

CHAPTER TWENTY

2016 INTERNATIONAL DEFINITIVE ISSUE.

Note: All illustrations in this chapter are reduced by 10% unless otherwise stated.

1 October 2016.

National Stamp Week - International Definitive Stamps.



This was a late addition to the programme, as a result of the decision to impose GST on “regulated postal products”. These stamps were intended for use on international mail to promote Malaysia’s image. An initial plan to ban use of other stamps on such mail appears to have been abandoned. Although officially released on 1 October to mark the start of National Stamp Week (1-7 October), they were released to post offices in Johore, Kedah, Kelantan and Trengganu on 3 October as post offices were closed on Friday and Saturday in those states and on 4 October in all other States. Following changes to the tax structure in the summer of 2018, separate issues ceased to be necessary and this issue was expected to be phased-out as stocks were used up. However, the high values from RM2 upwards were not covered by the 2017 Definitive Issue and reprints of these values may take place (the RM10 was certainly reprinted in 2017).

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised eight counter sheets and one or two process sheets.

Small Counter sheetlets (initial issue):

The 27mm x 32mm counter sheet stamps showed:

10s.: Festivals (dancers, lion dance, musicians);

20s.: Local Fruits (Rambutan, Durian, Mangosteen);

50s.: Wildlife (Orang Utan, Rajah Brookes Birdwing, Tapir, Tiger);

RM1: Unity (Indian, Chinese and Malay men and women with food on a table);

RM2: Places of Worship (mosque, Chinese temple, Indian temple, church);

RM5: Our Nation (flag, Kuala Lumpur skyline, map);

RM10: Flora (including Hibiscus);

RM20: Handicrafts (moon kite, weaving).

The “black line” towards the left of each stamp is actually microprint saying “POSMALAYSIA10SENPOSM...” or as appropriate. They were printed in sheets of 10 (2 x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in top margin, colour dots (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R5/2, 1A (x4) to right of R1/2 and left of R5/1, Pos emblem in centre of bottom margin. All margins were decorated to suit the subject of the stamp in question. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The 20s. and 50s. sheetlets are known with inverted watermark. The perforations measured 14.1 x 13.8. The sheetlets were perforated from left to right with two strikes of a five-stamp comb and closed with a line perforator. All margins were imperforate.

Process sheet:

To facilitate first day cover manufacturer, sheets were produced with se-tenant strips of four values (10s.-RM1 and RM2-RM20). Apart from the format, no differences from the counter sheet have been detected.

Large Counter sheets (reprints):

The stamps subsequently appeared in counter sheets of 100 (10 x 10) (20s., RM2, RM5 confirmed by 15 December 2016, 10s., 50s., RM10 confirmed by 23 January 2017, RM1, RM20 to be confirmed). The margins were plain white, instead of being decorated. Sheet markings on the 10s. sheet seen were Pos emblem above R1/5-6, colour dots (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R10/10, 1A (x4) to right of R1/10 and left of R10/1. None of the other markings usual on large counter sheets were present on these 2016 printings. However, the RM10 sheet from a 2017 reprint had the printing

number "1/2017" in the usual place at R1/10. Paper, watermark and perforation gauge size were as for the small counter sheets. The left margin was imperforate and the rest perforated through.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured a globe with segments filled with elements of the stamp designs.

The special first day postmark included a paper dart.

The folder was sold at RM6.35.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (2016 Definitive Issue)

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Value	Wmk.	Perf.	Sheets	Mint	Used	
16D.1.1	2163		10s.	U	14.1 x 13.8	Small, Process, Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16D.1.2	2164		20s.	U	14.1 x 13.8	Small, Process, Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16D.1.2a	2164w		20s.	I	14.1 x 13.8	Small	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16D.1.3	2165		50s.	U	14.1 x 13.8	Small, Process, Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16D.1.3a	2165w		50s.	I	14.1 x 13.8	Small	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16D.1.4	2166		RM1	U	14.1 x 13.8	Small, Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16D.1.5	2167		RM2	U	14.1 x 13.8	Small, Process, Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16D.1.6	2168		RM5	U	14.1 x 13.8	Small, Process, Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16D.1.7	2169		RM10	U	14.1 x 13.8	Small, Process, Large (1/2017)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16D.1.8	2170		RM20	U	14.1 x 13.8	Small, Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16D.1.9	-		Se-tenant strip (1-4 from 11).					-	<input type="checkbox"/>
16D.1.10	-		Se-tenant strip (5-8 from 11).					-	<input type="checkbox"/>
16D.1.11	-		First day cover (9-10).					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16D.1.12	-		- (1, 2a, 3-8).					-	<input type="checkbox"/>

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