



Photo shows shop owner Jacky Hoi posing for a picture with food items made of paper for sale ahead of the Qingming festival, also known as Tomb Sweeping Day, in Rawang in Malaysia's Selangor state.— AFP photos



Shop owner Jacky Hoi posing for pictures with a set of cameras and mobile phones, all made of paper, for sale ahead of the Qingming festival.

## Immortal protection: COVID-themed offerings for Malaysia 'Tomb Sweeping Day'

**P**aper masks and goggles are among offerings that ethnic Chinese in Malaysia will burn to mark "Tomb Sweeping Day", hoping their ancestors can use them to fight the coronavirus in the afterlife. Qingming is one of the most important dates for Chinese communities, and is

observed across East and Southeast Asia. During the festival, which this year falls on Sunday, it is customary for Chinese to offer prayers, sweep their loved ones' graves and burn paper models of items that could be useful in the afterlife.



Photo shows paper money offerings, also known as hell notes, for sale ahead of the Qingming festival.

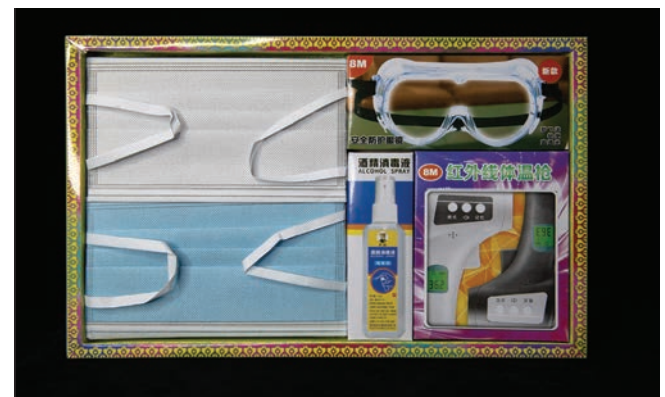


Photo shows a set of items used to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, including face masks and hand sanitiser all made of paper.



Photo shows a gambling set made of paper.