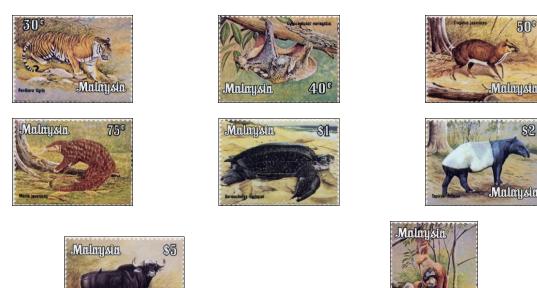
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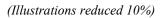
1979 DEFINITIVE ISSUE.

The 1970 Definitive Issue gave way to a new series of designs between January and April 1979. The new issue comprised Federal high value counter sheets, State low value counter sheets, stamp booklets (both counter and vending machine types), postcards, envelopes and a large series of aerogrammes. There were no registration envelopes and the 1965 Definitive Issue series continued to be developed during this period. The issue was complicated by watermark varieties from the start and by reprints without watermark and with enhanced appearance from 1983. It was superseded in 1986.

1. FEDERAL HIGH VALUE STAMPS.

4 January 1979.





Designs:

The designs were prepared by Mr. Ong Soo Keat, with assistance from Mr. Ken Scriven, the Executive Director, World Wildlife Fund, Malaysia. The final artwork was prepared by Malaysian Advertising Services. The seven 35mm x 25mm and one (\$10) 25mm x 35mm stamps showed animals.

Value	English Name	Malay Name (on stamp)	Latin Name
30c.	Tiger.	Harimau Belang	Panthera tigris
40c.	Malayan flying lemur.	Kubong	Cynocephalus variegatus
50c.	Lesser malay chevrotain (mouse deer).	Pelandok	Tragulus javanicus
75c.	Leathery pangolin (scaly anteater).	Tenggiling	Manis javanicus
\$1	Leatherback turtle.	Penyu Belimbing	Dermochelys coriacea
\$2	Malayan tapir.	Cipan or Badak Tampong	Tapirus indicus
\$5	Gaur (a wild ox).	Seladang	Bos gaurus
\$10	Orang-utan.	Orang Utan	Pongo pygmaeus

Stamp-size, photographic essays now in private hands showed a value change and a different sequence of values - 20c. pangolin, 40c. mouse deer, 50c. tapir, 75c. lemur, \$1 turtle, \$2 tiger, \$5 gaur, \$10 orang-utan.¹

Printing:

The stamps were printed in sheets of $100 (10 \times 10)$ by Asher & Co. using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The stamps were without a white border, and a band of stamp design bled about 1.5mm into the sheet margin.

Paper:

The fluorescent white paper had greyish, mottled gum.

Wildlife High Values.

Watermarks:

The paper used for the 1979 definitive issues contained a watermark unique to this issue, "Multiple Pos in octagon". This watermark is a difficult one to see clearly, but it is possible to judge its orientation with practice, using the extended S in "Pos" as the first guide point.

In the case of the 30c. to \$5, the watermark appeared either sideways reading up or sideways reading down. All the values exist with both orientations. It appeared that most values existed approximately equally in both forms.

In the case of the \$10 Federal definitive, which was the only stamp in portrait format, it was normally inverted. Upright watermarked copies exist, but are relatively scarce.

The existence of first day covers with mixed orientations indicates that the watermark variations were unlikely to be the result of different printings. This, together with the existence of reversed colour dots on the sheet markings and the roughly even distribution, strongly suggested that the printer's plate was made up of a number of panes of each value, with some panes possibly inverted relative to others. It also suggests that paper was loaded into the press without consideration of the watermark orientation.

Perforations:

The comb perforation measured 14.9 x 14.5. The stamps were perforated from the gummed side. The top margin of the upper panes (see sheet markings below) were imperforate. All the other margins were perforated through.

Colours and sheet markings:

The stamp and sheet values (in the form 30c.=\$30.00) appeared at the foot of the left-hand column of the counter sheet.

Colour dabs in the sequence black, cyan, magenta and yellow appeared on the printer's sheet as a continuous strip of 7mm diameter 'traffic lights', 3mm apart, in a horizontal inter-panneau margin. When the printer's sheet was guillotined, counter sheets therefore bore coloured semi-circles in either the top (lower pane) or the bottom (upper pane) margin.

The repetitive sequence of colour dots started with black under the left-hand side of the stamps in the first column of the printer's sheet and finished with a yellow dot in the right-hand sheet margin.

A 40c. stamp was reported ² with the first (black) colour dot above stamp 1 in the lower left pane omitted. The sequence therefore started (blank)-cyan-magenta-yellow-black-(etc.).

Printer's sheet format:

Analysis of the results of a study of the colour dots and other sheet markings carried out by the late Mr. G. V. R. Rosevear ³ originally led me to the opinion that the printer's sheet consisted of four counter sheets of 100 (10 x 10) perforated through all margins except at the bottom of the printer's sheet. However, this was before I had carried out any research into the watermarks. I am now of the opinion that there were one or more pairs of panes, but the orientation of the panes was random, resulting in "mirror images" of some of the sheet markings.

It is perhaps significant that the majority of blocks starting with black were watermark sideways reading up and most having the reverse colour sequence were watermark sideways reading down. However, this is not always the case, indicating either that:

- 1. the original idea of a four-pane sheet with mirror-image colour dots at the right-hand side of the sheet was right, and/or;
- 2. most likely, there was more than one printing, and/or;
- 3. sheets were fed through in different orientations during a single printing.

As the stamps were all printed using the same colours, the printer's sheet could have contained any combination of values, according to need. For example, when printing a large batch, all panes on the sheet could be the same value, but, where low volume orders were concerned, it would be more economical to set up the pane for several values and print them simultaneously.

"Computer Code" sheet markings:

The other sheet marking was a so-called "computer code" consisting of blue bars in the side sheet margins, printed to the left and right of each pane. These appeared as bars with numbers at each end and then guillotined, splitting them between adjacent counter sheets. These started with the bar numbered 1 opposite the top of row 9 and read upwards, indicating the stamp value, as shown in the table below. Bars 2 to 7 appeared opposite row 8 and bar 8 opposite the foot of row 7. They were presumably intended for use in the checking process. The bars appeared as follows:



\$2 computer code showing 6th bar omitted.

"Computer code" markings - Values (High values)

Number of bars	Value	Number of bars	Value	Number of bars	Value
1	30c.	4	75c.	7	\$5
2	40c.	5	\$1	8	\$10
3	50c.	6	\$2		

The \$2 exists with 5 blue bars at the right, suggesting that a \$1 pane may have been to the right of it on the printer's plate and that only the left-hand marking was used for checking purposes.

Proofs:

All values are known imperforate in issued colours on watermarked paper, from plate proof sheets. They were listed by I.S.C. as 189a-196a respectively.

The \$5 is also known as a stamp-size photographic essay on thick card, cut to size.

Varieties:

Reported varieties included the following:

Value	No.	Variety
30c.	v1	Perforation offset 2mm to the right and 1mm down (Wmk. SD).
40c.	v1	Second horizontal row of perforations exactly 2 holes below top of stamp (seen as lower row in a
		block of six (3×2)). ⁴
\$1	v2	R7/5 Broken middle "a" in "Malaysia". ⁵

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 10c., featured the tiger (as on the 30c. stamp). The KHP-type first day postmark was used (see Chapter 3).

White presentation cards exist, recess printed with the Malaysia coat of arms and "MALAYSIA" in red. The 281mm x 150mm card was folded twice. The left was printed in black with "Dengan Ingatan Tulus Ikhlas / daripada / Menteri Tenaga, Telekom dan Pos / Encik Leo Moggie anak Irok." (With the compliments of the Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts, Leo Moggie). The centre panel had the stamps stuck to the card (30c.-75c. watermark SD, \$1-\$2 SU, \$5 SD, \$10 I). The right panel had the name of the issue printed in black in Bahasa.

1983

No Watermark High Value Reprints.

In 1983, the high value stamps were reprinted by Leigh-Mardon (as successor to Asher) on whiter paper without watermark, but without noticeable changes to the design, marginal markings or colours, which would seem to indicate that the original plates were reused. The earliest date of use thus far recorded for any value in this series is 3 October 1983, which makes it contemporary with the change on the low values (q.v.). There was no official release date for these stamps as it was not officially regarded as a new issue, but the earliest dates recorded so far are listed below.

Value	Earliest date recorded	Value	Earliest date recorded	Value	Earliest date recorded
30c.	9 October 1984	75c.	19 October 1985	\$5	20 June 1984
40c.	6 October 1983	\$1	5 October 1983	\$10	March 1984
50c.	10 April 1984	\$2	3 October 1983		

The actual dates of issue for each value obviously depended on when the states requisitioned Kuala Lumpur for new stocks and when individual post offices requisitioned material from their local stores.

The 50c. is also known in a presentation album (see Chapter 21) with estimated date of late 1983.

The used 75c. was rare, being a redundant value, and is only reported postally used in East Malaysia.

The \$2 exists in two distinct versions, one being a much lighter shade, possibly the result of poor inking of part of the printing.

Perforation variety:

The unwatermarked 40c. stamp is known with an upward displacement of the perforation at the foot only, resulting in a stamp some 3mm shorter than normal. 6

Postal and Revenue Forgeries.

The Straits Times for Thursday 22 May 1986 carried an article quoting Mr. M Rajasingham, the Director-General of Postal Services, as stating that he had taken up with Mr. Tan Sri Haniff Omar, the Inspector-General of Police the matter of a major counterfeiting problem, thought to originate in Thailand. Some 40 parcels had been found at GPO Kuala Lumpur bearing forged stamps, notably \$2, \$5 and \$10. There was also evidence of the production of fake revenue stamps, especially \$500. The only distinguishing feature released to the press was a dull appearance, but there was the implication of other distinguishing "security features", possibly perforation and/or ultra-violet reaction. A report the previous day had reported the seizure of fake \$10 stamps on parcels at Ipoh.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (Federal High Values)

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.1.1	190	189	30c. Watermark SU.		
79D.1.1a	190w	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.1.2	272	189n	- No watermark.		
79D.1.3	191	190	40c. Watermark SU.		
79D.1.3a	191w	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.1.4	273	190n	- No watermark.		
79D.1.5	192	191	50c. Watermark SU.		
79D.1.5a	192w	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.1.6	274	191n	- No watermark.		
79D.1.7	193	192	75c. Watermark SU.		
79D.1.7a	193w	-	-Watermark SD.		
79D.1.8	275	192n	- No watermark.		
79D.1.9	194	193	\$1. Watermark SU.		
79D.1.9a	194w	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.1.10	276	193n	- No watermark.		
79D.1.11	195	194	\$2. Watermark SU.		
79D.1.11a	195w	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.1.12	277	194n	- No watermark.		
79D.1.13	196	195	\$5. Watermark SU.		
79D.1.13a	196w	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.1.14	278	195n	- No watermark.		
79D.1.15	197w	-	\$10. Watermark U.		
79D.1.15a	197	196	- Watermark I.		
79D.1.16	279	196n	- No watermark.		
79D.1.17	-	MFDC-82	First day cover (1a, 3a, 5a, 7, 9, 11a, 15a).		

Note: First day covers seen have included an inconsistent mixture of watermark orientations.

2. STATE LOW VALUE STAMPS.

30 April 1979.

Flower Low Values.

This issue replaced the 1971 Butterfly Low Value Definitives. It comprised counter sheets of seven stamps for each of the thirteen member states, and the first issue for the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, a total of 98 stamps. From 16 April 1984, the island of Labuan similarly became a Federal (capital) Territory for East Malaysia and Sabah's stamps were then replaced in Labuan offices by the Federal Territory issue.

Designs:

The seven 36mm x 26mm designs showing flowers were prepared by Mr. Mohammed Yusof Haji bin Mohammed Saman of the Forest Research Institute. They were reviewed by Dr. E. Soepadmo of the Botany Division, University of Malaya and Dr. Francis Ng of the Forest Research Institute. The final artwork was prepared by Malaysian Advertising Services.

The Federal Territory designs were in the same format as the Federal high values, with only "Malaysia" as the designation of country of origin.



(Illustrations reduced 10%)

The flowers shown were:

Value	English Name.	Malay Name.	Latin Name (on stamp).
1c.	Rafflesia	Bunga Pakma	Rafflesia hasseltii
2c.	Angsana or Sena	Bunga Angsana or Bunga Sena	Pterocarpus indicus
5c.	Queen's Crape Myrtle	Bunga Bungor	Lagerstroemia speciosa
10c.	Durian	Bunga Durian	Durio zibethinus
15c.	Chinese Hibiscus	Bunga Raya	Hibiscus rosa-sinensis
20c.	Scortechini's Rhododendron	Bunga Nubang Bintang	Rhododendron scortechinii
25c.	Torch Ginger	Bunga Kantan	Etlingera elatior

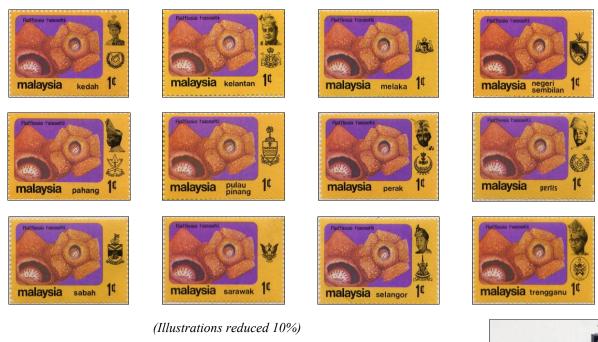
Bunga Raya is the "Royal Flower" of Malaysia. Latterly, the term Bunga Kebangsaan ("National Flower") has been used. Torch Ginger had a preferred Latin name of *Etlingera elatior*, but non-preferred synonyms are *Phaeomeria speciosa* (shown on the stamp) and *Nicolaia elatior*.

The state low values had a vignette containing the same flower design as on the Federal Territory issue, but reduced in size, surrounded by a coloured border bearing Malaysia, the state's name, the value and the state's coat of arms or the portrait of the ruler.



1979 Definitive Issue

Malaysia



The state customisation included the coat of arms of the state plus, where applicable, the head of the state's Ruler:

malaysia	negeri sembilan	20¢

State.	Head or emblem.	State.	Head or emblem.	
Johore	Sultan Ismail	Perak	Sultan Idris Shah.	
Kedah	Sultan Abdul	Perlis	Raja Syed Putra.	
Kelantan	Sultan Yahya Petra.	Sabah	Coat of arms.	
Malacca	Coat of arms.	Sarawak	Coat of arms.	
Negri Sembilan	Coat of arms.	Selangor	Sultan Salahuddin	
Pahang	Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah	Trengganu	Sultan Ismail	
Penang	Coat of arms.			

Printing:

The stamps were printed in sheets of $100 (10 \times 10)$ by Asher & Co. as for the high values. There was a single black plate for each state including state-specific information as well as any design elements.

Paper:

The paper was the same as used for the high value series. Some examples, particularly of the 15c., appeared to have a glossier ink than others, but, contrary to the wishful claims of some dealers, it has not been possible to identify a true "glazed paper" variety. As indicated in the notes to the Requisitions below, this was a period of change with the growing use of Optical Brightening Agent (OBA) in paper. Although contemporary observers suggested some printings were on paper with higher levels of OBA, we do not know if the printer used the same paper throughout the printing concerned. It was also complicated by the habit of the Bureau exchanging old stock with the printer to avoid its stock ageing. The older stamps went out to territory as part of the new shipment. There is some evidence to suggest that stocks were then mixed at the Bureau also! It is not, therefore, possible to give a reliable listing of these paper varieties.

Watermarks:

As for the high values, the watermark appears from the start in two orientations, namely sideways reading up and sideways reading down. Most stamps appeared approximately equally in both forms, but some little used stamps, such as some 1c. and 25c. values, appeared to be restricted to one form.

All the low values for Federal Territory, Johore, Kedah, Kelantan, Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Penang and Trengganu exist with both orientations, as do all 1c., 5c., 10c. and 15c. values for the other states. The state/value/orientation combinations not so far discovered are:

State	Value	Wmk	State	Value	Wmk	 State	Value	Wmk
Malacca	25c.	SU	Perlis	20c.	SU	 Selangor	20c.	SU
Perak	2c.	SU	Sabah	2c.	SU			

Perforations:

The comb perforation measured 14.9 x 14.5, the perforator normally starting at bottom of the printer's sheet and working upwards. The stamps were perforated from the gummed side. The bottom margin of lower panes (see sheet markings below) were normally imperforate. All the other margins were perforated through. Perforation errors exist (see "Varieties" below).

Colours and sheet markings:

All values (except the 5c.) were printed using the standard four lithographic colours, namely black, cyan, magenta and yellow. All the 5c. watermarked stamps were originally printed using yellow-green, instead of the yellow usually used in colour separation lithographic printing. Examples have been found, such as the Perlis and Sarawak 5c., where a later reprint (seen, in the case of Sarawak, postmarked 26 October 1983 and 1986) was made using yellow instead of yellow-green, giving a lighter overall appearance than on the normal 5c. stamp. The difference is clear when you compare known examples, but insufficient, I believe, to warrant catalogue status. The Federal Territory 20c. and Sabah 15c. are also known printed with greenish-yellow instead of bright yellow.

Sheet markings were as for the high values, except as shown below. On the State issues, the name of the state appeared at the foot of the right-hand column.

Printer's sheet format:

Plate format was probably as for the high values, and it is not inconceivable that high and low values could have been printed simultaneously.

"Computer Code" sheet markings:

These sheet markings were more complex than on the high values, in that they identified the state as well as the value. The bars appeared as follows:

State low values:

Federal Territory low values: Up to 7 magenta bars (representing the value).

Up to 7 yellow bars (representing the value), with up to 13 black bars (representing the state) above them.

"Computer code" markings - Nominal values.

Number of bars	State	Value	Number of bars	State	Value
1	Johore	1c.	8	Pulau Pinang	-
2	Kedah	2c.	9	Perlis	-
3	Kelantan	5c.	10	Selangor	-
4	Malacca	10c.	11	Trengganu	-
5	Negeri Sembilan	15c.	12	Sabah	-
6	Pahang	20c.	13	Sarawak	-
7	Perak	25c.			

The numbering of bars was consistent with the position relative to the stamps in the sheet, but the positions of the bars were not always consistent in their position and errors of sheet marking exist, such as 6 black bars instead of 12 on a Sabah 15c. These errors fall into two categories. In some cases, the codes have the correct number of bars, but in the wrong position in the margin. This may be simply a question of different interpretation of instructions by the person who assembled the plate. In other cases, the code had a different number of bars and this represented a different stamp. This may point to either reuse in error of sheet markings from a previous printing plate set-up or to the coexistence of that other stamp on the same plate set-up.

Normally they read from 1 at the bottom in a continuous sequence (for example, the 15c. Sabah would have positions 1-5 marked in yellow and 6-17 in black). However, some values are known with blank positions giving rise to numbers up to 20 on stamps other than the 25c. Sarawak (the only value for which this would be correct). This may prove to be a means of distinguishing between different printings.

A factor which complicated study was that the codes were spread over margins adjacent to one, two or even three stamps. Finding complete blocks of the last case is very difficult. The table below lists the codes used.

"Computer code" markings - Values (Watermarked low values)

Columns R9 to R6 below show the positions of the colour blocks and the adjacent numbers, where printed on the sheet, reading from the bottom. Position 14 normally falls exactly on the perforation between row 7 and row 6. Entries in italics are the "correct" markings but have not been confirmed by or to the author, who would welcome confirmation of their existence.

Key: K Black

M Magenta

N Yellow-Green



State	Value	R9	R8	R7	R6	Notes
Fed. Terr.	1c.	1M				
	2c.	1M	2M			
	5c.	1M	2M-3M			
	10c.	1M	2M-4M			
	10c. 15c.	1M	2M-5M			
						7
	20c.	1M	2M-6M			
T 1	25c.	1M	2M-7M			
Johore	1c.	1Y	2K			
		1Y	2K-4K			Error – Code for Kelantan 1c. ⁸
	2c.	1Y	2Y 3K			
	5c.	1N	2N-3N 4K			
	10c.	1Y	2Y-4Y 5K			
		1Y	2Y-4Y		20K	Error - position only. ⁸³
	15c.	1Y	2Y-5Y 6K			
	20c.	1Y	2Y-6Y 7K			
	25c.	1Y	2Y-7Y	8K		
Kedah	1c.	1Y	2K-3K	0IX		
Redail	2c.	1Y	2K-5K 2Y 3K-4K			
	2c. 5c.		2N-3N 4K-5K			
		1N				
	10c.	1Y	2Y-4Y 5K-6K			
	15c.	IY	2Y-5Y 6K-7K		10	
		1Y	2Y-5Y		19K-20K	Error - position only
	20c.	1Y	2Y-6Y 7K	8K		
		1Y	2Y-6Y 7K			Error - Code for Johore 20c.
	25c.	1Y	2Y-7Y	8K-9K		
Kelantan	1c.	1Y	2K-4K			
	2c.	1Y	2Y 3K-5K			
	5c.	1N	2N-3N 4K-6K			
	10c.	1Y	2Y-4Y 5K-7K			
	10c.	1Y	2Y-5Y 6K-7K			
	20c.	1Y	2Y-6Y 7K	8K-9K		
	25c.	1Y	2Y-7Y	8K-10K		
Malacca	1c.	1Y	2K-5K			
		1Y	2K-7K	8K-12K		Error - Code for Trengganu 1c. ⁸
	2c.	1Y	2Y 3K-6K			
	5c.	1N	2N-3N 4K-7K			
	10c.	1Y	2Y-4Y 5K-7K	8K		
	15c.	1Y	2Y-5Y 6K-7K	8K-9K		
	20c.	1Y	2Y-6Y 7K	8K-10K		
	25c.	1Y	2Y-7Y	8K-11K		
NS	1c.	1Y	2K-6K			
110	2c.	1Y	2Y 3K-7K			
	20. 5c.	1N	2N-3N 4K-7K			
	10c.	1Y 1V	2Y-4Y 5K-7K	8K-9K	16 2012	Emon position only
	15	1Y	2Y-4Y	017 1017	16-20K	Error - position only.
	15c.	1Y	2Y-5Y 6K-7K	8K-10K		
		1Y	2Y-5Y		16-20K	Error - position only. ⁸³
	20c.	1Y	2Y-6Y 7K	8K-11K		
	25c.	1Y	2Y-7Y	8K-12K		
Pahang	1c.	1Y	2K-7K			
	2c.	IY	2Y 3K-7K	8K		
		1Y	2Y 3K-7K			Error - Code for Penang 2c.
	5c.	1N	2N-3N 4K-7K			8
	10c.	1Y	2Y-4Y 5K-7K			
	100.	1Y	2Y-4Y	on ron	15-20K	Error - position only.
	15c.			QV 11V	1 J-20 K	Enor - position only.
		1Y 1V				
	20c.	1Y	2Y-6Y 7K	8K-12K		
D	25c.	1Y	2Y-7Y	8K-13K		
Penang	1c.	1Y	2K-7K	8K-9K		
	2c.	1Y	2Y 3K-7K			
	5c.	1N	2N-3N 4K-7K	8K-11K		
	10c.	1Y	2Y-4Y 5K-7K	8K-12K		
	15c.	1Y	2Y-5Y 6K-7K			
	20c.	1Y	2Y-6Y 7K	8K-13K	14K	

Malaysia

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State	Value	R9	R8		R7	R6	Notes	
	25c.	1Y	2Y-7Y		8K-13K	14K-15K		
Perak	1c.	1Y	2K-7K		8K			
	2c.	1Y	2Y	3K-7K	8K-9K			
	5c.	1N	2N-3N	4K-7K	8K-10K			
	10c.	1Y	2Y-4Y	5K-7K	8K-11K			
		1Y	2Y-4Y			14K-20K	Error - position only.	
	15c.	1Y	2Y-5Y	6K-7K	8K-12K			
	20c.	1Y	2Y-6Y	7K	8K-13K			
	25c.	1Y	2Y-7Y		8K-13K	14K		
Perlis	1c.	1Y	2K-7K		8K-10K			
	2c.	1Y	2Y	3K-7K	8K-11K			
	5c.	1N	2N-3N	4K-7K	8K-12K			
	10c.	1Y	2Y-4Y	5K-7K	8K-13K			
	10c.	1Y	2Y-4Y	/···	12K-13K	14K-20K	Error – position only.	
	15c.	1Y	2Y-5Y	6K-7K	8K-13K	14K		
	20c.	1Y	2Y-6Y	7K	8K-13K	14K-15K		
~ 1 1	25c.	1Y	2Y-7Y		8K-13K	14K-16K		
Sabah	1c.	1Y	2K-7K		8K-13K	1 477		
	2c.	1Y	2Y	3K-7K	8K-13K	14K	9	
	5c.	1N	2N-3N	4K-7K	8K-13K	14K-15K	,	
	10	1Y	2Y-3Y	4K-7K	8K-13K	14K-15K		
	10c.	1Y	2Y-4Y	5K-7K	8K-13K	14K-16K	E :4: 1, 10	
	15-	1Y	2Y-4Y	(V 7V	9K-13K	14K-20K	Error - position only. ¹⁰	
	15c.	1Y	2Y-5Y	6K-7K	8K-13K	14K-17K	Erman Cada far Dahana 15a ll	
		1Y 1Y	2Y-5Y 2Y-5Y		12K-13K 9K-13K	14K-17K 14K-20K	Error - Code for Pahang 15c. ¹¹ Error - position only. ¹²	
	20c.	1 I 1Y	21-51 2Y-6Y	7K	9K-13K 8K-13K	14K-20K 14-18K		
	20c. 25c.	1Y	21-01 2Y-7Y	/ K	8K-13K 8K-13K	14-16K 14K-19K		
Sarawak	250. 1c.	1Y	2K-7K		8K-13K 8K-13K	14K-19K 14K		
Salawak	1c. 2c.	1Y	2K-/K 2Y	3K-7K	8K-13K 8K-13K	14K-15K		
	20.	1Y	2 Y	3K-7K 3K-7K	8K-13K 8K-13K	14K-16K	Error - invalid code.	
	5c.	1N	2N-3N	4K-7K	8K-13K	14K-16K	14	
	10c.	1Y	2Y-4Y	5K-7K	8K-13K	14K-17K		
	100.	1Y	2Y-4Y	011 /11	8K-13K	14K-20K	Error - position only. ¹⁵	
	15c.	1Y	2Y-5Y	6K-7K	8K-13K	14K-18K	Liter permenenty.	
		1Y	2Y-5Y	7K	8K-13K	14K-18K	Error - Code for Sabah 15c. ¹⁵	
		1Y	2Y-5Y		8K-13K		Error - position only. ¹⁵	
	20c.	1Y	2Y-6Y	7K	8K-13K	14K-19K	1 2	
	25c.	1Y	2Y-7Y		8K-13K	14K-20K		
Selangor	1c.	1Y	2K-7K		8K-11K			
-	2c.	1Y	2Y	3K-7K	8K-12K			
	5c.	1N	2N-3N	4K-7K	8K-13K			
	10c.	1Y	2Y-4Y	5K-7K	8K-13K	14K		
	15c.	1Y	2Y-5Y	6K-7K	8K-13K	14K-15K		
	20c.	1Y	2Y-6Y	7K	8K-13K	14K-16K		
	25c.	1Y	2Y-7Y		8K-13K	14K-17K		
Trengganu	1c.	1Y	2K-7K		8K-12K			
		1Y	2K-7K		8K-12K .K		Error - see endnote. ¹⁶	
	2c.	1Y	2Y	3K-7K	8K-13K			
	5c.	1N	2Y-3N	4K-7K	8K-13K	14K		
	10c.	1Y	2Y-4Y	5K-7K	8K-13K	14K-15K		
	15c.	1Y	2Y-5Y	6K-7K	8K-13K	14K-16K		
	•	1Y	2Y-5Y		10K-13K	14K-20K	Error - position only.	
	20c.	1Y	2Y-6Y	7K	8K-13K	14K-17K		
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Essays:

25c.

1Y

2Y-7Y

Stamp-size photographic essays with hand-drawn perforations were initially produced showing a different value sequence from the issued one, namely 1c. Sarawak Durian, 2c. Negri Sembilan Ginger, 5c. Pahang Angsana, 10c. Malacca Myrtle, 15c. Kelantan Rhododendron, 20c. Johore Rafflesia, 25c. Penang Hibiscus.¹⁷

14K-18K

8K-13K

The Johore set exists as imperforate singles on unwatermarked paper with "johor" in a thin font instead of the bold font used for the issued design. The other states are assumed to exist in a similar form but have not been seen by the author.



Imperforate proofs:

Many (probably all) values exist as imperforate singles, pairs or blocks of four, from progressive plate proof sheets. These have sometimes been listed in error as issued stamps. Recorded examples include:

State	Value	Notes.
Federal Territory	1c5c., 15c.	Yellow omitted. Watermark SU.
	10c., 20c.	Yellow omitted. Watermark SD.
	25c.	Yellow omitted. Watermark not recorded.
	2c25c.	Normal. Watermark not recorded. (ISC K2a/3a/4a/5d/6b/7b respectively)
Johore	1c., 5c15c.	Normal. Watermark not recorded.
	2c., 25c.	Normal. Watermark SD.
	20c.	Normal. Watermark SU.
Malacca	1c.	Normal. Watermark SD.
	2c., 20c25c.	Normal. Watermark SU.
Negri Sembilan	2c.	Normal. Watermark SD.
-	20c.	Black only. Watermark SU.
Pahang	20c25c.	Normal. Watermark not recorded.
Penang	2c., 25c.	Normal. Watermark not recorded.
Perlis	10c.	Black only. Watermark not recorded.
	10c15c.	Normal. Watermark not recorded.
Sabah	5c10c., 25c.	Black only. Watermark not recorded.
	1c5c., 15c20c.	Normal. Watermark not recorded.
	10c., 25c.	Normal. Watermark SU.
Selangor	5c., 15c20c.	Normal. Watermark SU.
	25c.	Normal. Watermark SD.
Trengganu	1c., 20c.	Normal. Watermark not recorded.
	15c., 25c.	Normal. Watermark SU.

Varieties:

Known varieties include the following:

State	Value	No.	Position	Variety
Federal Territory	10c.	v1	R4/7	Green spot between flowers just above "a" in "malaysia". ¹⁸
	15c.	v1	R1-R2	Misplaced perforation. The perforator may have become stuck
				after perforating R2 of a top pane sheet, only moving up by one
				pin, resulting in examples where R1 was imperforate and R2 had two rows of perforations at the foot (SG K5a, ISC K5c.). ¹⁹
		v2	?	Black inscription omitted. (ISC K5a)
		v3	?	Black inscription displaced from left to right-hand side. (ISC K5b)
	20c.	v1	?	Black inscription omitted. (ISC K6a)
Johore	10c.	v1	?	Yellow omitted. ²⁰
Kedah	2c.	v1	R10/2	Top of ¢ omitted.
	5c.	v1	?	Perforation displaced c.4mm down and to left. ²¹
Kelantan	1c.	v1	R10	Bottom perforation displaced upwards leaving Malaysia, etc. in bottom margin. ²²
Perlis	2c.	v1	R1/5 to R10/5	Tip of the hat of the Raja on the left slightly broken. ²³
		v2	R2/2	Green spot like a bud in the middle of the design on the right next to the yellow flower on the brown background and on the left of the chin/neck of the portrait. ²³
		v3	R6/9	Tiny black dot on right of Raja's right eye. ²³
		v4	R7/10	Green spot like a bud in the middle of the top above the yellow flower above the stalk vertically above the last "a" of "Malaysia". ²³
Selangor	1c.	v1	R1	Top row of perforations omitted (ISC 164a).
e	10c.	v1	R2	Extra horizontal row of perforations through centre. ²⁴
	25c.	v1	R10 only	Perforations of a bottom pane were shifted up 7mm, cutting through stamp level with bottom of flower name. Lower part of stamp imperforate. ²⁵

First day of issue:

There was no presentation pack. The first day cover, sold at 10c., featured the hibiscus and a map of Malaysia. KHP first day postmarks were used.

1983

"Interim" No Watermark Low Value Reprints.

On 1 January 1983, the postal rate for local letters rose from 15c. to 20c., bringing a sudden demand for 5c. and 20c. stamps.

Asher & Co. had been taken over in 1981 by Leigh-Mardon and production was now under the latter title. The reprint used an alternative, off-the-shelf, unwatermarked paper with white, smooth gum, instead of the special Pos watermark paper hitherto used, probably as a rush order to keep offices supplied. There were various minor differences of shade from the original issue, but these were consistent with various earlier printings on the watermarked paper. Sheet layout and markings were as for the original issue.

Only the 5c. from Federal Territory and the 20c. from all states have been found in this interim condition. This was probably a small printing, as the first examples of a further, improved, series of reprints appeared later in the year. The sheet markings were identical with the original issue, and it is assumed that the original plates were used.

Mint stamps:

With the exception of the Federal Territory 5c. (the only "interim" printing supplied to Crown Agents and released to dealers in October 1985) and 20c. (used for experimental booklets), the Penang 20c. and the Sabah 20c. ²⁶, the author has not seen any mint examples of these "Interim" printings, but all have been reported with the possible exception of Perlis²⁷. As they were not given an official release and most values were not discovered until 1986, any mint survivals were rare "chance" discoveries.

First use dates:

No official issue dates were announced. The following were the earliest use dates recorded. The actual dates of issue for each value would have obviously depended on when the states requisitioned Kuala Lumpur central stores for new stocks and when individual post offices requisitioned their local stores.

States	5c.	20c.	States	5c.	20c.
Federal Territory	12Dec1984 ²⁸	23Mar1983	Penang	-	27Jun1984 31
Johore	-	16Jun1983 ²⁹	Perak	-	15Oct1983
Kedah	-	22Feb1983	Perlis	-	known
Kelantan	-	1983 ³⁰	Sabah	-	28Apr1983
Malacca	-	26Oct1983	Sarawak	-	May1983
Negri Sembilan	-	?3Oct1983	Selangor	-	6Oct1983
Pahang	-	50ct1983	Trengganu	-	Oct1983

1983

"Improved" No Watermark Low Value Reprints.

Late in 1983, most values (except 1c. and 2c. which had no real postal use) were reprinted by Leigh-Mardon on the unwatermarked paper used for the "interim" printings, with enhanced appearance derived from the use of new ink colours. The colours were generally brighter and the overall appearance was sharper, with detail better defined. In the case of the 10c. and 20c., the background colour was very different, making these values instantly recognisable. In addition, on the Federal Territory issue, the artwork had been reassembled, resulting in different relative positions of the flower and inscriptions. On the State issues, the black plates were redrawn resulting in different text fonts and other changes.

Initially, several erroneous theories were put forward as to the printer of this issue. In particular they were linked with Harrison & Sons, who categorically stated in 1986 that they were not involved.

Printing colours:

A key feature of this "redrawn" issue was the departure from standard lithographic colours in favour of more intense and brighter colours intended to enhance the appearance of the stamps. Instead of black, cyan, magenta, yellow (in sequence of dots from the left of Row 1 on the original issue), the reprints used the following colours (in the same sequence):

5c.: Black, turquoise-green, bluish magenta, orange-yellow.

- 10c.: Black, light blue-grey, bright violet, orange-yellow.
- 15c.: Black, sage green, bright rose-red, lemon-yellow.
- 20c.: Black, dark green, light green, yellow.
- 25c.: Black, bright violet, rose-red, greenish-yellow.

Sometimes ink colours were changed during the life of this issue. In the case of the 20c. stamps, early printings used a strong yellow-orange ink. Later examples show the use of lemon-yellow (probably the normal lithographic yellow). This can be clearly seen in the stamps themselves, where they were either orange or yellow, the latter giving a flatter, washed-out appearance. Sheet markings clearly show this change. The two 20c. shades are known for Kelantan, Malacca and Sarawak.

Mint examples of the Kelantan 5c. exhibit another difference, particularly visible under ultra-violet light, when the magenta used for the flower appears either pink or purple.

Perforation:

Contrary to early statements, the perforation was normally unchanged and it is likely that the same perforating machines were used.

The 20c. Sarawak and 10c. Trengganu ⁸³ showed evidence of a separate printing with revised perforator. On the yellow-orange version, the bottom margin of the bottom pane was imperforate, as was the case with all earlier issues which I have examined. The lemon-yellow example showed a single extension hole in the bottom margin opposite each vertical line of perforations, indicating perforation from side-to-side instead of up the sheet.

Design differences - Federal Territory issues:

In addition to improvement in colour and general appearance, which were consistent with those found on the state issues, the Federal Territory stamps differed from the original issue in the following respects:

- 5c. On the redrawn version, the word "Malaysia" was moved to the right, taking the dot of the "M" clear of the junction of the stem of the flower and the last "a" therefore ceased to be in line with the "c" of "5c.".
- 10c. The flower name was 7.5mm above "Malaysia" (was 6mm).
- 15c. The "1" of "15c." was to the right of the junction of stem and bud (it was previously over the junction).
- 20c. The flower name was clearer. The dot of the "M" of "Malaysia" was on the tip of the flower instead of above it and to the left.
- 25c. No apparent design differences, but the general differences were sufficient to identify the reprints.

Design differences - State issues:

The design features which distinguished these stamps from earlier issues fell into two groups as set out below, namely those revisions to the colours, vignette and value font which were constant in all states for a given value, and those revisions to the state name and emblems which were constant within an individual state.

Main Changes Constant By Value (State Issues)

- 5c. The "blue" border was printed from turquoise green, giving a lighter shade. The vignette incorporated about 0.75mm more of the picture of the flower. Colours were sharper. The "c" in the value was wider (more open).
- 10c. The flowers appeared predominantly white, instead of toned. Leaves were clearly defined. Background appears dull purple instead of bistre brown. Border was lighter. The "c" in the value was wider.
- 15c. This gave stronger highlights and more detail was visible on the flower and leaves. "c" in value wider.
- 20c. Colour changes gave a green frame with a less blue tone, and vignette background a rich bright green instead of dull brownish green. "c" in value narrower.
- 25c. The background was darker and the flower had more clear detail and highlights. The Latin name was repositioned downwards to a more central position in the side of the vignette. "c" in value wider.

Main Changes Constant By State (State Issues)

Johore:	The state emblem was 1mm from the value (was 2mm). "johor" was in rounded instead of squared letters.
Kedah:	The Sultan's portrait was 1mm from the state emblem (was 2mm). "kedah" 3mm from "malaysia" (was 4.5mm to 5mm).
Kelantan:	The Sultan's portrait was 8.5mm high (was 9.5mm).
Malacca:	The state emblem was 7.5mm above the value (was 6mm). "melaka" and the value were further from "malaysia".
Negeri Sembilan:	The state emblem was 10.5mm high and 5mm above value (the emblem was 9.5mm high, 3.5mm above the value).
Pahang:	"pahang" was 2.5mm from "malaysia" (was 3.5mm).
Perak:	The Sultan's portrait was 8mm high (was 9mm).
Perlis:	The Raja's portrait was 9.5mm high (was 8.5mm). "perlis was in rounded instead of squared letters.
Pulau Pinang:	The state emblem was 12.5mm high (was 11mm).
Sabah:	The state emblem was 10mm high (was 9mm).
Sarawak:	The state emblem was 4.5mm above the value (was 5.5mm).
Selangor:	The Sultan's head dress had a taller point and the state emblem design was clearer.
Trengganu:	The combined height of the portrait and the state emblem was 16.5mm (was 18mm). The value on the 25c. was further from the state name.

Sheet markings:

Although the sheet markings were unchanged in general arrangement, the marginal colour dabs were different colours and smaller (6mm diameter), 2.5mm apart, in groups of four with 6.5mm gaps between each group. The sequence started at the left of the left pane and continued unbroken across the inter-panneau margin and the right pane,

The "computer code" bars were positioned one stamp higher on the side of the sheet and were mostly un-numbered, although numbered bars appeared on some sheets of some values, possibly from early printings. There were examples of one colour being numbered and the other not (e.g., Selangor 20c., which came in two versions). The codes were relocated either side of the perforations between rows 7 and 8, so that the yellow bars extended downward opposite row 8 while black bars extended upwards opposite row 7. The exceptions were Federal Territory, Sabah, Sarawak and Trengganu, which had the "value" code in the original position commencing in row 9 but the "state" code in the new position.

"Computer code" markings - Values ("Improved" low values)

Entries in *italics* are the "correct" markings but have not been confirmed by or to the author, who would welcome confirmation of their existence. Where the number of black bars exceeded 7, the seventh bar was on the perforation line between R7 and R6.

Key: K Black N Yellow-C Y Yellow	VYellow-Green		llow-Green O Orange-Yellow		low	G Green R Red	M Magenta V Violet
State	Value	R9	R8	R7	R6	Notes	
Federal Territory	5c.	1M	2M-3M				
	10c.	1V	2V-4V				
		V	three V				
	15c.	1R	2R-5R				
	20	R	four R				
	20c.	1G G	2G-6G				
	25c.	IR	five G 2R-7R				
Johore	25c. 5c.	IK	three O	K			
Johore	10c.		four O	K			
	15c.		five Y	K			
	20c.		six Y	K			
Kedah	10c.		four O	two K			
	15c.		five Y	two K			
	20c.		six Y	two K			
Kelantan	5c.		three Y	three K			
	10c.		four O	three K			
	20c.		six Y	three K			
Malacca	10c.		four O	four K			
	15c.		five Y	four K		22	
	20c.		six Y	four K		32	
Negri Sembilan.	5c.		three O	five K			
	10c.		four O	five K			
	15c.		five Y	five K			
Pahang	20c. 5c.		six Y three O	five K six K			
Fallang	10c.		four O	six K six K			
	20c.		six Y	six K			
Penang	20c. 5c.		three O	seven K	К		
1 chung	10c.		four O	seven K seven K	K		
	15c.		five Y	seven K	K		
	20c.		six Y	seven K	K		
Perak	5c.		three O	seven K			
	10c.		four O	seven K			
	15c.		five Y	seven K			
	20c.		six Y	seven K			
Perlis	20c.		six O	seven K	two K		
Sabah	5c.		three O	seven K	five K		
	10c.		four O	seven K	five K		
	15c.		five Y	seven K	five K		
G 1	20c.		six Y	seven K	five K		
Sarawak	5c.		three O	seven K	six K		
	10c.		four O	seven K	six K		
	20c.		six Y	seven K	six K		

State	Value	R9	R8	R7	R6	Notes
Selangor	5c.		three O	seven K	three K	
	10c.		four O	seven K	three K	
	15c.		five Y	seven K	three K	
	20c.		six Y	7K-13K	14K-16K	
			six Y	8K-14K	15K-17K	
Trengganu	10c.		four O	seven K	four K	
	15c.		five Y	seven K	four K	
	20c.		six Y	seven K	four K	
	25c.	0	six Y	seven K	four K	

Varieties:

Reported varieties included the following:

State	Value	No.	Variety
Federal Territory	15c.	v1	Double printing. (ISC K10a)
Sarawak	10c.	v1	Black printing tripled.
	15c.	v1	Major perforation shift in row 9 only, with the first five columns affected by an
			angled downward off-set of the comb. The sixth column onwards were
			unaffected.

First use dates:

In March 1984, the Crown Agents released to dealers the first of a limited number of examples of this issue with which they were supplied, but they were in use in Malaya much earlier. The Sabah and Sarawak issues were reported to have been supplied direct to those states by the printer, whilst all the others went to Malaysian Post Office Central Stores at Kuala Lumpur. No official issue dates were announced. The following table shows the earliest dates recorded so far. The actual dates of issue for each value would have depended on when the states requisitioned Kuala Lumpur central stores for new stocks and when individual post offices requisitioned their local stores. The dates of availability of the issues in the Philatelic Bureau in Kuala Lumpur and in post offices in the states were reported to have varied widely. The Federal Territory 15c., 20c. (both), Johore 5c., 20c., Selangor 5c., 15c. and Trengganu 25c. were said to have been available at the Kuala Lumpur Bureau "much earlier" than the use dates quoted below. It has been suggested that only the Philatelic Bureau received stocks of the Trengganu 25c. and that it has never been seen commercially used from within the state.

States	5c.	10c.	15c.	20c.	25c.
Federal Territory	17Dec1984 33	May1984 ³⁴	27Aug1983 35	13Nov1983 ³⁶	Jan1985 37
Johore	20Nov1983 ³⁸	May1984 ³⁹	Dec1983 40	23Sep1983 41	-
Kedah	_ 42	11May1985 ⁴³	Dec1984	16Dec1983 44	-
Kelantan	1986 ⁴⁵	May1984 46	-	5Oct1983 47	-
Malacca	-	19Apr1985 48	Sep1986 49	18Apr1984	-
Negri Sembilan	25May1984 ⁵⁰	May1984 51	11Aug1984	1983 ⁵²	-
Pahang	17Nov1983 53	8Jan1985 54	_	16Jul1984 55	-
Penang	Jan1984 56	2Jul1985	27Dec1983 57	Mar1984 58	-
Perak	9Sep1983 ⁵⁹	May1984 60	9Sep1983 61	20Mar1984 62	-
Perlis	-	-	-	Mar1984 63	-
Sabah	by Jan1985 ⁶⁴	28Jul1984 ⁶⁵	May1985 ⁶⁶	29Nov1983	-
Sarawak	4Apr1986 67	1Aug1985	-	21Oct1983 68	-
Selangor	20Nov1983 ⁶⁹	Mar1985 ⁷⁰	13Oct1983	12Dec1983	-
Trengganu	-	1Feb1986 ⁷¹	24Jan1985 72	2Mar1984 73	13Nov83 ⁷⁴

Late sales

A visitor to Kota Kinabulu Airport Post Office on 23 September 1993 found the 1c. and 2c. watermarked Sabah flower definitives and the \$3 booklet still on sale. It is not known whether this was a reappearance due to shortages of the 1986 Definitive Issue or whether the office had not found it necessary to reorder those values since 1986.⁷⁵

The 1c. and 2c. Sarawak were still on sale at Kuching Airport in early February 1994 and the 2c. was on sale at Miri in the summer of 1994.⁷⁵

In April 1994, at least one post office in an unnamed port on the west coast of West Malaysia, believed to be Penang, was selling packs of flower definitives (one mint stamp of each value from each state except Federal Territory) for RM10, containing a mixture of original and redrawn stamps.⁷⁵

Out of State usage:

Sabah stamps have been reported used in Johore, Kedah, Kuala Lumpur and Negri Sembilan. Whilst there was nothing "contrary to regulations" in this, and, indeed, regular travellers would have tended to use whatever stamps they had in their pockets, it has been suggested that the incidence of such usage was so high that there could be instances of post offices being issued, deliberately or accidentally, with stamps of another state. ²⁹

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (Federal/State Low Values)

Federal Territory

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.2.1	K1w	K1	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.2.1a	K1	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.2.2	K2w	K2	2c. Watermark SU.		
79D.2.2a	K2	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.2.3	K3w	K3	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.2.3a	K3	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.2.4	K10	K3b	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.2.5	K10a	K8	- No watermark (Improved).		
79D.2.6	K4w	K4	10c. Watermark SU.		
79D.2.6a	K4	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.2.7	K11	K9	- No watermark.		
79D.2.8	K5w	K5	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.2.8a	Kw	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.2.9	K12	K10	- No watermark.		
79D.2.10	K6w	K6	20c. Watermark SU.		
79D.2.10a	K6	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.2.11	K13	K6c	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.2.12	K13a	K11	- No watermark (Improved).		
79D.2.13	K7w	K7	25c. Watermark SU.		
79D.2.13a	K7	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.2.14	K14	K12	- No watermark.		
79D.2.15	-	-	First day cover (1-3, 6, 8a, 10, 13)		
79D.2.15a	-	-	- (1a-3a, 6a, 8a, 10a, 13a)	-	

Johore

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.3.1	188w	194	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.3.1a	188	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.3.2	189w	195	2c. Watermark SU.		
79D.3.2a	189	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.3.3	190w	196	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.3.3a	190	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.3.4	197	201	- No watermark.		
79D.3.5	191w	197	10c. Watermark SU.		
79D.3.5a	191	-	-Watermark SD.		
79D.3.6	198	202	- No watermark.		
79D.3.7	192w	198	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.3.7a	192	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.3.8	199	203	- No watermark.		
79D.3.9	193w	199	20c. Watermark SU.		
79D.3.9a	193	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.3.10	200	199a	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.3.11	200a	204	- No watermark (improved).		
79D.3.12	194w	200	25c. Watermark SU.		
79D.3.12a	194	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.3.13	-	-	First day cover (1, 2a, 3, 5, 7a, 9a, 12a).	-	

Kedah

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.4.1	135w	143	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.4.1a	135	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.4.2	136w	144	2c. Watermark SU.		
79D.4.2a	136	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.4.3	137w	145	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.4.3a	137	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.4.4	138w	146	10c. Watermark SU.		
79D.4.4a	138	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.4.5	148	153	- No watermark.		

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.4.6	139w	147	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.4.6a	139	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.4.7	149	154	- No watermark.		
79D.4.8	140w	148	20c. Watermark SU.		
79D.4.8a	140	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.4.9	150	148a	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.4.10	150a	155	- No watermark.		
79D.4.11	141w	149	25c. Watermark SU.		
79D.4.11a	141	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.4.12	-	-	First day cover (1, 2a, 3, 4, 6, 8a, 11a).	-	

Kelantan

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.5.1	123w	120	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.5.1a	123	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.5.2	124w	121	2c. Watermark SU.		
79D.5.2a	124	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.5.3	125w	122	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.5.3a	125	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.5.4	135	130	- No watermark.		
79D.5.5	126w	123	10c. Watermark SU.		
79D.5.5a	126	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.5.6	136	131	- No watermark.		
79D.5.7	127w	124	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.5.7a	127	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.5.8	128w	125	20c. Watermark SU.		
79D.5.8a	128	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.5.9	138	125a	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.5.10	138a	132	- No watermark (Improved).		
79D.5.11	129w	-	25c. Watermark SU.		
79D.5.11a	129	126	- Watermark SD.		
79D.5.12	-	-	First day cover (1a, 2a, 3, 5, 7, 8a, 11a).	-	

Malacca

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.6.1	82w	87	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.6.1a	82	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.6.2	83w	88	2c. Watermark SU.		
79D.6.2a	83	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.6.3	84w	89	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.6.3a	84	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.6.4	85w	90	10c. Watermark SU.		
79D.6.4a	85	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.6.5	92	94	- No watermark.		
79D.6.6	86w	91	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.6.6a	86	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.6.7	93	95	- No watermark.		
79D.6.8	87w	92	20c. Watermark SU.		
79D.6.8a	87	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.6.9	94	92a	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.6.10	94a	96	- No watermark.		
79D.6.11a	88	93	25c. Watermark SD.		
79D.6.12	-	-	First day cover. SU (1c., 5c15c., 25c. SD)	-	

Note: 79D.6.11 is reserved for the 25c. with watermark SU.

Negri Sembilan

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.7.1	103w	104	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.7.1a	103	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.7.2	104w	105	2c. Watermark SU.		
79D.7.2a	104	-	- Watermark SD.		

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.7.3	105w	106	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.7.3a	105	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.7.4	112	111	- No watermark.		
79D.7.5	106w	107	10c. Watermark SU.		
79D.7.5a	106	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.7.6	113	112	- No watermark.		
79D.7.7	107w	108	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.7.7a	107	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.7.8	114	113	- No watermark.		
79D.7.9	108w	109	20c. Watermark SU.		
79D.7.9a	108	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.7.10	115	109a	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.7.11	115a	114	- No watermark (Improved).		
79D.7.12	109w	110	25c. Watermark SU.		
79D.7.12a	109	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.7.13	-	-	First day cover (1, 2, 3, 5a, 7, 9, 12a).	-	

Pahang

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.8.1	111w	114	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.8.1a	111	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.8.2	112w	115	2c. Watermark SU.		
79D.8.2a	112	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.8.3	113w	116	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.8.3a	113	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.8.4	120	121	- No watermark.		
79D.8.5	114w	117	10c. Watermark SU.		
79D.8.5a	114	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.8.6	121	122	- No watermark.		
79D.8.7	115w	118	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.8.7a	115	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.8.8	116w	119	20c. Watermark SU.		
79D.8.8a	116	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.8.9	123	119a	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.8.10	123a	123	- No watermark.		
79D.8.11	117w	120	25c. Watermark SU.		
79D.8.11a	117	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.8.12	-	-	First day cover (1a, 2, 3a, 5a, 7, 8, 11).	-	

Penang

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.9.1	86w	87	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.9.1a	86	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.9.2	87w	88	2c. Watermark SU.		
79D.9.2a	87	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.9.3	88w	89	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.9.3a	88	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.9.4	95	94	- No watermark.		
79D.9.5	89w	90	10c. Watermark SU.		
79D.9.5a	89	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.9.6	96	95	- No watermark.		
79D.9.7	90w	91	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.9.7a	90	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.9.8	97	96	- No watermark.		
79D.9.9	91w	92	20c. Watermark SU.		
79D.9.9a	91	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.9.10	98	92a	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.9.11	98a	97	- No watermark.		
79D.9.12	92w	93	25c. Watermark SU.		
79D.9.12a	92	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.9.13	-	-	First day cover (1, 2a, 3, 5, 7a, 9, 12a).	-	

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.10.1	184w	182	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.10.1a	184	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.10.2a	185	183	2c. Watermark SD.		
79D.10.3	186w	184	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.10.3a	186	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.10.4	193	189	- No watermark.		
79D.10.5	187w	185	10c. Watermark SU.		
79D.10.5a	187	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.10.6	194	190	- No watermark.		
79D.10.7	188w	186	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.10.7a	188	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.10.8	195	191	- No watermark.		
79D.10.9	189w	187	20c. Watermark SU.		
79D.10.9a	189	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.10.10	196	187a	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.10.11	196a	192	- No watermark (Improved).		
79D.10.12	190w	188	25c. Watermark SU.		
79D.10.12a	190		- Watermark SD.		
79D.10.13	-	-	First day cover (1a, 2a, 3, 5, 7a, 9, 12).	-	

Note: 79D.10.2 is reserved for the 2c. with watermark SU.

Perlis

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.11.1	59w	61	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.11.1a	59	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.11.2	60w	62	2c. Watermark SU.		
79D.11.2a	60	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.11.3	61w	63	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.11.3a	61	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.11.4	62w	64	10c. Watermark SU.		
79D.11.4a	62	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.11.5	63w	65	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.11.5a	63	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.11.6a	64	66	20c. Watermark SD.		
79D.11.7	71	66a	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.11.8	71a	68	- No watermark.		
79D.11.9	65w	67	25c. Watermark SU.		
79D.11.9a	65	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.11.10	-	-	First day cover (1a, 2a, 3, 4a, 5a, 6a, 9).	-	

Note: 79D.11.6 is reserved for the 20c. with watermark SU.

Sabah

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.12.1	445w	409	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.12.1a	445	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.12.2a	446	410	2c. Watermark SD.		
79D.12.3	447w	411	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.12.3a	447	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.12.4	454	416	- No watermark.		
79D.12.5	448w	-	10c. Watermark SU.		
79D.12.5a	448	412	- Watermark SD.		
79D.12.6	455	417	- No watermark.		
79D.12.7	449w	413	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.12.7a	449	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.12.8	456	418	- No watermark.		
79D.12.9	450w	414	20c. Watermark SU.		
79D.12.9a	450	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.12.10	457	414a	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.12.11	457a	419	- No watermark.		

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.12.12	451w	415	25c. Watermark SU.		
79D.12.12a	451	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.12.13	-	-	First day cover (1a, 2a, 3a, 5a, 7, 9a, 12).	-	

Note: 79D.12.2 is reserved for the 2c. with watermark SU.

Sarawak

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.13.1	233w	-	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.13.1a	233	244	- Watermark SD.		
79D.13.2	234w	245	2c. Watermark SU.		
79D.13.2a	234	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.13.3	235w	246	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.13.3a	235	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.13.4	242	251	- No watermark.		
79D.13.5	236w	247	10c. Watermark SU.		
79D.13.5a	236	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.13.6	243	252	- No watermark.		
79D.13.7	237w	248	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.13.7a	237	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.13.8	238w	-	20c. Watermark SU.		
79D.13.8a	238	249	- Watermark SD.		
79D.13.9	245	249a	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.13.10	245a	253	- No watermark.		
79D.13.11	239w	250	25c. Watermark SU.		
79D.13.11a	239	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.13.12	-	-	First day cover (1a, 2a, 3a, 5, 7a, 8a, 11a).	-	

Selangor

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.14.1	158w	164	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.14.1a	158	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.14.2	159w	165	2c. Watermark SU.		
79D.14.2a	159	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.14.3	160w	166	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.14.3a	160	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.14.4	166	171	- No watermark.		
79D.14.5	161w	167	10c. Watermark SU.		
79D.14.5a	161	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.14.6	167	172	- No watermark.		
79D.14.7	162w	168	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.14.7a	162	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.14.8	168	173	- No watermark.		
79D.14.9a	163	169	20c. Watermark SD.		
79D.14.10	169	169a	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.14.11	169a	174	- No watermark (Improved).		
79D.14.12	164w	170	25c. Watermark SU.		
79D.14.12a	164	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.14.13	-	-	First day cover (1a, 2, 3, 5a, 7, 9a, 12).	-	

Note: 79D.14.9 is reserved for the 20c. with watermark SU.

Trengganu

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.15.1	118w	126	1c. Watermark SU.		
79D.15.1a	118		- Watermark SD.		
79D.15.2	119w	127	2c. Watermark SU.		
79D.15.2a	119	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.15.3	120w	-	5c. Watermark SU.		
79D.15.3a	120	128	- Watermark SD.		
79D.15.4	121w	129	10c. Watermark SU.		

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.15.4a	121	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.15.5	131	136	- No watermark.		
79D.15.6	122w	130	15c. Watermark SU.		
79D.15.6a	122	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.15.7	132	137	- No watermark.		
79D.15.8	123w	131	20c. Watermark SU.		
79D.15.8a	123	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.15.9	133	131a	- No watermark (Interim).		
79D.15.10	133a	138	- No watermark.		
79D.15.11	124w	132	25c. Watermark SU.		
79D.15.11a	124	-	- Watermark SD.		
79D.15.12	134	139	- No watermark.		
79D.15.13	-	-	First day cover 1a, 2a, 3a, 4, 6a, 8, 11).	-	

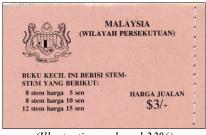
3. STAMP BOOKLETS.

All the booklets listed here are understood to have been made up by hand by Post Office staff as required, and therefore exhibited considerable variety in make-up and materials. For this reason, additional varieties are expected to emerge as more study of this issue is undertaken following publication of this book.

3.1. STITCHED BOOKLETS.

1 December 1979.

\$3 Stitched - Federal Territory and All States.



(Illustration reduced 33%)

These 81mm x 51mm booklets were assembled by hand from marginal blocks of four 5c. (x 2), 10c. (x 2) and 15c. (x 3) stamps removed by hand from counter sheets. They were then collated with thin card covers and transparent interleaving (usually smaller than the blocks of stamps, as sometimes was the cover), then stitched with white thread, guillotined on the margin edge and that edge sealed with a latex-type gum. The cover was printed in black on the front and rear, inside and outside, with the State name on the front cover, postal rates on the inside of the front cover and advertisements on both sides of the back cover.

The booklets were stitched at left or right, depending on from which side of the sheet the panes were removed. Thus, booklets containing panes from the right of the sheet were normally stitched at the right. Panes were normally upright, but can be found inverted if the person making up the booklet had insufficient panes to make up a booklet from the correct margin. This has only been found for Pahang - One sample Pahang booklet had 3 upright and 4 inverted panes!

There were several printings of these booklets, with major distinctions. The following criteria have been used for segregating these booklets:

- 1. Stamp type: All the booklets had stamps from the original watermarked series.
- 2. Cover colour: Three easily distinguished colours of card were used:
 - A: Pale Rose.
 - B: Pale Rose-Pink.
 - C: Bright Rose.

Sometimes different colours were used for front and back covers. In the table, the colour of the cover was indicated by F for front cover and R for rear cover.

- 3. Stitching: The booklets were stitched at left (L) or right (R). Booklets with a mixture of left and right margin panes are shown as ML or MR depending on the stitching position.
- 4. Rear cover: Two rear cover designs were used.
 - I: Rear cover read "MENGHANTAR WANG TUNAI MELALUI POS ADALAH DELARANG GUNAKANLAH KIRIMAN WANG POS ATAU WANG POS SETIAP MASA" (Sending cash through the post is forbidden. Use a Postal Order or Money Order each time).
 - II: Rear cover read "CARA INI TIDAK SELAMAT DAN DILARANG GUNAKAN KIRIMAN WANG POS MENGIRIMKAN WANG MELAUI POS" (This way is not safe and is forbidden. Use a Money Order or Postal Order to send money through the post).





Type II

Based on these criteria, known booklet types were as follows:

Type:		1L	1R	2L	2R	2MR	3L	3R	3ML	3MR	4L	4R	5L	5R
Colour	Front	А	А	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	С	С	С	С
	Rear	Α	Α	В	В	В	С	С	С	С	С	С	В	В
Stitched	Left	Х		Х			Х		Х		Х		Х	
	Right		Х		Х	Х		Х		Х		Х		Х
Rear	Ι	Х	Х											
Cover:	II			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Panes:	Upright	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х
	Mixed					Х			Х	Х				
Known	Fed. Terr.	*	*	Х	Х		Х	Х						
From:	Johore	*	*	Х	*		Х	Х						
	Kedah	Х	Х								Х	Х	Х	*
	Kelantan	Х	Х	Х	Х		*	Х						
	Malacca	Х	Х	Х	Х		*	Х						
	N. S.	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х						
	Pahang	Х	*	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х				
	Penang	*	*	Х	Х		Х	Х						
	Perak	*	*	*	Х		Х	Х						
	Perlis	Х	Х										Х	Х
	Sabah	*	*	Х	Х		Х	Х						
	Sarawak	*	*	*	Х		Х	Х						
	Selangor	Х	*	Х	Х		Х	Х						
	Trengganu	*	*								Х	Х		

In above table, items marked X have been confirmed to exist. Items marked * should also logically exist.

Types 2 to 5 had the country and state in a bolder font than Type 1. The Negri Sembilan booklet was originally inscribed "N. SEMBILAN" as on the previous Butterfly booklet. Types 2 and 3 were inscribed "NEGERI SEMBILAN" in full. It is therefore believed that Type 1 (1L and 1R) formed the original issue and should exist for all states, but only half the states have been recorded so far. When the heavy users came to need new stocks, the rose-pink cover and new rear cover design were used (Type 2). Rear cover stock ran out and the bright rose card was used for the back cover of the next batch of states, the middle users (Type 3). By the time the low volume users needed new stocks, only the bright rose card was available (Type 4). Type 5 was an aberration and may be contemporary with Type 3 caused by a shortage of Perlis covers. The preponderance of Type 2 and Type 3 booklets can be explained by the sudden need to meet unexpected philatelic demand after the bulk of the initial stock had been distributed to post offices.

Watermark orientation:

As with the counter sheets, the watermarks used in \$3 booklets showed no real pattern, with only two booklets so far found with a consistent watermark on all panes. A summary of booklets examined to date is shown in the table below. It should be noted that in some cases the panes of the same value in a booklet have different watermark orientation! In the table below, SU or SD below indicates that all panes of that value were the same watermark, SU/SD indicates that the panes were of mixed watermarks in the sequence shown:

Value:	Туре	5c.	10c.	15c.
Federal Territory:	2R	SU	SD	SU
	3L	SD	SD	SU
Johore:	3R	SU	SU	SD
Kedah:	1L	SD	SU	SU
	4L	SU	SD	SD
Kelantan:	1L	SU/SD	SU	SD
	3R	SD	SD	SU
Malacca:	1R	SU	SD	SD
	2L	SD	SD	SU
	2L	SD	SU	SU
Negeri Sembilan:	1L	SU	SU	SU
	3L	SD	SD	SU
	3R	SD	SD	SD
Pahang:	1L	SU	SD	SU
	3L	SD	SD	SU
	3ML ⁷⁶	SD/SU	SD	SU
	3MR ⁷⁷	SU	SD	SU/SD/SD
Pulau Pinang:	3L, 3R	SD	SU	SU
Perak:	3L	SU	SU	SD
	3R	SU	SD	SU
Perlis:	1L	SU	SD	SD

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Value:	Туре	5c.	10c.	15c.
	5L	SD	SD	SU
Sabah:	2L	SD	SD	SU
Sarawak:	2R	SU	SU	SU
	3R	SU	SU	SD/SU/SU
	3L, 3R	SU	SD	SD
	3R	SU	SD	SU
Selangor:	2L	SU	SD	SU
Trengganu:	4L, 4R	SD	SD	SU

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (\$3 Stitched Booklets)

Federal Territory

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.16.2	-	-	\$3 Booklet (Type 2L).	
79D.16.2a	SBK1	SB15	- (Type 2R).	
79D.16.3	-	-	- (Type 3L).	
79D.16.3a	-	-	- (Type 3R).	

Note: Numbers 79D.16.1/1a are reserved for Types 1L and 1R.

Johore

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.17.2	-	-	\$3 Booklet (Type 2L).	
79D.17.3	SB5	SB15	- (Type 3L).	
79D.17.3a.	-	-	- (Type 3R).	

Note: Numbers 79D.17.1/1a/2a are reserved for Types 1L, 1R and 2R.

Kedah

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.18.1	SB2	SB16	\$3 Booklet (Type 1L).	
79D.18.1a	-	-	- (Type 1R).	
79D.18.2	-	-	- (Type 4L).	
79D.18.2a.	-	-	- (Type 4R).	
79D.18.3	-	-	- (Type 5L).	

Note: Number 79D.19.3a is reserved for Type 5R.

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Note: Number 79D.19.3 is reserved for Type 3L.

Malacca

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.20.1	SB2	SB18	\$3 Booklet (Type 1L).	
79D.20.1a	-	-	- (Type 1R).	
79D.20.2	-	-	- (Type 2L).	
79D.20.2a	-	-	- (Type 2R).	
79D.20.3a	-	-	- (Type 3R).	

Note: Numbers 79D.20.3 are reserved for Type 3L.

Negri Sembilan

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.21.1	SB4	SB19	\$3 Booklet (Type 1L).	
79D.21.1a	-	-	- (Type 1R).	
79D.21.2	-	-	- (Type 2L).	
79D.21.2a	-	-	- (Type 2R).	
79D.21.3	-	-	- (Type 3L).	
79D.21.3a	-	-	- (Type 3R).	

Pahang

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.22.1	SB4	SB20	\$3 Booklet (Type 1L).	
79D.22.2	-	-	- (Type 2L).	
79D.22.2a	-	-	- (Type 2R).	
79D.22.3	-	-	- (Type 2MR).	
79D.22.4	-	-	- (Type 3L).	
79D.22.4a	-	-	- (Type 3R).	
79D.22.5	-	-	- (Type 3ML). Panes 1, 5-7 inverted.	
79D.22.5a	-	-	- (Type 3MR). Panes 1-2 inverted.	

Note: Number 79D.22.1a is reserved for Type 1R.

Penang

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.23.2	-	-	\$3 Booklet (Type 2L).	
79D.23.2a	-	-	- (Type 2R).	
79D.23.3	SB2	SB21	- (Type 3L).	
79D.23.3a	-	-	- (Type 3R).	

Note: Numbers 79D.23.1/1a are reserved for Types 1L and 1R.

Perak

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.24.2a	-	-	\$3 Booklet (Type 2R).	
79D.24.3	-	-	- (Type 3L).	
79D.24.3a	-	-	- (Type 3R).	

Note: Numbers 79D.24.1/1a/2 are reserved for Types 1L, 1R and 2L.

Perlis

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.25.1	SB2	SB23	\$3 Booklet (Type 1L).	
79D.25.1a	-	-	- (Type 1R).	
79D.25.2	-	-	- (Type 5L).	
79D.25.2a	-	-	- (Type 5R).	

Sabah

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.26.2	SB2	SB24	\$3 Booklet (Type 2L).	
79D.26.2a	-	-	- (Type 2R).	
79D.26.3	-	-	- (Type 3L).	
79D.26.3a	-	-	- (Type 3R).	

Note: Numbers 79D.26.1/1a are reserved for Types 1L and 1R.

Sarawak

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.27.2a	SB2	SB25	\$3 Booklet (Type 2R).	
79D.27.3	-	-	- (Type 3L).	
79D.27.3a	-	-	- (Type 3R).	

Note: Numbers 79D.27.1/1a/2 are reserved for Types 1L, 1R and 2L.

Selangor

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.28.1	SB4	SB26	\$3 Booklet (Type 1L)	
79D.28.2	-	-	- (Type 2L).	
79D.28.2a	-	-	- (Type 2R).	
79D.28.3	-	-	- (Type 3L).	
79D.28.3a	-	-	- (Type 3R).	

Note: Number 79D.28.1a is reserved for Type 1R.

Trengganu

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.29.1a	SB2	SB27	\$3 Booklet (Type 4L).	
79D.29.1b	-	-	- (Type 4R).	

Note: Numbers 79D.29.1/1a are reserved for Types 1L and 1R.

3.2. SELVEDGE BOOKLETS.

23 May 1983.

\$1 Selvedge - Federal Territory:

K	adar-Kadar Baya	ran Pos	966	
Surat	Malaysia, Singapura dan Brunei	Negara-Negara lain		
HINGGA 20 gram	.20 SEN	.40 SEN	JABATAN PERKHIDMA	TANPOS
Kadar-ka diperolehi	dar dan segala maklu di Pejabat Pos ya	ımat lain boleh ng berhampiran.	MALAYSIA Buku Kecil Ini Mengandungi	
			5 SETEM HARGA 20 SEN SATU	\$1.00

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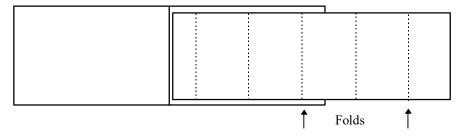
This was an experimental "small stamp booklet" produced locally with stamps affixed by Postal Department staff for use in a yellow Swedish-made machine installed to the left of the main entrance to the GPO in Kuala Lumpur (next to the existing coil machine) which accepted 2 x 50c. or 5 x 20c. coins. Another machine was reported to have existed later at Bukit Bintang.

The booklet was of the "selvedge" type, used for many years in Europe in which the contents was stuck into a folded card by means of the sheet margin of the stamps. It had a white cover printed on front and rear (outside only) in black.

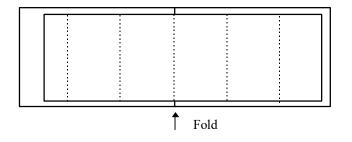
The rear cover carried the 20-gram letter postal rates that were effective from 1 January 1983. The booklet contained a vertical strip of five watermarked Federal Territory 20c. torn from top or bottom of sheet. The stamps used in these booklets have only been found by the author with watermark sideways reading down, but sideways reading up varieties have been reported.

Three alternative arrangements for attachment of the stamps have been seen:

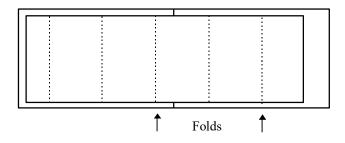
Type 1: Booklet as described above (78mm x 50mm folded, 156 x 50mm unfolded). The strip was mounted on the back half of the cover, near the fold, with folds in two places.



Type 2: The booklet was narrower (77mm x 43mm folded, 155mm x 43 unfolded). The strip was mounted on the front half of the cover, with single fold between stamps 2 and 3.



Type 3: Size as Type 2. The strip was mounted higher up on the front half of the cover, with an additional fold between stamps 4 and 5.



Several examples of all three types have been seen, suggesting that there may have been at least three batches of booklets made up in different ways to find the best contents layout from the point of view of ensuring reliable vending by the machine. It is clear that types 2 and 3 were later than Type 1 as it was the Type 2/3 format that was carried forward to later experimental booklets.

The machine remained in use over a considerable period of time and the same machine may have been used to issue the later selvedge-type booklets listed below. However, it has been suggested that it was rarely found in working order, but whether this was due to mechanical failure or lack of refilling was not recorded. The machine was reported to have often rejected coins or refused to issue booklets after the coins had been inserted. When the machine malfunctioned, the postmaster was summoned to open the machine and supply the paid-for booklets. The remainder of the queue then grabbed the opportunity to purchase their needs without risking the vagaries of the machine! It has been suggested that the majority of the booklets were sold in this way.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.30.1	SBK2	FTB1	\$1 Booklet (Type 1). Watermark SD.	
79D.30.2	-	-	- (Type 2). Watermark SD.	
79D.30.3	-	-	- (Type 3). Watermark SD.	

Note: Numbers 79D.30.1a/2a/3a are reserved for sideways reading up watermarks.

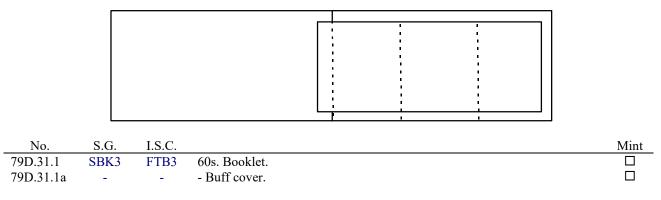


(Illustration reduced 33%)

The date of issue of this later experimental booklet is unknown, but late 1985/early 1986 has been suggested. It was intended for use from a single trial machine outside Bukit Bintang Post Office (probably the same one as used for the Type 2 and Type 3 \$1 booklets). Like the Type 2/3 booklets, it was of the narrower selvedge type (77mm x 44mm). The lemon-yellow cover was printed on the front only in black, without any state name on the cover.

The booklet contained a vertical strip of three "interim" unwatermarked 20c. torn from top or bottom of sheet, affixed by the selvedge to right-hand (inner) side of the left-hand (front inner) face of the opened cover, so that the strip was folded at the first (selvedge) row of perforations. A small piece of transparent interleaving was attached to the cover under the stamps to prevent adhesion.

A variant of this booklet with buff cover and a left margin horizontal strip has been reported. 78



Late 1985 or Early 1986.

\$1.50 Selvedge - Federal Territory.



(Illustration reduced 33%)



(79D.32.1 reduced 50%)

This booklet was identical to the 60s. booklet above except for the changed contents and appropriate changes to the cover text. It was issued around the same time.

The booklet contained a vertical block of six "interim" unwatermarked 20c. (79D.2.11), plus vertical strip of two "improved" 15c. (79D.2.9), both torn from top or bottom of sheet and affixed by the selvedge. The 15c. strip was attached by its selvedge to the extreme left-hand side of the opened cover. The right-hand top piece of 20c. selvedge was removed and the block was then attached by the selvedge of the top left-hand stamp to the inner end of the left-hand of

the cover in the same position as on the 60s. booklet, so that the block was folded at the selvedge row of perforations. The unattached right-hand side of the block was then folded under the left side with a small piece of transparent interleaving between the stamps. This was attached to the cover under the selvedge. A second piece of interleaving protected the 15c. stamps from sticking to the card or the 20c. stamps. Imperforate selvedges were cut with scissors where necessary.

Revised contents:

This booklet also exists with a pair of 15c. "improved" (79D.2.9) attached by the right margin and six 20c. "improved" (79D.2.12) attached by the top margin.

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No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.32.1	SBK4	FTB2	\$1.50 Booklet - 15c. (2.9) top margin; 20c. (2.11) top margin, both attached	
			at left.	
79D.32.1a	-	-	- 15c. top margin, 20c. bottom margin.	
79D.32.1b	-	-	- 15c. bottom margin, 20c. top margin.	
79D.32.1c	-	-	- both bottom margins, attached at left.	
79D.32.2	SBK4a	-	- 15c. (2.9) right margin, attached at right; 20c. (2.12) top margin, attached at	
			top.	

Notes: Other combinations may exist.

Late 1985 or Early 1986.

Selangor also had an experimental machine, but it has not been possible to determine its location. This experimental booklet is assumed to have been issued at around the same time as the similar Federal Territory booklet. The lemonyellow cover was identical to the Federal Territory booklet. It contained a vertical block of six "redrawn" unwatermarked 20c., plus vertical pair of watermarked 15c. (SD), torn in both cases from top or bottom of sheet, affixed by the selvedge at left or right, giving eight possible combinations. A booklet (79.33.1a) has also been reported with the cover inverted in error during assembly.⁷⁹ A small piece of



\$1.50 Selvedge - Selangor.

(Illustrated is 79D.33.1c reduced 50%)

transparent interleaving was attached to the cover under the stamps to prevent adhesion.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.33.1	SB5	SLB1	\$1.50 Booklet - 15c. top margin, 20c. top margin.	
79D.33.1a	-	-	- 15c. top margin, 20c. bottom margin, attached at right.	
79D.33.1b	-	-	- 15c. bottom margin, 20c. top margin, attached at left.	
79D.33.1c	-	-	- 15c. bottom margin, 20c. bottom margin, attached at left.	

Notes: Other combinations may exist.

Late 1985 or Early 1986.

60c. Selvedge - Selangor.

This provisional issue consisted of a lemon \$1.50 booklet cover as above, but containing only 3 redrawn 20c. stamps. The existing cover value was cancelled and the cover handstamped "3 setem harga 20c. harga jualan 60 sen" (3 20c. stamps. Price of sale 60c.) in violet. This was reported on sale in Jalan Sultan Post Office, Petaling Jaya. ⁸⁰ The existence of this "provisional", together with the lack of a 60s. Selangor booklet with the correct cover suggests that the Selangor experiment may have taken place after the Kuala Lumpur one.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
79D.34.1	SB6	-	60c. Booklet.	

4. FEDERAL POSTAL STATIONERY.

A wide range of postal stationery was also issued as evidenced below. The 20c. envelope and 15c. postcard were still being issued in 1993, six years after the associated stamps went out of use, and more varieties appeared in that time. The low value postal stationery showed Federal Territory stamps but were intended for use throughout Malaysia.

4.1. POSTCARDS

1 August 1979.



This was printed by Security Printers (Malaysia) on white card with turquoise blue lettering (POSKAD above TULIS ALAMAT SAHAJA DI-SINI in two lines, the former in large letters and the latter in smaller letters). The Malaysian coat of arms in turquoise blue appeared at the top left. The card measured 140mm x 83mm (5½in x 3¼in). The 35mm x 25mm "stamp", which did not have simulated perforations, was based on the 10c. Durian Federal Territory design but printed using magenta, yellow and blue only (there was no evidence of a black plate), giving white and yellow flowers on a brown background. It was sold at 12c.

First day facilities:

There was no first day of issue service for this postcard.

Postal rate increase:

After the postal rate increased to 15c. on 1 January 1983, the remaining cards were made up to the new rate using state definitive 5c. stamps pending availability of the 15c. card listed below.

No.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.35.1	P4	10c. Postcard.		

1 September 1984.



This was printed on white card with a redrawn blue text (words unchanged) and Malaysian coat of arms. The size varied as explained below. The "stamp" was printed using standard four lithographic colours, reproducing exactly the design of the issued stamp. Simulated perforations measured 15.1 x 14.6. It was sold at 17c. This card received extensive usage, *inter-alia*, as entries into competitions organised by television quiz programmes. There were two major types and at least eight distinct printings have been noted among a wide variety of minor differences: ⁸¹

Type 1: The arms of the "K" of "POSKAD" met at the upstroke (as illustrated above).

Type 2: The arms of the "K" of "POSKAD" met before the upper arm met the upstroke (*illustrated below*).



It would appear that Type 1 was replaced by Type 2, but Type 1 came back into use later in the life of the card.

Sub-types:

These are listed in sequence of earliest known use.

10c. Postcard

15c. Postcard

- 1(i) White fluorescent semi-matt card. POSKAD 32mm long by 4mm high. Other lettering 58mm long by 2½mm high. "Stamp" had red tinge to yellow background. Size was 148-150mm x 105mm. Earliest postmark seen 29 April 1985.
- 1(ii) As above but printed on non-fluorescent pale blue-grey semi-matt card. Size was 148mm x 105mm. Earliest postmark seen 23 May 1985.
- 2(i) Fluorescent brilliant white semi-matt card. POSKAD 31mm long. Other lettering 58.5mm long. Type face was heavier. "Stamp" background was bright yellow. Size 149mm x 105mm. Coarser screen. Earliest seen postmarked 24 May 1985 (April 1985 was reported).
- 2(ii) As 2(i) but bluish-white semi-matt card. Earliest seen postmarked ? May 1985.
- 2(iii) POSKAD shifted to left, with P over the S of TULIS. Believed to be Type 2 but not seen by the author. ⁸²
- 2(iv) Green lettering on the "stamp" instead of black. Believed to be Type 2 but not seen by the author.⁸²
- 1(iii) Gloss finish on printed side, matt on back. Ink used for the "stamp" was highly glossy. "Perforations" picked out in blue. Lettering and "stamp" were as types (i) and (ii). First seen unused June 1992.
- 1(iv) Semi-matt finish on both sides. Ink, lettering and "stamp" as above but lettering lighter blue. "Perforations" picked out in blue. Seen used March (1997?).

First day facilities:

There was no first day of issue service for this postcard.

No.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.36.1	P5	15c. Postcard - Type 1(i).		
79D.36.1a	-	- Type 1(ii).		
79D.36.1b	-	- Type 1(iii).		
79D.36.1c	-	- Type 1(iv).		
79D.36.2	-	- Type 2(i).		
79D.36.2a	-	- Type 2(ii).		
79D.36.2b	-	- Type 2(iii).		
79D.36.2c	-	- Type 2(iv).		

4.2. ENVELOPES

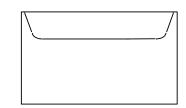
The envelopes were obviously designed for economy and appear to have been far less widely used than the postcards.

(1 August?) 1979.

15c. Envelope.

20c. Envelope.





This white envelope was unadorned except for a 34mm x 24mm reproduction of the 15c. Hibiscus definitive stamp, without simulated perforations, printed in magenta only. It had a "rectangular" flap (30mm deep with rounded corners and sloped ends). The envelope measured 161mm x 113mm. They were printed by Besley & Pike under the Griffin Brand. The "Griffin" trade mark was printed on the back at top right (covered by the flap). The gum on the flap was normally blue tinted but varies widely in length from 110mm to 125mm. They were sold at 18c.

- Type 1: Early printings, seen used 24 November 1982 at Penrissen Camps, Sarawak and 11 June 1985 at Kampong Gadong, Sarawak, had the trade mark in medium blue and a "stamp" lacking contrast.
- Type 2: An envelope seen used on 1 January 1983 at Jalan Sultan had a violet trade mark and a "stamp" with enhanced contrast and light background. ⁸³
- Type 3: An envelope seen used on 15 April 1984 at Labuan had a dark blue trade mark and "stamp" with enhanced contrast but darker background.

According to information obtained by Mr. N. G. McClaren, copies of this envelope were not originally sent to Sarawak, but a collector obtained 40 copies (of Type 1) from Kuala Lumpur in November 1982. Two were sent to each of 14 state post offices to obtain postmarks. The balance was later used uprated as below

First day facilities:

There was no first day of issue service for this envelope.

Postal rate increase:

After the postal rate increased to 20c. on 1 January 1983, the remaining envelopes were made up to the new rate using state definitive 5c. stamps pending availability of the 20c. envelope listed below. They have also been seen made up with a combination of 1c. and 2c. stamps. Such examples are believed to be philatelic in origin.

No.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.37.1	E3	15c. Envelope - Type 1.		
79D.37.2	-	- Type 2.		
79D.37.3	-	- Type 3.		

1 September 1984.





Type 2: "Improved" "stamp"

This envelope was introduced following the increase in postal rates and was similar to the 15c. envelope except for substitution of a 35mm x 25mm magenta reproduction of the 20c. Rhododendron definitive stamp for that of the 15c. stamp. It was sold at 23c. Two main types have been identified together with several sub types:

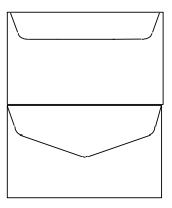
- Type 1: Original (1979) stamp design. Rectangular envelope flap. Printed by Besley & Pike under the Griffin Brand.
- Type 2: "Improved" 1983 stamp design. Triangular envelope flap. Printer unknown, but possibly Security Printers (Malaysia) no printer's imprint.

As with the contemporary postcards, it would appear that Type 1 was replaced by Type 2, but Type 1 came back into use later in the life of the card, suggesting a change of printer for a period of production.

Sub-types:

These are listed in sequence of earliest known use. Individual envelopes vary in size by 1-2mm. Nominal sizes are quoted.

- Type 1(i): White, low fluorescence envelope with 30mm rectangular flap with blue gum. "Stamp" impression showed the original design, printed as if perforated 15.1 x 14.6, printed 12mm from top and right edge of envelope. "Griffin" printer's imprint in dark blue on back at top right (covered by flap). Size 162mm x 114mm. Issued 1 September 1984.
- Type 2(i): Off-white, non-fluorescent envelope with gummed triangular flap. Brighter magenta "stamp" impression showing redrawn design, printed as if perforated (gauge unchanged). Closer to top right corner of envelope (7mm from right, 9mm from top). No printer's imprint. Size 160mm x 113mm. Date of issue unknown (not before 1983 - earliest reported November 1985).



- Type 2(ii): As Type 2(i) except: "Stamp" 8mm from top and right. 161mm x 113mm. Earliest seen used 12 December 1988.
- Type 1(ii): As Type 1(i) except: Griffin printer's imprint in cyan (lighter blue). Bright white high-fluorescence envelope. "Stamp" closer to corner 9mm from right-hand edge instead of 12mm and 7mm from top edge instead of 12mm. 161mm x 115mm. Earliest seen used December 1991.
- Type 1(iii): As Type 1(ii) but with dark blue Griffin imprint. "Stamp" 9mm from both top and right. Earliest seen unused June 1992.
- Type 1(iv): As Type 1(iii), but the "stamp" was closer to the top right-hand corner of the envelope and printed offsquare, giving a distance from the top and right-hand side of between 6mm and 8mm depending on where you measure it. Earliest seen used at Kuala Lumpur on 30 June 1994.

First day facilities:

There was no first day of issue service for this envelope.

No.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.38.1	E4	20c. Envelope - Type 1(i).		
79D.38.1a	-	- Type 1(ii).		
79D.38.1b	-	- Type 1(iii).		
79D.38.1c	-	- Type 1(iv).		
79D.38.2	-	- Type 2(i).		
79D.38.2a	-	- Type 2(ii).		



(illustration reduced 50%)

219mm x 108mm commemorative envelope for ASEANPEX 85 stamp exhibition, which took place in Kuala Lumpur from 9 to 24 March 1985. This was the first such item officially issued by Malaysia. It was sold at 23c. at all philatelic bureaux in Malaysia.

The "stamp" was a reproduction in full colour of an "improved" 20c. Federal stamp that had been torn from a sheet with uneven perforations. It was printed using standard four-colour off-set lithography, proving that a similar improved effect could have been achieved on the counter sheets without resorting to the new printing colours! The cover bears at the left the ASEANPEX 85 emblem and the flags of the six then-current ASEAN member states. It had a triangular gummed flap at the right-hand end. There was no printer's imprint.

First day facilities:

A special 28mm circular date stamp ASEANPEX 85 / -9MAC85 / KUALA LUMPUR / MALAYSIA was used at the exhibition.

No.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.39.1	PE1	20c. Envelope. ASEANPEX.		
79D.39.1a	-	- First day postmark	-	

1979 Definitive Issue

4.3. AEROGRAMMES

The original announcement indicated that the first of a new series of aerogrammes would take place in September 1979, but it did not appear until March 1980. The 1979 Definitive Issue aerogrammes were then issued at roughly four-month intervals from 1980 to 1988, two years after introduction of the 1986 Definitive Issue stamps. They were all printed by Security Printers (Malaysia), probably using standard 4-colour off-set lithography, on unwatermarked pale blue (azure) paper. The paper gave no reaction under ultra-violet light. By an unknown designer, this series of aerogrammes was sold at face value (30c. or 40c. as appropriate) and the back panel shows various scenes of tourist interest in Malaysia.

There were six clearly distinguishable design types of aerogrammes. They all showed the relevant 1979 Definitive Issue Federal high value definitive stamp (30c. for Types I and II, then 40c.) in full colour without simulated perforations. Unless otherwise stated, the aerogrammes are believed to have been printed in quantities of one million per design. ⁸⁴ Shade differences occurred in both paper and colours, and aerogrammes may be especially subject to fading if exposed to excessive sunshine

15 March 1980.

Aerogramme - Type I.



(Illustration reduced 50%)

Type I, used for the first four designs, had the front panel inverted relative to the back panel. The "stamp" was a 32mm x 22mm reproduction of the 30c. Tiger stamp. The air mail etiquette had an oval background and was printed in cyan. The subjects were:

Date	Malay Text	Translation/notes ⁸⁵
15 March 1980	Wau Bulan dari Kota Bharu, Kelantan,	Moon Kite from Kota Bharu, Kelantan, Malaysia.
	Malaysia.	
25 July 1980	Masjid Ubudiah di Kuala Kangsar.	Ubudiah Mosque, Kuala Kangsar, Perak.
November 1980 ⁸⁶	Gunung Kinabalu di Sabah.	Mount Kinabalu, Sabah.
25 March 1981	Tarian Asyik.	Asyik dance (Kelantan royal court dance).

The aerogramme was in Format C (see Chapter 3 in Volume 1) and measured 210mm x 295mm unfolded, 181mm x 95mm folded.

The rectangular airmail label was superimposed on a horizontal oval of vertical lines, as used on the 1970 Definitive Issue 1976 aerogramme, with "Malaysia" below. The etiquette and lettering was in cyan. The front panel had four lines for the address. The back panel had an illustrated panel at left with the illustration (as listed above), together with the text "Nama dan alamat Pengirim:" (name and address of sender) / (four lines for address) / "SURAT UDARA TIADA BOLEH / MENGANDUNGI APA-APA LAMPIRAN / PUN; JIKA DI DAPATI ADA AKAN / DIKENAKAN BAYARAN LEBIH ATAU PUN / DIKIRIMKAN DENGAN MEL BIASA" (an air letter should not contain any enclosure; if it does it will be surcharged or sent by ordinary mail). The bottom panel was blank.

SPM had at least two aerogramme cutting dies with different angles to the flap ends, two types being known on many of the early aerogrammes in this series. These were distinguished (measured along the outer edge of the flap) by: Tab Type 1: Top flap 131mm long and side flaps 65mm long.

Tab Type 2: Top flap 119mm long and side flaps 72mm long.

On the Moon Kite issue, the imprint "SECURITY PRINTERS (MALAYSIA)" and SPM emblem was to be found placed at the left of the top tab on the front panel of aerogrammes. On the Ubudiah Mosque issue, there were the following sub-types:

Sub-type a: With SPM imprint.

Sub-type b: No SPM imprint. ⁸⁷

The later aerogrammes had no printer's imprint.

First day facilities:

The eventual release of these aerogrammes was unannounced and no first day of issue facilities were provided for any of these aerogrammes.

No.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.40.1	AL3	30c. Aerogramme - Moon kite - Tab Type 1. ⁸⁸		
79D.40.1a	-	- Tab Type 2.		
79D.40.2	AL3a	30c. Aerogramme - Ubudiah Mosque - Type 1(a). ⁸⁸		
79D.40.2a	-	- Type 1(b). ⁸⁸		
79D.40.2b	-	- Type 2(a). ⁹¹		
79D.40.2c	-	- Type 2(b). ⁸⁸		
79D.40.3	AL3b	30c. Aerogramme - Mount Kinabalu - Tab Type 1.		
79D.40.3a	-	- Tab Type 2.		
79D.40.4	AL3c	30c. Aerogramme - Asyik dance - Tab Type 1. 91		
79D.40.4a	-	- Tab Type 2.		

7 August 1981.

Aerogramme - Type II.

The aerogramme postal rate rose from 30c. to 40c. on 1 July 1981. The aerogrammes continued to be issued for some time with 30c. imprints, having, presumably, been ordered and printed before the decision was taken to increase the rate. Type II, the first of which was issued on 7 August 1981 without announcement, had identical content to Type I, but was Format B (top panel changed to same orientation as middle panel). Lettering was a deeper shade than Type I. The subject of the illustration was "Tembikar Sarawak" (Sarawak pottery). On this issue, there were the two flap types as before.

Postal rate increase:

Because of the change of postal rate, some offices uprated the aerogramme prior to sale. As late as August 1992, a collector was reported to have bought twenty examples, each uprated with the Johore 1979 10c. definitive. ⁸

First day facilities:

There was no known first day of issue service for this aerogramme.

No.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.40.5	AL3d	30c. Aerogramme - Sarawak Pottery - Tab Type 1.		
79D.40.5a	-	- Tab Type 2.		

16 December 1981.

Aerogramme - Type III.

The postal rate for aerogrammes having risen from 30c. to 40c., the next issue reproduced the latter 1979 Definitive Issue stamp. In all other respects, the design was as Type II, but the shades of paper and printing varied. The subjects were:

Date	Malay Text	Translation/notes
16 December 1981	Taman Negara.	National Park (fishing scene). (See issue 89.10 for more
		information on this park).
(February?) 1982 ⁸⁹	Pulau berhampiran Pulau Tioman.	Island close to Pulau Tioman.

Varieties:

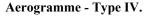
An aerogramme exists with cyan and magenta omitted. I believe this to be part of a progressive proof set.⁹⁰

First day facilities:

There was no known first day of issue service for any of these aerogrammes.

No.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.41.1	AL4	40c. Aerogramme - National Park - Tab Type 1. 91		
79D.41.1a	-	- Tab Type 2.		
79D.41.2	AL4a	40c. Aerogramme - Pulau Tioman - Tab Type 1.		
79D.41.2a	-	- Tab Type 2.		

8 August 1982.



MELUDARA PEROGRAMINA	Malaysia 40°
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(Illustration reduced 50%)

Only 500 000 copies of this aerogramme, which also commemorates the 15th anniversary of ASEAN, were printed. Type IV was as Type III but with the addition on the front below "Malaysia" of the five-element ASEAN emblem. The subject of the illustration was "Tanjong Rhu, Pulau Langkawi" (beach and islands off Tanjong Rhu, Langkawi Island). From this issue, the 119mm (Type 2) top flap became standard and was used for all subsequent aerogrammes in this series.

First day facilities:

No advance warning of issue or first day facility was given. It was October before PSM became aware of the issue.

No.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.41.3	AL4b	40c. Aerogramme - Tanjong Rhu		

November 1982.

Aerogramme - Type III (Resumed).

The subject was "Penunggang-Penunggang Kuda Bajau, Sabah" (Bajau Horsemen, Sabah). Details were as shown for Type III above, but only Type 2 flaps were used.

First day facilities:

There was no known first day of issue service for this aerogramme.

No.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.41.4	AL4c	40c. Aerogramme - Bajau Horseman		

6 July 1983.

Aerogramme - Type IV (Resumed).

ASEAN member states were now encouraged to use the ASEAN emblem wherever possible. Details were as shown for Type IV above. The subjects were:

Date	Malay Text	Translation/notes
6 July 1983	Porta De Santiago, Melaka.	St James' Gate, Malacca. Saved from destruction by Sir Stamford Raffles, this is the sole surviving gate from the Fortaleza de Malaca (A Famosa), built by the Portuguese in
		1512, rebuilt by the Dutch in 1670 and demolished by the British in 1810.
Late December 1983	B. M. Tiang Pengebumian (Kelirieng), Sarawak.	Kelirieng or Punan Bah tribe burial pole, Kapit or Bintulu, Sarawak.

First day facilities:

There was no known first day of issue service for any of these aerogrammes.

Examples of the Porta De Santiago aerogramme exist flown by hovercraft "Kijang Mas" (formerly GH-2096) from Langkawi to Kuala Perlis and return on 26 December 1983.

No.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.41.5	AL4d	40c. Aerogramme - Porta De Santiago		
79D.41.6	AL4e	40c. Aerogramme - Burial Pole		

10 September 1984.

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Aerogramme - Type V.

(Illustration reduced 50%)

This type represented a significant change, although size and format remained unchanged. The paper was now greyblue with shades of bright blue lettering (somewhat darker on the last three issues).

The front panel had the 40c. "stamp" without simulated perforations, a rectangular airmail label without background oval, containing three lines (seagull / "MEL UDARA / PAR AVION"), with "SURAT UDARA" above and "AEROGRAMME" below. Below the label was "Malaysia" and, as Brunei had now joined, a redrawn 6-sector ASEAN emblem in grey-black on pale fluorescent orange (letters and circle in bright blue). There were 5 lines for the name and address.

The back panel had an illustrated panel at the left (above a title in Malay above English) and 5 lines at the right for sender's name and address. The inscription "SURAT UDARA TIDAK BOLEH DISERTAKAN SEBARANG / LAMPIRAN. JIKA ADA LAMPIRAN, SURAT ITU / MUNGKIN AKAN DIKIRIMKAN DENGAN MEL BIASA" below the sender's address space occupied 3 lines instead of the previous 5 lines.

The bottom panel was blank. There was no printer's imprint or watermark. The subjects were:

Date	Malay Text	Translation/notes
10 September 1984	Senja di Pulau Langkawi	Sunset at Pulau Langkawi.
1 December 1984	Taman Botani, Pulau Pinang.	Botanical Gardens, Pulau Pinang.
30 April 1985	Bukit Cameron.	Cameron Highlands. 1985 was the centenary of the
		Cameron Highlands, but this is not indicated on the aerogramme.
2 September 1985	Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa, Subang.	Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Subang.
31 March 1986	Menara Jam Melaka.	Clock Tower, Malacca. Christ Church, dating from 1753, and the Stadthuys, dating from 1641-1660, appeared in the background.
17 November 1986 20 April 1987	Kota Kuala Kedah. Taman Tasik Titiwangsa.	Kuala Kedah Fort. Titiwangsa Lake Garden, Kuala Lumpur.

According to B Floyd in GSM November 2006, the 31 March 1986 aerogramme was withdrawn within one month because of protests over the presence of a cross on the church facade.

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First day facilities:

There was no known first day of issue service for any of these aerogrammes.

No.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.41.7	AL5	40c. Aerogramme - Pulau Langkawi		
79D.41.8	AL5a	40c. Aerogramme - Penang Botanical Gardens		
79D.41.9	AL5b	40c. Aerogramme - Cameron Highlands		
79D.41.10	AL5c.	40c. Aerogramme - Subang Airport		
79D.41.11	AL5d	40c. Aerogramme - Clock Tower		
79D.41.12	AL5e	40c. Aerogramme - Kuala Kedah Fort		
79D.41.13	AL5f	40c. Aerogramme - Titiwangsa		

11 November 1987.

Aerogramme - Type VI.

As Type V, but additional (sixth) line for sender's address with "Poskod" (Postcode) at the beginning of the last line. The subjects are:

11 November 1987	Bangunan	Sultan	Abdul	Samad,	Kuala	Sultan Abdul Samad Building, Kuala Lumpur.
	Lumpur.					
13 April 1988	Muzium Ne	egara.				National Museum, Kuala Lumpur.

In the first case, the paper was lighter in colour, as was the pale orange, and the lettering colour was as for the first issues of Type V. The colours of the stamp impression were brighter. In the latter case, the aerogramme closely resembled later versions of Type V.

First day facilities:

There was no known first day of issue service for any of these aerogrammes.

No.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79D.41.14	AL5g	40c. Aerogramme - Sultan Abdul Samad Building		
79D.41.15	AL5h	40c. Aerogramme - National Museum		

4.4. SOUVENIR ALBUM.

Although of purely philatelic interest, the final item that should be noted was the sale to the general public of a dedicated stamp album in green containing descriptions of the subjects and space for mounting the complete basic set. Sold at \$1.00, the cover bore the national crest and "Malaysia / Stem-Stem / Pos" (Malaysia, Postage Stamps) on the front, and "JABATAN PERKHIDMATAN POS" and "HARGA (M) \$1.00" on the back. Intended issue date was September 1979. (See also Chapter 40 for presentation albums.)

NOTES

⁸ Reported by Mr A. Teh Leam Seng.

yellow printing. Reported by Mr. P. K. Cassels.

- ¹⁷ Reported by Mr. P K. Cassels.
- ¹⁸ Reported by Mr. Ong Leong Seng in PSM 11/5/4.

¹ Reported by Mr. P. K. Cassels.

² Reported by the late Mr. G.J.R. Rosevear.

³ Published in TMP 23/58, 24/10 and 25/15.

⁴ Meng Koon, SPFB.

⁵ Reported by Dr. C. Y. Tay in PSM 12/1/8. This may have been a transient flaw.

⁶ Illustrated by Mr. G. P. T. Peters in TMP 38/22.

⁷ Seen on both the original watermarked and "interim" unwatermarked printings.

⁹ Seen from both yellow and yellow-green printings. Reported by Mr. P. K. Cassels.

Seen on a sheet with reversed colour dots and sideways reading up watermark. Reported by Mr. P. K. Cassels.
Seen in the right margin of a sheet with reversed colour dots and sideways reading up watermark from a bright

yellow printing. The left margin of the same sheet had the normal marking. Reported by Mr. P. K. Cassels. Seen in both margins of a sheet with normal colour dots and sideways reading up watermark from a greenish-

¹³ Seen from bright yellow, greenish-yellow and "interim" unwatermarked printings. Reported by Mr. P. K. Cassels.

¹⁴ Seen from both yellow and yellow-green printings.

¹⁵ Reported by Mr. G.J.R. Rosevear TMP24/10.

¹⁶ Block 13 inserted in error but number almost completely deleted leaving a dot.

- ¹⁹ Offered for sale by Muscotts June 1998. This variety indicates that for this value at least the perforator worked up from the bottom of the sheet. This conflicts with the preceding statement regarding imperforate top margins, which would result from a perforator working downwards or from left to right. SG lists a pair with top stamp imperforate (presumably from this find) as K5a.
- ²⁰ Used example reported by Mr. N.G. McClaren.
- ²¹ Offered in SG auction 16Mar2006.
- ²² Complete sheet offered by Tony Lester Auctions Ltd. 3Jul2016.
- ²³ Reported by Mr. W. Yeap in PSM 14/2/6.
- ²⁴ MSG Auction Jul2001.
- ²⁵ Illustrated in PSM 12/3/12.
- ²⁶ Complete sheet seen in P K Cassels collection.
- ²⁷ NGM at MSG meeting 18Jun2005.
- ²⁸ Earliest reported date. Not circulated by Crown Agents until Oct1985.
- ²⁹ Reported by Mr. M. Case.
- ³⁰ SG date. No dated copies seen by author.
- ³¹ Earliest reported date. Earliest seen by author 21Oct85.
- ³² Exists with both yellow shades.
- ³³ Earliest reported to Stanley Gibbons. Earliest seen by author 29Jun1985.
- ³⁴ Crown Agents date. Reported used Sep1984. Earliest seen by author 26Jun1985.
- ³⁵ Crown Agents Mar1984.
- ³⁶ Earliest reported. Seen by author 1983. Crown Agents Mar1984. ISC state Mar1983.
- ³⁷ Circulated by a local dealer.
- ³⁸ Earliest reported. Crown Agents Mar1984. Earliest seen by author 27Sep1985.
- ³⁹ Distributed by Crown Agents. Earliest use seen by author 11Jul1985.
- ⁴⁰ Earliest reported. Crown Agents Mar1984. Earliest seen by author 26Jul1985.
- ⁴¹ Earliest reported. Crown Agents Mar1984. Earliest seen by author 9May1984.
- ⁴² Initially reported but not confirmed and no subsequent copies have come to light. Assumed not to exist.
- ⁴³ Earliest reported. Earliest seen by author 27Jun1985.
- ⁴⁴ Earliest reported. Crown Agents Mar1984. Earliest seen by author Jul1984.
- ⁴⁵ Date listed by Stanley Gibbons. No dated copies have been seen by the author.
- ⁴⁶ Crown Agents. Earliest reported 18Sep1984. Earliest seen by author 3Oct1984.
- ⁴⁷ Crown Agents Mar1984.
- ⁴⁸ Earliest reported. Earliest seen by author 25May1985.
- ⁴⁹ Earliest reported.
- ⁵⁰ Earliest reported. Earliest seen by author 3Feb1985.
- ⁵¹ Crown Agents. Earliest reported 24Oct1984. Earliest seen by author 2Jul1985.
- ⁵² Earliest reported. Crown Agents Mar1984. Earliest seen by author 20Aug1984.
- ⁵³ Earliest reported. Crown Agents Mar1984. Earliest seen by author Dec1984.
- ⁵⁴ Earliest reported. Earliest seen by author Jun1985.
- ⁵⁵ Crown Agents Oct1985.
- ⁵⁶ Earliest reported. Earliest seen 15Aug1984.
- ⁵⁷ Earliest reported. Earliest seen May1984.
- ⁵⁸ Earliest reported. Earliest seen 11May1984.
- ⁵⁹ Earliest reported. Earliest seen by author 1984.
- ⁶⁰ Distributed by Crown Agents. Earliest seen used 1984.
- ⁶¹ Earliest reported. Seen used Apr1985.
- ⁶² Earliest reported. Seen used 28Mar1984.
- ⁶³ Distributed by Crown Agents. Earliest use seen 4Sep1984.
- ⁶⁴ Distributed by local dealer. Earliest use seen is Jul1985.
- ⁶⁵ Earliest reported. Earliest seen 5Sep1985.
- ⁶⁶ Earliest reported. Seen undated.
- ⁶⁷ Earliest reported. Earliest seen 24Oct1986.
- ⁶⁸ Reported by Mr. M. Roberts used at Kuching.
- ⁶⁹ Earliest reported. Earliest seen 15Aug1984.
- ⁷⁰ Earliest reported. Earliest seen 1Jul1985.
- ⁷¹ Earliest reported. Earliest seen 5Feb1986.
- ⁷² Earliest reported. Seen undated.
- ⁷³ Earliest reported. Earliest seen 15Jul1985.
- ⁷⁴ Earliest reported. Seen undated.
- ⁷⁵ Reported by Mr. M. Kingsland.
- ⁷⁶ Panes 1, 5-7 inverted.
- ⁷⁷ Panes 1-2 inverted.
- ⁷⁸ Reported by Mr. R. Winstone.
- ⁷⁹ Reported by Mr. R. Winstone.

- ⁸⁰ Reported by Mr Khor Seow Loon.
- ⁸¹ For further reading, Dr Cheah Cheng Huat published "A Study on the 15c. Flowers Postal Stationery Card of 1984" in PSM 26/25.
- ⁸² Reported by Mr Khor Seow Loon.
- ⁸³ Reported by Mr. N.G. McClaren.
- ⁸⁴ Intention for first five aerogrammes stated by Director of Posts to PSM 24Jul1979.
- ⁸⁵ In most cases, the aerogramme carries an English translation but this is not always helpful. I have therefore attempted to give additional description where appropriate.
- ⁸⁶ Even the Editor of PSM failed to discover this aerogramme until about a week after it had been issued.
- ⁸⁷ PSM implies that (2b) was the state available in KL on day of issue. It is assumed that (2a) also exists but not reported.
- ⁸⁸ Moon kite (Tab type 1) and Mosque (1a) and (1b) were reported by Mr. A. Teh Leam Seng. PSM article implies that (2b) was the type that was available in KL on day of issue.
- ⁸⁹ Late August was quoted by PSM for this issue (PSM 14/1/9), but Mr. A. Teh Leam Seng reported examples of Type 2 annotated with date of purchase of 20Feb1982 and Type 1 annotated 10Jun1982.
- ⁹⁰ Reported by Mr. W. Menuz.
- ⁹¹ Believed to exist but not seen by the author.