

September 8, 1964 10th ANNIVERSARY OF SEATO

10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA TREATY ORGANIZATION (SEATO, 1954 - 1964)

On September 8, 1954, eight free world nations gathered in Manila, Philippines and wrote the first chapter in the story of the South-East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO).

The meeting gave birth to a partnership dedicated to the ideal of "greater security through greater unity". Military and diplomatic ties have since then been strengthened among the member nations, namely: Australia, France, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, Great Britain and the United States.

The eight member countries agreed to cooperate "by means of continuous self-help and mutual aid to maintain and develop their collective capacity to resist armed attack and to prevent and counter subversive activities directed from without against their territorial integrity and political stability."

Since the signing of the Manila Pact, the Treaty of South-East Asia has been the shield of the East against communist infiltration. It has deterred communist aggression at the borders of countries covered by the Pact.

SEATO is the bridge for friendship and peace in South-East Asia.

To mark the 10th anniversary of the founding of the organization, the Bureau of Posts issues today the horizontally composed, 25 x 40 mm size stamps, designed by Antonio Chuidian, Jr., under the direct supervision of Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr., philatelic artists of the Bureau of Posts.

The stamps have been printed by Thomas de la Rue & Co., Ltd., London, England by heliogravure process in 4 colors. The denominations of 6s, 10s and 25s have been printed in quantities of 6,000,000, 3,000,000 and 2,000,000 respectively, in sheets of 50.

