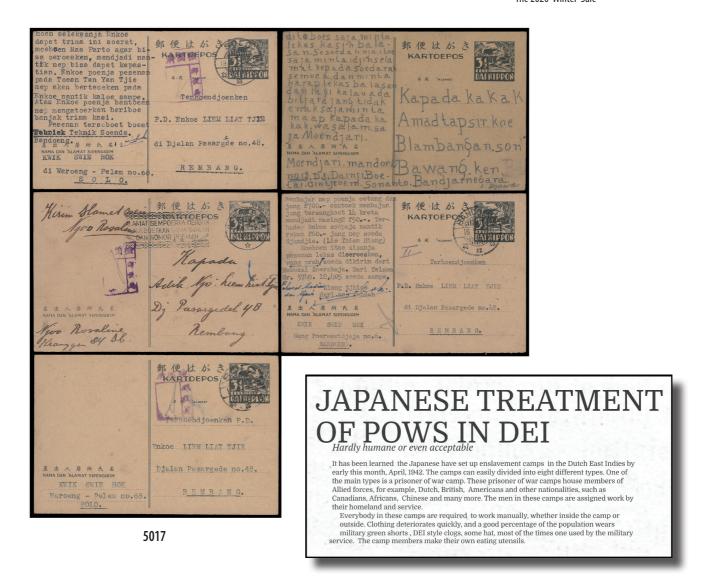


Japanese Occupation of Netherlands East Indies: Sumatra, 1944, card from Pantian to Palembang (J.S.C.A. 9SS1. Bulterman 33), a 3½ postal card with red Banka and Belitung chop, tied by Tand() 19.1.29 Pantian cds, plus a red boxed chop, along with red censor mark, used to Palembang, F-VF.



Japanese Occupation of Netherlands East Indies: Sumatra, ca. 1942, card from Palembang to Tokyo, Japan (Bulterman 165b), a 3½ © black card, tied tiny "DAI NIPPON" cachet, canceled Palembang 16.9.1 and censored. Since Showa year 16 is 1941, year date can not be correct. Clean and Very Fine.

Start Price HK\$800



Japanese Naval Control Area, 1942, 3½¢ postal cards x 5, all used, one card uncanceled, three cards bearing violet censored marks. A nice group. VF-F.

Start Price HK\$1,200













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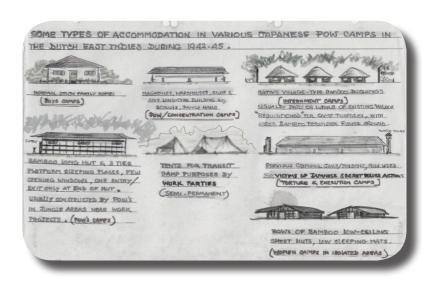
Japanese Occupation of Netherlands East Indies 5Sen postal cards x 6, unused, plus a 3½ postal card, used from Solo to Rembang. VF-F.

Start Price HK\$600









Japanese pows camps in DEI during 1942-45

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- Japanese Naval Control Area, 1943, two cards, one card unused and one from Bandjermasin to Japan (J.S.C.A. 11NS1. Bulterman 201), 3½ ¢ on 2s Bandjermasin naval occupation postal card surcharge, cancelled by bold strike in red-violet, "Bandjermasin 18.6.11" cds, with front showing violet censor chop, fresh and Very Fine, rare. Start Price HK\$5,500
- Japanese Occupation of Netherlands East Indies: Sumatra, 1943, card from Boeketing to Medan (J.S.C.A. 14SS1. Bulterman 146), a 1½ ¢ on 2s

 Horsemen postal card for the West Coast, tied by Boekitting 18.8.28 cds, along with red censor chop and partial violet chops, light fold through center, VF-F, scarce.

 Start Price HK\$2,600



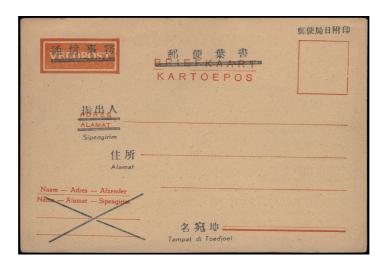
5027 Japanese Naval Control Area, Postal Card, 1943, 3½¢ red anchor and flower (Bulterman 269a), unused, fresh; nick at bottom, otherwise Very Fine.

Start Price HK\$800

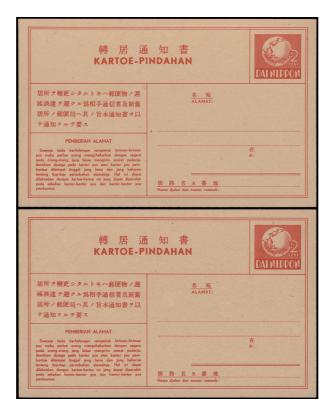


Japanese Naval Control Area, Postal Card, 1943, 3½s, for Moluccas and Lesser Sunda Islands (Bulterman 245), light file fold, overall Very Fine.

Start Price HK\$600



1940s Japanese Occupation of Netherlands East Indies overprinted postcard for On Service Use card, Very Fine unused. Start Price HK\$400



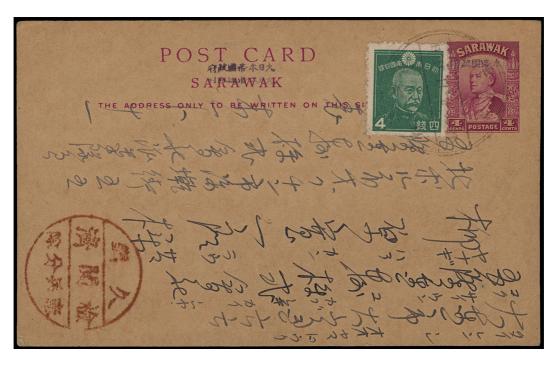


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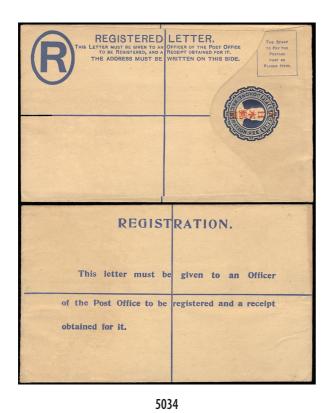
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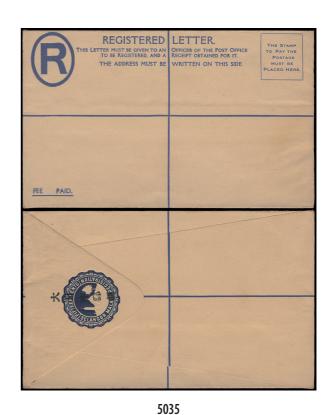
Japanese Occupation of North Borneo, Postal Card, 1944, 4s on 2s red (J.S.C.A. 3. Singer 86), pristine mint, Very Fine, scarce. Start Price HK\$400



Japanese Occupation of North Borneo, 1943 (Mar 31), card from Sarawak to Dairen (Manchuria?), a 4c violet Japanese Occupation of Sarawak postal card, with an additional Japanese 4s first Showa series issue, tied by violet cds, with red censor handstamp chop showing on front. Fresh and Very Fine; an exceptionally rare card.

Start Price HK\$18,000

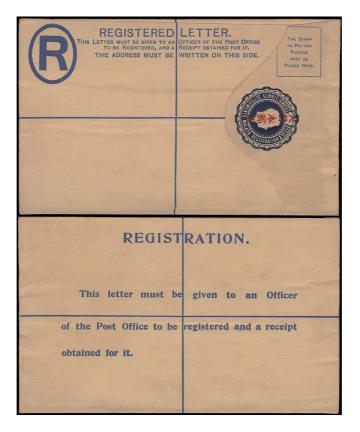




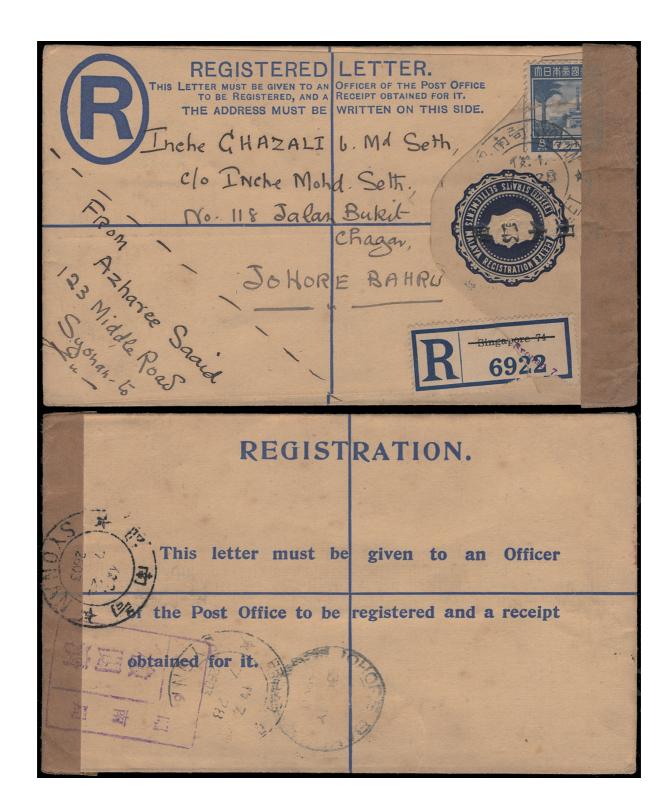
Japanese Occupation of Malaya: Johore, Registration Envelope, 1942, 15¢ blue (J.S.C.A. 57. J.S.C.A. 7MS25), with "Greater Japanese Post" vertical Kanji overprint in red, pristine unused, Very Fine.

5035 Japanese Occupation of Malaya: Selangor, Registration Envelope, 1942, 15¢ dark blue (Singer 178. J.S.C.A. 7MS32), with "Greater Japanese Post" vertical Kanji overprint in black, pristine unused, Very Fine.



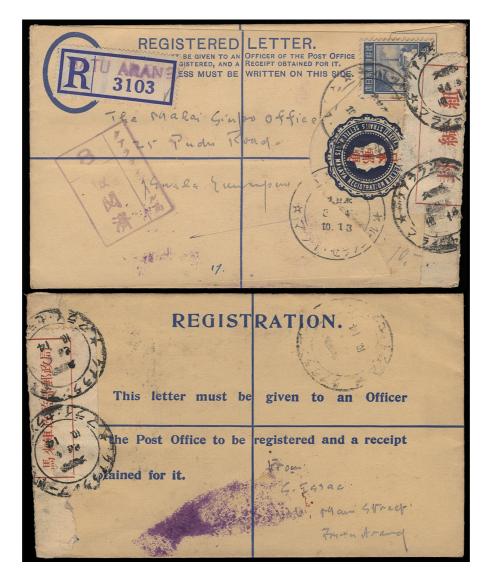


Japanese Occupation of Malaya: Straits Settlements, Registration Envelope, 1942, 15¢ blue (Singer 121. J.S.C.A. 7MS24), with "Greater Japanese Post" vertical Kanji overprint in red, pristine, Very Fine.



Japanese Occupation of Malaya, 1943, registered censored cover from Syonan (Singapore) to Johore (J.S.C.A. 7MS23, 9M5. Singer 121), Straits Settlements 15c King George VI registry entire with vertical black Kanji overprint, uprated with 8c General Issue, 4 backstamps including violet Syonan censor's chop, Very Fine. J.S.C.A. ¥80,000+. Singer US\$750.









Japanese Occupation of Malaya, 1944, registered local cover from Syonan (Singapore) (J.S.C.A. 7MS28, 9M13), Negri Sembilan 15c King George VI registry entire with vertical "Greater Japanese Post" red Kanji overprint, uprated on front with 8c General Issue, neat 3rd year commemorative postmark (M28).

Start Price HK\$3,200

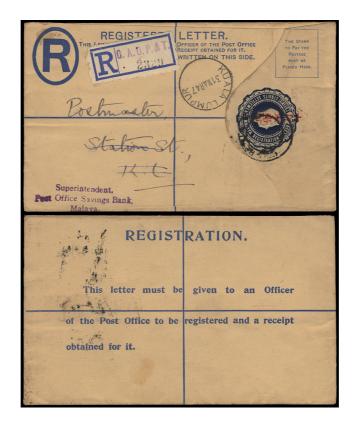




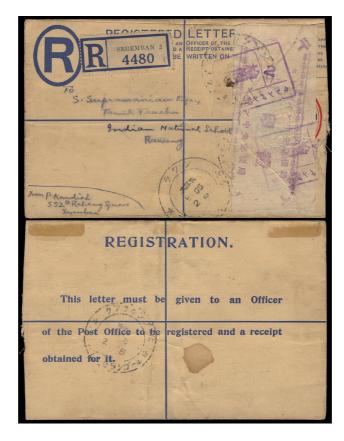


Japanese Occupation of Malaya, 1944, registered censored cover from Nibong Tebal, Penang to Stamp Office, Penang (J.S.C.A. 7MS33, 9M5), Perak 15c registry entire with vertical red "Greater Japanese Post" kanji overprint, uprated on front with General Issue 8c, Penang postmarks front and back. Some minor cover stains, Very Fine to Fine.

Japanese Occupation of Malaya, 1944, registered cover from Syonan (Singapore) to Johore Bahru, Johore (J.S.C.A. 7MS25, 9M5), Johore 15c registry entire with vertical red "Greater Japanese Post" kanji overprint, uprated with General Issue 8c; 2 Syonan backstamps (including "Wine Street, Syonan"), Very Fine to Fine.



Japanese Occupation of Malaya, 1947, registered local cover to Kuala Lumpur (J.S.C.A. 7MS24), Straits Settlements 15c King George VI registry entire with vertical "Greater Japanese Post" red Kanji overprint (late usage!), neat Kuala Lumpur cds alongside, indistinct backstamps, Very Fine. J.S.C.A. ¥25,000 ++ Start Price HK\$7,500











Japanese Occupation of Malaya, 1942 (Oct 20), registered cover from Penang to Kuala Lumpur (J.S.C.A. 7MS5), a 15 ¢ blue Pahang registration entire with single frame military chop in reddish-brown, franked on reverse 1 ¢, 2 ¢ and 5 ¢ Straits issues with "Dai Nippon 2602 Malaya" overprints, all tied by "Pitt St. SPO 1:30PM 20 Oc 2602" cds's. Back also shows Kuala Lumpur 10.22 receiver, censor tape and chops at left, exceptional quality, fresh and Very Fine and rare.

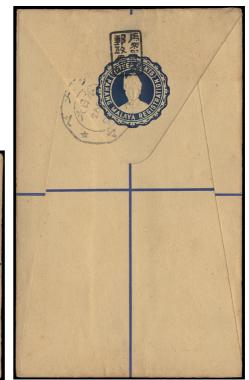
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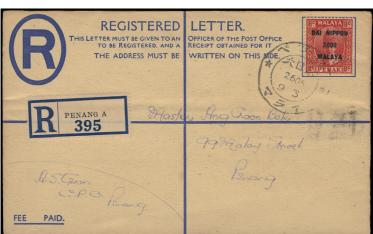


Japanese Occupation of Malaya, 1942 (Sept 1), registered cover from Penang to Kuala Lumpur (J.S.C.A. 7MS3, 2M33), a 15 \texts Negri Sembilan registry entire, franked on front by two 10 \texts Straits adhesives overprinted "Dai Nippon 2602 Penang" cds. Front also shows black "AR" handstamp, Penang registration issue and tape censor strip and violet censor chops at left, addressed to Kuala Lumpur, which shows August receiver. Exceptional quality, fresh and Very Fine, choice and rare.

Start Price HK\$10,500











Japanese Occupation of Malaya, 1944, registered post card from Syonan (Singapore) to Nagoya, Japan (J.S.C.A. 8MS1, 9M12), Japanese 2s Horse and Rider post card uprated with General Issue 15c, tied by Syonan fancy commemorative cancel (M25), Fine to Very Fine. Plus an extra unused CTO card.

..... Start Price HK\$2,200

5056 Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4¢ Postal Cards x 3, all used in 1945 with censor marks, all from Malacca to Perak, with violet No.2 boxed censor marks.

VF-F. Start Price HK\$1,000



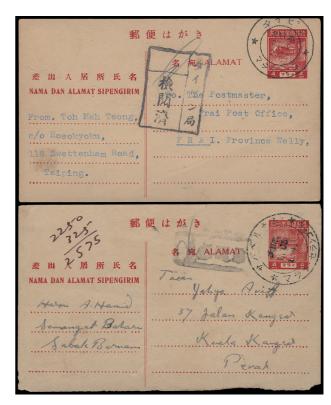
5057 Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4¢ Postal Cards x 2, both used in 1945 with censor marks, both with black boxed censor marks. VF-F.



Japanese Occupation of Malaya, 1944, postal card from Johore Bahru to Tokyo, Japan (J.S.C.A. 9MS1), 4c General Issue card with blue Johore Bahru censor's handstamp, Very Fine.





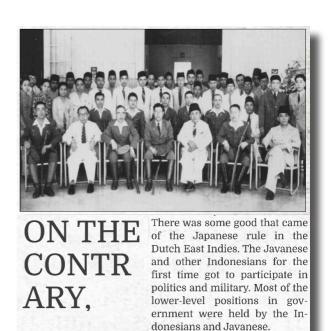


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Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4¢ Postal Cards x 2, both used in 1945 with censor marks, one card with nicks at bottom. VF-F. . Start Price HK\$600

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Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4¢ Postal Cards x 3, all used in 1945 with censor marks, two cards with nicks at edges. VF-F. Start Price HK\$800



Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4¢ Postal Cards x 3, all used in 1943-44 with censor marks, all censor marks different. VF-F. Start Price HK\$1,000



5067 Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4¢ Postal Cards x 4, all used in 1943-44 with censor marks, two cards with nicks at edges and corners. F-VF.









The Jakarta Kenpeitai Headquarters and jail circa 1944



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5070 1943 (Sep 22) 4c Carmine-Rose (Tin Dredger) postal card Syonan local registered used, with additional franking on reverse "Da Nippon Post" overprinted stamps x 7, tied by Syonan Serangoon Road cds. Syonan To Censor mark and arrival on front. Scarce registered usage. VF-F. ... Start Price HK\$600

1943 (May 4) 4c postal card Kuala Lumpur local used, with additional franking of "Da Nippon Post" overprinted stamps x 3, tied by Kuala Lumpur cds. K.L. #3 Censor mark alongside. Very Fine. *Start Price* **HK\$600**





5073 Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4¢ Postal Cards x 3, all used in 1944 with different censor marks, two cards with nicks at edges and corners. F-VF.



Japanese Naval Control Area, Single and Double Postal Cards, 1943, 3½ & 3½ + 3½ General Issue (Bulterman 275-276), with unsevered paid reply, pristine, scarce duo, Very Fine.



Japanese Occupation of Malaya: Straits Settlements, Postal Card, 1942, 2¢ orange (Singer 116. J.S.C.A. 7MS22), with "Greater Japanese Post" vertical Kanji overprint in black and boxed "Malaya, 2 cts, Postage", pristine unused, with a minor stained line at middle. Very Fine to Fine. Start Price HK\$2,000







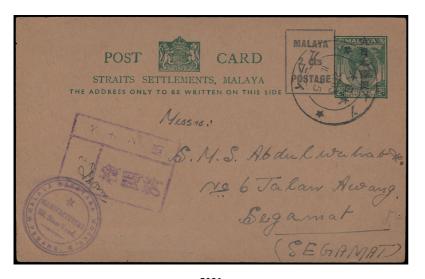
Japanese Occupation of Malaya: Perak, Postal Card, 1942, 2¢ orange, locally used from Syonan (Singapore) (J.S.C.A. 7MS29), with "Greater Japanese Post" black Kanji overprint and boxed "Malaya, 2 cts, Postage", tied by 2603 Kualua Lumpur cds, along with boxed censor mark. Slightly stained at upper right. VF-F.



Japanese Occupation of Malaya: Perak, two Postal Cards, 1942, 2¢ orange (J.S.C.A. 7MS29), both used with censor marks. One with middle fold while one stained. Fine.



Japanese Occupation of Malaya: Perak, Postal Card, 1942, 2¢ orange, used from Kuala Lumpur to Syonan (Singapore) (J.S.C.A. 7MS29), with "Greater Japanese Post" black Kanji overprint and boxed "Malaya, 2 cts, Postage", tied by 2603 Kualua Lumpur cds, along with #9 boxed censor mark. VF-F.

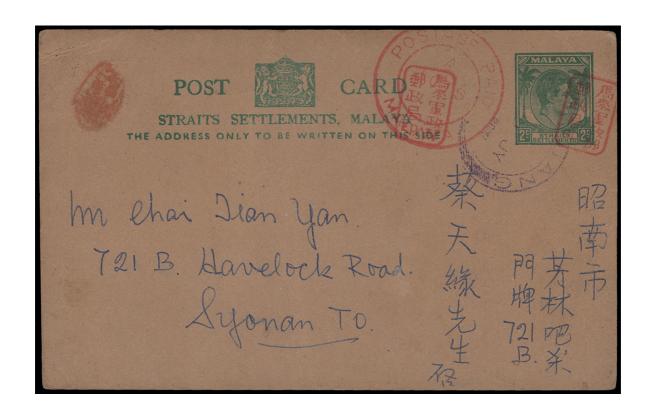




Drawing of Camp Kuching by friar Cornelis

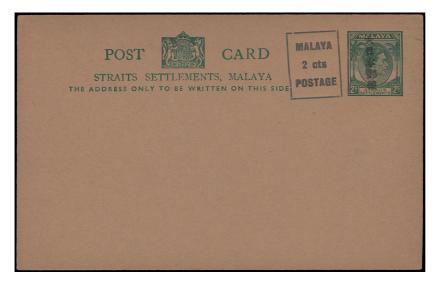
Japanese Occupation of Malaya, 1943, postal card from Penang to Segamat (J.S.C.A. 7MS11), Straits Settlements 2c King George VI postal card with vertical "Greater Japanese Post" kanji overprint, violet Penang censor's handstamp at bottom left; message on the reverse written in Thai, Very Fine.

Start Price HK\$1,500



Japanese Occupation of Malaya, 1942, local postal card to Syonan To (Singapore) (J.S.C.A. 7MS1), Straits Settlements 2c green King George VI postal card with single-line boxed red Kanji overprint, "POSTAGE PAID / 2 CTS / MALAYA" in red alongside. Very Fine to Fine. J.S.C.A. ¥20,000. Start Price HK\$9,000





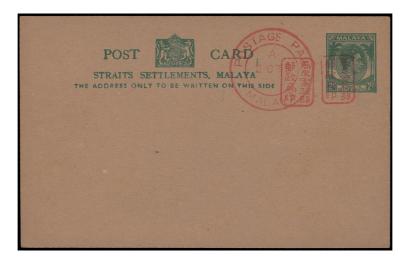
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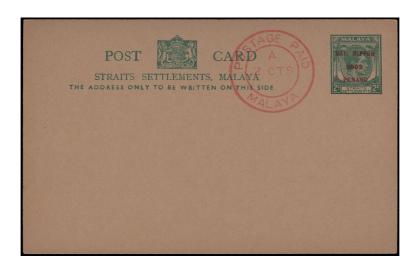


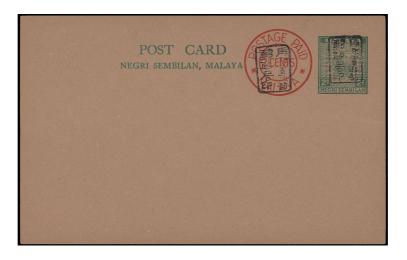
Poster demonstrating Japan's military strength to Indonesians

Japanese Occupation of Malaya: Straits Settlements, Postal Card, 1942, 2¢ green (Singer 116. J.S.C.A. 7MS21), with "Greater Japanese Post" vertical Kanji overprint and boxed "Malaya, 2 cts, Postage" both in black, pristine unused, Very Fine.











Japanese Occupation of Malaya, 1943, censored postal card from Selama, Perak to Alor Star, Kedah (J.S.C.A. 7MS12), Negri Sembilan

2c Arms postal card with "DAI NIPPON /2602 / MALAYA" overprint; English-language message (family matters) on the reverse, Very Fine. J.S.C.A. ¥15,000.

Start Price HK\$3,400



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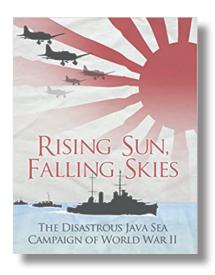
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Japanese Occupation of Malaya: Johore, Postal Card, 1942, 4 sen on 4¢ violet (Singer 55. J.S.C.A. 6MS1), pristine unused, Very Fine.





World War II at Sea : Java Sea

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Japanese Occupation of Malaya, 1942, local Penang postal cover (J.S.C.A. 2MS3. Singer 29), Straits Settlements 5c brown King George VI entire, with red Okugawa seal at left and red "POSTAGE PAID / 3 CTS / MALAYA" . Minor toning, otherwise Fine. J.S.C.A. ¥200,000. Singer US\$750. Start Price HK\$19,500



5094 1940s Straits Settlements Malaya KGVI 5c postal cover and postal registered envelope, both ovpt. SPECIMEN, with some toning spots. VF-F.

END OF JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF DEI

The end of Japanese occupation of the Dutch East Indies came with the surrender of Japan in the Pacific, which formally ended World War Two. This came by Allied defeat of Japanese naval and air force. This also included the Allied naval blockade and bombings of Japanese cities. The country was economically devastated, and also in June, 1945, the American forces had captured Okinawa, which was a island



General MacArthur signs Japan's surrender treaty

from which Allied forces could launch a full scale attack on the Japanese mainland. September 2nd, 1945, was the official day Japan surrendered to Allied forces.

Two days later, the nationalist leader of the Dutch East Indies declared independence from Japan, and hence started a war for independence against the Dutch.