

CHAPTER THIRTY-THREE
SPECIAL ISSUES 1975-1979.

Study of the issues in this and later periods in the Twentieth Century has been made more difficult by the common practice of Malaysian post office counter clerks of removing all the margins from sheets before putting them on sale, removing evidence of sheet markings (and thus printing colours, pane numbers, etc.), marginal perforations and other technical information. Some of the major new issues services also received stamps for distribution from local agents pre-packaged without margins. Marginal copies are therefore relatively hard to come by.

22-23 February 1975.

1st FIAP Congress.

The first congress of the Inter-Asia Philatelic Federation (FIAP) was held at the Regent Hotel, Kuala Lumpur from 22 to 23 February 1975. So far as is known, no official cover was issued, but plain and hotel covers have been seen cancelled with the "KUALA LUMPUR / 22FEB75 / P1" circular date stamp used at a temporary post office at the congress and a special double-ring cachet "PERSATUAN FILATELIK ANTARABANGSA SE-ASIA / KONGRES PERTAMA / 22-23 FEB 75 / KUALA LUMPUR / MALAYSIA / F.I.A.P. / FIRST CONGRESS / INTER-ASIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION".

1 March 1975.

World Cup Hockey Championships.



The third World Cup Championships of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) were hosted by Malaysia at Kuala Lumpur from 1 to 15 March 1975. The previous championships were Barcelona 1971 (Malaysia did not enter) and Amsterdam 1973 (Malaysia came 11th out of 12 entrants).

Designed by Malaysian Advertising Services, this issue comprised two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 41mm x 28mm stamps (30c., 75c.) to a common design showed hockey players, the World Cup and the FIH emblem.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using five-colour off-set lithography (30c.: black, grey, blue, red and yellow; 75c. black, grey, blue, red and light blue). The plates were numbered 1A (x5). Sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.8 x 13.3.

Varieties:

Reported varieties included:

Value	No.	Position	Variety
30c.	v1	?	Black partially omitted at bottom. Part of hockey stick and three lines of longitude in competition emblem missing at bottom left. ¹

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., showed the Cup. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 5 March 1977 and invalidated on 1 April 1984.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
75.1.1	128	127	30c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.1.2	129	128	75c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.1.3	-	MFDC-60	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24 April 1975.

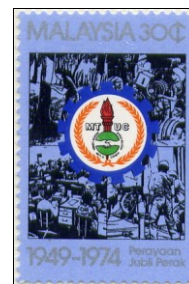
Opening of Chenderong Balai Post Office.

The opening of the new post office at Chenderong Balai in Perak was marked by the issue of a 116mm x 175mm (folded), thin card souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had an illustration of a \$10 1970 Definitive stamp on the cover and a glued-in, two-page insert. The inside front cover had, printed in gold, the

office details, the officiating VIP and the date. A 5c. stamp was affixed and cancelled with the appropriate postmark. The insert had the Pos emblem in red and a type-set programme of speakers. The inside back cover had a photograph of the new office in a gold frame. ²

1 May 1975.

Trade Union Congress Silver Jubilee.



This issue marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Malaysian Trade Union Congress (MTUC). The first Conference of Malayan Trade Union delegates was held on 27-28 February 1949, so the issue actually appeared after the twenty-sixth anniversary. The reason for this delay is unknown.

Designed by Malaysian Advertising Services, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 24mm x 36mm stamps (20c., 25c., 30c.) to a common design showed the TUC emblem against a background of various trades (rubber tapping, machining, office, oil rig).

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using seven-colour off-set lithography. Colours used were:

20c.: silver, orange, vermilion, emerald green, red, dark blue, black;

25c.: silver, lime green, dark orange, dark green, red, black;

30c.: silver, light blue, dark orange, dark green, red, black.

Sheet markings included plate numbers 1A (x6) below R10/8-10 (no silver number). The fluorescent white paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.3 x 14.6. The left margin was imperforate and the bottom had a single extension hole, indicating that the perforator moved from left to right.

Varieties:

Varieties reported included:

Value	No.	Position	Variety:
25c.	v1	-	Silver doubled. ³
	v2	R?/9	Black dot under "Y" of "MALAYSIA". ³
30c.	v1	R6/1 to R10/1	Extra, diagonal perforator strike entering the left column through the left margin, several mm below the correct perforations. Penetration starts at R6/1. Maximum penetration six holes into stamp R10/1. It is assumed that the machine cycled before the operator was ready but he failed to discard the damaged sheet. ⁴

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., showed the MTUC emblem.

KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

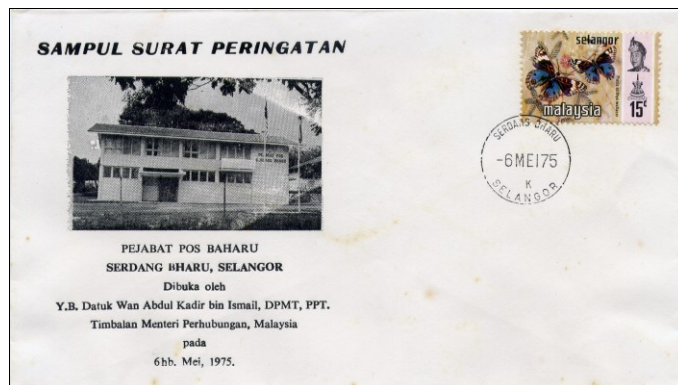
The issue was withdrawn on 5 March 1977 and invalidated on 1 April 1984.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
75.2.1	130	129	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.2.2	131	130	25c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.2.3	132	131	30c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.2.4	-	MFDC-61	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6 May 1975.

Opening of Serdang Bharu Post Office.

The opening of the new post office at Serdang Bharu in Selangor was marked by the issue of a 116mm x 175mm (folded), thin card souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had an illustration of a \$10 1970 Definitive stamp on the cover and a glued-in, two-page insert. The inside front cover had, printed in gold, the office details, the officiating VIP and the date. A 5c. stamp was affixed and cancelled with the appropriate postmark. The insert had the Pos emblem in red and a type-set programme of speakers. The inside back cover had a photograph of the new office in a gold frame. ²

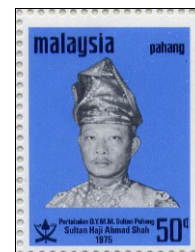


An official souvenir cover was also produced, printed in black with a picture of the office and a 15c. Selangor 1970 Definitive Issue stamp serviced with the office postmark. The Pos emblem was printed in red on the flap.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
75.2a.1	-	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

8 May 1975.

Pahang - Installation of Sultan.



Haji Ahmad Shah acceded to the throne of Pahang in 1974 on the death of his father and was installed as Sultan on 8 May 1975.

Designed by Union Advertising, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 24mm x 32mm stamps (10c., 15., 20c.) in a common design showed a full-face portrait of the Sultan.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using three-colour off-set lithography. Printing colours were:

10c.: light lilac, gold, slate green (almost black);

15c.: yellow, deep green, greenish black;

50c.: light violet-blue, black, greenish black.

The plate number was 1A (x3). Sheet markings included boxed colour blocks above R1/9-10. The white fluorescent paper had no watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.1 x 14.6. The right margin was perforated through. The top and bottom margin had a single extension hole.

Varieties:

Varieties reported included:

Value	No.	Position	Variety:
50c.	v1	R5/10	Top part of "l" of "Malaysia" broken. ⁵

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., featured the Pahang flag and Istana Mangga Tunggal, Pekan.

KHP first day postmarks were used, a special one being provided at Pekan for the occasion and used as the "normal" bureau mark for this issue.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 1 February 1978 and invalidated on 1 April 1984. It was only on sale generally outside Pahang on the day of issue, when stocks required were underestimated, resulting in shortages.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
75.3.1	103	106	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.3.2	104	107	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.3.3	105	108	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.3.4	-	MFDC-PA13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22 May 1975.**Opening of Gugusan Taib Andak Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Gugusan Taib Andak in Johore was marked by the issue of a 116mm x 175mm (folded), thin card souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had an illustration of a \$10 1970 Definitive stamp on the cover and a glued-in, two-page insert. The inside front cover had, printed in gold, the office details, the officiating VIP and the date. A 5c. stamp was affixed and cancelled with the appropriate postmark. The insert had the Pos emblem in red and a type-set programme of speakers. The inside back cover had a photograph of the new office in a gold frame. ²

27 May 1975.**Opening of Maran Post Office.**

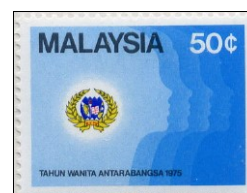
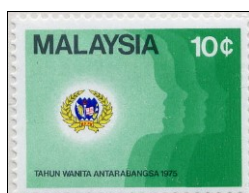
The opening of the new post office at Maran in Pahang was marked by a souvenir folder as above. ²

6 June 1975.**Opening of Likas Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Likas in Sabah was marked by a souvenir folder as above. ²

17 June 1975.**Opening of Kamunting Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Kamunting in Perak was marked by a souvenir folder as above. ²

25 August 1975.**International Women's Year.**

On 18 December 1972, the United Nations General Assembly designated 1975 as International Women's Year, with the goals of promoting sexual equality, full integration of women in the total development effort and recognition of the importance of women's contribution to international relations and world peace.

Designed by Malaysian Advertising Services, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 32mm x 25mm stamps (10c., 15c., 50c.) to a common design showed the emblem of the National Council of Women's Organisations, Malaysia (MKPW) and four profiles of a woman's face.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using five-colour off-set lithography (black, dark blue, red, yellow and background colour) using plates with two panes, 1A and 1B. Sheet markings were not recorded, but included boxed, square colour dabs in the top margin of the 15c. The white fluorescent paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.1 x 14.2.

Proofs:

Imperforate plate proofs of the 15c. came onto the market by 1997, usually in pairs. ⁶

Varieties:

Varieties reported included:

Value	No.	Position	Variety:
10c.	v1	1A R1/10 1B R1/10	Broken last "a" in "Malaysia" at right above the bar. ⁷
	v2	?	Partial black omission due to a piece of loose paper obstructing the press. ⁸

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., featured women holding hands encircling the globe.

KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 1 February 1978 and invalidated on 1 April 1984.

Remainder covers were known used for official correspondence, handstamped "URUSAN POS", such as from Pasir Puteh to Kuching on 14 September 1985.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
75.4.1	133	132	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
75.4.2	134	133	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.4.3	135	134	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.4.4	-	MFDC-62	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.4.4a	-	-	- Remainder used for official mail.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

28 August 1975.**Opening of Selama Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Selama in Perak was marked by the issue of a 116mm x 175mm (folded), thin card souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had an illustration of a \$10 1970 Definitive stamp on the cover and a glued-in, two-page insert. The inside front cover had, printed in gold, the office details, the officiating VIP and the date. A 5c. stamp was affixed and cancelled with the appropriate postmark. The insert had the Pos emblem in red and a type-set programme of speakers. The inside back cover had a photograph of the new office in a gold frame.⁹

4 September 1975.**Opening of Yong Peng Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Yong Peng in Johore was marked by the issue of a 116mm x 175mm (folded), thin card souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had an illustration of a \$10 1970 Definitive stamp on the cover and a glued-in, two-page insert. The inside front cover has, printed in gold, the office details, the officiating VIP and the date. A 5c. stamp is affixed and cancelled with cds "YONG PENG / -4SEP75 / K1 / JOHOR". The insert has the Pos emblem in red and a type-set programme of speakers. The inside back cover has a photograph of the new office in a gold frame.

22 September 1975.**Koran Reading Competition.***(image reduced by 4%)*

The Holy Quran (Koran) Reading Festival and Competition was founded in 1951 by Tunku Abdul Rahman as a focal point of the Moslem festival of Ramadan (the fasting month) in Malaya. The 1975 competition, held at the National Stadium, marked twenty five years of the Festival, which was now open to Moslems from all around the world.

Designed by Malaysian Advertising Services, this issue comprised a single counter sheet with se-tenant stamps.

Counter sheets:

The five 33mm x 29mm 15c. stamps formed a se-tenant horizontal strip across the sheet. Each showed a different mosque, which were not identified by name on the stamps:

15c.(A): Ubudiah Mosque (Masjid Ubudiah), Kuala Kangsar, Perak. (Gold dome and striped minarets.)

15c.(B): Zahir Mosque (Masjid Zahir), Alor Star, Kedah. ("Onion" domes. Lawn in foreground.)

15c.(C): National Mosque (Masjid Negara), Kuala Lumpur, F.T. (Modern.)

15c.(D): Sultan Abu Bakar Mosque (Masjid Sultan Abu Bakar), Jalan Masjid, Johore Bahru, Johore. Opened 1890 by Sultan Ibrahim. ("Wedding cake" towers.)

15c.(E): Kuching State Mosque (Masjid Negeri), Kuching, Sarawak (built 1968). (Rectangular with central "onion" dome. Trees in foreground.)

They were printed in sheets of 100 (2 strips x 10) by Harrison & Sons using four-colour off-set lithography. Printing colours and sheet markings were not recorded. The printing plates were numbered 1A (x4). Designs were bled into the left and right margins. The white fluorescent paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.5 x 14.1.

Proofs:

Imperforate plate proofs of this issue have come onto the market.¹⁰

Varieties:

Varieties reported included:

Value	No.	Position	Variety:
15c.	v1	R1/1 to R10/5	Progressive colour shift on left-hand side of one sheet. Centre normal but left and side blurred. Black unaffected. ¹¹
	v2	R7/5	Nick in left-hand side of "i" in "Malaysia", just below the top. Said to be constant. ¹²

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., featured the National Mosque. KHP first day postmarks were used, with a special version, inscribed "STADIUM MERDEKA / al-quran / KUALA LUMPUR", for use at the venue, where a temporary post office was only open from 6pm to midnight on the day of issue.

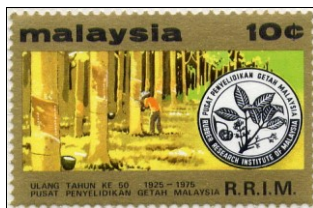
Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 1 February 1978, and invalidated on 1 April 1984.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
75.5.1	136	135	15c.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.5.2	137	136	15c.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.5.3	138	137	15c.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.5.4	139	138	15c.(D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.5.5	140	139	15c.(E).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.5.6	136a	MC-63	Horizontal se-tenant strip of five (1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.5.7	-	MFDC-63	First day cover (6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.5.7a	-	-	- used at the venue.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

13 October 1975.**Opening of Simpang Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Simpang in Perak was marked by the issue of a 116mm x 175mm (folded), thin card souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had an illustration of a \$10 1970 Definitive stamp on the cover and a glued-in, two-page insert. The inside front cover had, printed in gold, the office details, the officiating VIP and the date. A 5c. stamp was affixed and cancelled with the appropriate postmark. The insert had the Pos emblem in red and a type-set programme of speakers. The inside back cover had a photograph of the new office in a gold frame. ²

22 October 1975.**Rubber Research Institute of Malaysia.**

This issue marked the Golden Jubilee of the Rubber Research Institute of Malaysia (R.R.I.M.) / Institut Penyelidikan Getah. The RRIM and its sister body, the Malaysian Rubber Producers' Research Association in the UK, were financed by the Malaysian Rubber Research & Development Board from a 1c. per pound levy on rubber exports from Malaysia. To mark the event, an International Rubber Conference was held in Malaysia from 20 to 25 October.

Designed by RRIM employees Sulaiman bin Haji Hassan and Hoh Lian Yong, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 26mm stamps showed various aspects of rubber research:

10c.: A row of tapped trees, with a rubber tapper at work, and the Institute emblem.

30c.: A latex cup and the same emblem within a tractor tyre, together forming the number 50. In the background was a stylised rubber plantation and plantation transport (fork lift truck handling bales).

75c.: Natural rubber in six test tubes interspersed with tree trunks. The inner four each represent a different aspect of research: plant breeding by manual pollination, chemical research, (part of a rubber molecule), processing research (coagulated latex being rolled into crumb), products (motor vehicle tyre).

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using five-colour off-set lithography (black, magenta, grey-blue, orange, gold). Sheet markings included plate numbers 1A (x5) below column 10 and boxed colour blocks to the right of R9-10. The white fluorescent paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.1 x 14.5. On the 10c. at least, the top margin was perforated through, whilst the left and right had a single extension hole, suggesting that the perforator started at the bottom of the sheet and worked upwards.

Varieties:

Varieties reported included:

Value	No.	Position	Variety:
10c.	v1	All	2mm colour shift down of four colours (gold, yellow, orange, green), leaving only black aligned with perforations (ISC 140a). ¹³
	v2	R3 to R8	Some sheets known with colour intensified in these rows but normal in the outer rows.
75c.	v1	R5/6	White mark 2mm down from the top of the right side of the left-hand blue test tube. ³

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., reproduces the central element from the 30c. design. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 1 February 1978, and invalidated on 1 April 1984.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
75.6.1	141	140	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.6.2	142	141	30c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.6.3	143	142	75c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75.6.4	-	MFDC-64	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

20 November 1975.**Opening of Parit Java Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Parit Java in Johore was marked by the issue of a 116mm x 175mm (folded), thin card souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had an illustration of a \$10 1970 Definitive stamp on the cover and a glued-in, two-page insert. The inside front cover had, printed in gold, the office details, the officiating VIP and the date. A 5c. stamp was affixed and cancelled with the appropriate postmark. The insert had the Pos emblem in red and a type-set programme of speakers. The inside back cover had a photograph of the new office in a gold frame.²

29 November 1975.**Opening of Taman Ipoh Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Taman Ipoh in Perak was marked by the issue of a 116mm x 175mm (folded), thin card souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had an illustration of a \$10 1970 Definitive stamp on the cover and a glued-in, two-page insert. The inside front cover has, printed in gold, the office details, the officiating VIP and the date. A 5c. stamp was affixed and cancelled with the appropriate postmark. The insert had the Pos emblem in red and a type-set programme of speakers. The inside back cover had a photograph of the new office in a gold frame.¹⁴

14 December 1975.**Malaysian Stampex 1975.**

Pamiran Setem Malaysia 1975 (Malaysian Stampex), organised by the Philatelic Society of Malaysia was held in Kuala Lumpur from 14 to 28 December 1975. Private covers were issued by Philatelic Society of Malaysia, which received a circular date stamp and a special ring-less circular cachet "PAMIRAN SETEM MALAYSIA / PSM / 14-28 / Disember / 1975 / KUALA LUMPUR". Covers were issued for all the days. Circular date stamps used included "KUALA LUMPUR / 14DIS75 / A" and "KUALA LUMPUR / 24DIS75 / P5".

16 December 1975.**Opening of Seksyen 20 Petaling Jaya Post Office.**

The opening of the one hundredth new post office under the Second Malaysia Plan was marked by a special postmark "SEKSYEN 20 P.JAYA / PEMBUKAAN RASMI / PEJABAT / POS / BAHARU / KE100 / 16DIS1975 / SELANGOR". So far as is known, no special covers were issued.

Souvenir folders are not recorded but are likely to have been issued.

30 December 1975.**Opening of Butterworth Post Office.**

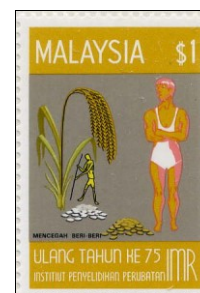
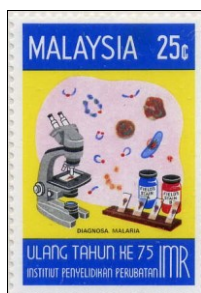
The opening of the one new Butterworth post office was marked by a special postmark "BUTTERWORTH / PEMBUKAAN RASMI / PEJABAT POS BAHARU / 30DIS1975 / PULAU PINANG". So far as is known, no special covers were issued.

Souvenir folders are not recorded but are likely to have been issued.

11 January 1976.**Opening of Pulau Ketam Post Office.**

The opening of this Selangor office by the Minister of Communications was marked by a 115mm x 173mm (folded), thin card folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had a red stripe and Pos emblem on the cover. The paper insert bore the programme for the day and a 5c. 1970 Definitive stamp cancelled with a skeleton counter cds "PULAU KETAM / 11 JA 76 / * / SELANGOR".

6 February 1976.

75th Anniversary of Institute of Medical Research.

Issued to mark the seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Institute of Medical Research (IMR), Kuala Lumpur and was issued on the first day of a two-day symposium to mark the opening of new facilities and the graduation of 290 new laboratory technologists. This Institute had played a major role in identifying, treating and, in some cases eradicating, many tropical diseases, and in the production of vaccines, to the benefit of many other countries.

This issue was designed by two different members of IMR staff and comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three stamps were 26mm x 38mm. Yap Loy Fong designed the 25c., which illustrates the diagnosis of malaria by means of a microscope, test slides, reagents and a microscope view of blood parasites, whilst the 20c. (scrub typhus, which showed a man, trombiculid mite and rat in scrub forest with chloramphenicol injections and capsules) and \$1 (beri-beri, which shows a rice stalk, a beri-beri victim with white rice and a healthy man with yellow rice) were the work of Lee Eng Kee.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using off-set lithography. The 20c. and 25c. were printed using four colours (20c.: lime green, grey, orange-red, black; 25c.: yellow, dark magenta, blue, black) from plates numbered 1A (x4). The \$1 was printed using six colours (yellow, olive-green, pink, mustard yellow, grey, black) from plates numbered 1A (x6). Sheet markings included colour blocks (x4 or x6) above R1/9. The fluorescent white paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 14.2.

Proofs:

Imperforate plate proofs exist on the open market.

Varieties:

Varieties reported included:

Value	No.	Position	Variety:
20c.	v1	?	Double print of the orange-red on some examples "due to incorrect tension of the blanket" (SG 146Ea).
	v2	R7/1- R10/10	Four rows from bottom of sheet with blurring caused by slight shift of the black printing. ¹⁵
	v3	1A R4/7	Break in left of "U" of "TAHUN". ¹⁶
25c.	v1		Misperforated. ¹⁷
	v2	R1/1-R1/10 R2/1-R2/7 R3/1-R3/5 R4/1-R4/3	Image blurred due to creasing of the sheet affecting R1/7-R1/10. ¹⁸

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured the initials IMR and medical staff undertaking a variety of tasks. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 16 June 1979. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

Remaindered FDCs were handstamped "URUSAN POS" by 1980 for official use.¹⁹

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
76.1.1	146	145	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.1.2	147	146	25c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.1.3	148	147	\$1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.1.4	-	MFDC-66	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

28 February 1976.

Installation of Sixth King.



Sultan Tuanku Yahya Petra of Kelantan was installed as the sixth Yang di-Pertuan Agung on 28 February.

Designed by Union Advertising, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 25mm x 35mm stamps to a common design showed a three-quarter face portrait of the Sultan against different colour backgrounds.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using 3-colour photogravure (black and bistre, plus yellow (10c.), bright mauve (15c.) or ultramarine (50c.)) on white fluorescent paper without watermark. The 15c. was printed from pane 1A and the 10c. and 50c. from both panes 1A and 1B. Below the stamp to the left of the plate number appears a “goal post” (three sides of a box) 6mm wide by 3.5mm high in black. Sheet markings included pane numbers below R10/6-7, colour dabs to the right of R8/10 and R9/10, a black bar above R1/1 and R1/10, centring crosses above R1/2 and R1/9, and a perforation punch hole in a black positioning box (outer side omitted). The comb perforations measured 14.6 x 13.7. The right margin was imperforate. The top and bottom margins had a single extension hole. The left margin was perforated through.

Varieties:

Varieties reported included:

Value	No.	Position	Variety:
15c.	v1	Sheet	Imperforate, probably from a plate proof sheet. (ISC 149a).
50c.	v1	Sheet	Bistre, including all text, shifted 2.5mm left so that the perforations pass through the first leg of the “M” of “MALAYSIA”.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured the Royal Maces of Malaysia. An FDC was known with the black printing (maces) omitted.

KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 16 June 1979. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
76.2.1	149	148	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.2.2	150	149	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.2.3	151	150	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.2.4	-	MFDC-67	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18 May 1976.

Opening of Bakri Post Office.

The opening of this Johore office was marked by a postcard showing the office, franked with a 5c. definitive stamp and the office cds. It is not known whether this was an official or privately-produced souvenir.

25 May 1976.

Opening of Simpang Ampat Semanggol Post Office.

The opening of this Perak office by the Minister of Communications was marked by a 112mm x 174mm (folded), thin card folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had a red stripe and Pos emblem on the cover. The paper insert bore the programme for the day, a photograph of the office and a 5c. 1970 Definitive stamp cancelled with a counter cds “SIMPANG AMPAT SEMANGGOL / 25MEI76 / K / PERAK”.

17 August 1976.

Sarawak State Council Complex.



This issue marked the official opening of the \$60 million State Council Complex (Kompleks Dewan Undangan Negeri) on the north bank of the Sarawak River in Kuching, Sarawak. This comprised three buildings, the Council Negeri Building, the pavilion-like Investiture Hall (The Lapau) and the 20-storey Sarawak Administrative (Ministerial Secretariat) Building. Construction commenced in March 1974 and it stood in 90 acres of park land. After 109 years, it was the first purpose-built venue for the Council, which met first at Bintulu, then at the Astana and the High Court Chamber until 1974 when it moved to the Dewan Pembangunan Tun Abdul Razak.

Designed by Aini Abdul Rahman, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 29mm stamps (15c., 20c. and 50c.) in a common design showed an architect's impression of the complex.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using two-colour off-set lithography (grey-black²⁰ and orange ("corn yellow") (15c.), magenta ("Petunia") (20c.) or cyan ("zircon blue") (50c.) on white fluorescent paper without watermark. Plate number 1A (x2) appeared under R10/10. Framed colour blocks appeared in the right-hand margin opposite row 9, normally guillotined through vertically. The comb perforations measured 12.5.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., was based on the stamp design. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 16 June 1979. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
76.3.1	152	151	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.3.2	153	152	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.3.3	154	153	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.3.4	-	MFDC-68	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18 October 1976.

Employees' Provident Fund.



The Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) or Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) celebrated its Silver Jubilee in August 1976, having been established under the EPF Act 1951. The Fund was a statutory body which provided the framework for a compulsory retirement lump sum benefit for most employed persons and which was contributed to by both employers and employees. Repayment with interest was normally made at age 55, but some funds could be withdrawn at age 50. Until 1958, it was administered by the Director of Posts and subsequently by a Board of Directors. A parallel fund for Sabah and Sarawak sharing the same Chairman and General Manager was established in 1969.

Designed by Union Advertising, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

This issue comprised two 35mm x 25mm stamps (10c., 50c.) and one 30mm square (25c.). The 10c. showed a black and white night view of the EPF Building, Kuala Lumpur, adapted with a light blue sky to represent daytime and the 50c. showed a colour view by night from a different angle. The 25c. showed 25 EPF emblems.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using off-set lithography. The 10c. was printed using five colours (light new blue, scarlet, silver, dark blue, grey-black) from a plate numbered 1A (x5). The 25c. and 50c. were printed using six colours (silver, gold, bronze, scarlet, dark blue, black for the 25c. and gold, dark orange, scarlet, dark blue, violet, black for the 50c.) from a plate numbered 1A (x6). Framed colour blocks appear in the right-

hand margin opposite rows 8 and 9, normally guillotined through. The low fluorescence white paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.7 (25c.) or 13.7 x 14.6 (10c., 50c.). The 10c. top margin was imperforate and the left and right margins had a single extension hole. The bottom margin is assumed to be perforated through. Other margins were not reported.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., featured the EPF Building and emblem. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 17 October 1977.²¹ It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
76.4.1	155	154	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.4.2	156	155	25c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.4.3	157	156	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.4.4	-	MFDC-69	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

20 November 1976.

Malayan Association for the Blind.



The first dedicated home for blind children in Malaya was founded in 1926. The Malayan Association for the Blind was founded in November 1951, as part of a Government initiative to encourage voluntary work in this sector, and thus marked its Silver Jubilee in 1976, for which an exhibition was organised at the Museum in Kuala Lumpur. It ran residential schools and other training centres, a Braille publishing unit and library, mobile eye clinics, employment services, etc. 1976 was also "Prevention of Blindness Year", organised by the World Health Organisation and signified by the "eye" emblem on each stamp.

The Association marked the occasion by designing two stamps in conjunction with Messrs. Advertising Sales Promotion (who prepared the frames) and Hexxon Grafic (who prepared the inserted images), which appeared as separate counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 35mm x 25mm stamps showed:

10c.: Blind people at work (typist, fitter, telephone operator);

75c.: A blind man and his shadow on the 75c.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using off-set lithography. The 10c. was printed using five colours (yellow, orange, blue, silver, black) from a plate numbered 1A (x5). The 75c. was printed using four colours (blue, grey-black, silver, black) from a plate numbered 1A (x4). Framed colour blocks, normally guillotined through, appear in the right-hand margin opposite rows 8 and 9 (10c.) or row 9 only (75c.). The low fluorescence white paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.7 x 14.6.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., showed hands reading a scroll printed in Braille. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 19 November 1977.²¹ It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
76.5.1	158	157	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.5.2	159	158	75c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76.5.3	-	MFDC-70	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11-31 December 1976.

United Nations Postal Administration 25th Anniversary.

Philatelic Society of Malaysia issued a special cover for an exhibition of United Nations stamps at the Muzium Negara with a special cachet "UNITED NATIONS / XXV ANNIVERSARY / OF UNPA / 1976 / KUALA LUMPUR / MALAYSIA". Used on all twenty-one days of the exhibition with a Kuala Lumpur cds. K22 was used on 11 December.

14 January 1977.

Tun Abdul Razak.



The first anniversary of the sudden death of former Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak bin Dato' Hussein (1922-1976), was marked by a se-tenant strip of stamps showing his life and work.

Designed by Hexxon Grafic, this issue comprised a single counter sheet.

Counter sheets:

The se-tenant strip of five 35mm x 25mm 15c. stamps respectively showed (left to right):

15c.(A): The Independence celebrations in 1957;

15c.(B): "Education" (Tun Razak speaking);

15c.(C): "Development" (Tun Razak pointing to a map of Malaysia);

15c.(D): "Rukun Negara" (National Philosophy or Code of Good Citizenship - guiding principles for multi-cultural unity, namely Belief in God, Loyalty to King and Country, Upholding the Constitution, Rule of Law and Good Behaviour and Morality - introduced by him in the wake of the 13 May 1969 outbreak of disorder);

15c.(E): "ASEAN" (speaking at the eighth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on 13-15 May 1975 in Kuala Lumpur).

The different stamps appeared as columns down the sheet.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 [2 strips] x 10) by Harrison & Sons using 2-colour photogravure (sepia and gold) from 2-pane plates numbered 1A or 1B (x2). The plate numbers appeared below R10/10 on both panes and two colour squares inside a sepia box appeared beneath 1A R10/9. Pane 1B had two colour registration crosses below R10/8 and a cross with circle below R10/9. The white fluorescent paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.4 x 14.6. The bottom and top margins had a single extension hole at the bottom, and the right margin was perforated through, indicating that the sheets were perforated vertically, starting at the left. The left margin was assumed to be imperforate.

First day facilities:

The first day covers, both sold at 10s., featured a portrait of Tun Razak in military uniform and comes in two sizes. The normal size of a cover at this time was 179mm x 103mm, but a larger cover 241mm x 108mm was also available, allowing the strip to be affixed without dividing it into two parts. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 16 June 1979. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
77.1.1	160	159	15c.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77.1.2	161	160	15c.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77.1.3	162	161	15c.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77.1.4	163	162	15c.(D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77.1.5	164	163	15c.(E).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77.1.6	160a	MC-71	Se-tenant horizontal strip of five (1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77.1.7	-	MFDC-71	First day cover - small (1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77.1.8	-	-	- long (6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6 February 1977.

Opening of Pulau Lumut Post Office.

The opening of this Selangor office by the Minister of Communications was marked by a 113mm x 175mm (folded), thin card folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had a red stripe and Pos emblem on the cover. The paper insert bore the programme for the day and a 5c. Harrison 1970 Definitive stamp cancelled with a skeleton counter cds "PULAU LUMUT / 6 FE 77 / * / SELANGOR".

19 February 1977.**Opening of Tanjong Malim Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Tanjong Malim in Perak was marked by the issue of a 112mm x 174mm (folded), thin card souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had a 176mm wide red band across the front outside cover, which had the Pos emblem in red and, printed in gold, the office details, the officiating VIP and the date. There was a glued-in, two-page insert that had, at right, a type-set programme of speakers and a 5c. 1970 Definitive stamp was affixed and cancelled with the appropriate postmark at left. The inside back cover had a photograph of the new office in a gold frame.²

8 March 1977.**Opening of Slim River Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Slim River in Perak was marked by the issue of a 112mm x 174mm (folded), thin card souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had a 176mm wide red band across the front outside cover, which had the Pos emblem in red and, printed in gold, the office details, the officiating VIP and the date. There was a glued-in, two-page insert that had, at right, a type-set programme of speakers and a 5c. 1970 Definitive stamp was affixed and cancelled with the appropriate postmark at left. The inside back cover had a photograph of the new office in a gold frame.²²

7 July 1977.**21st Anniversary of Federal Land Development Authority (FELDA).**

The Federal Land Development Authority (FELDA) was established in 1956 “to promote and assist the investigation, formulation and carrying out of projects for the development and settlement of land in the Federation”, becoming responsible for 104,946 settlers on 811,140 hectares of land. It gained a wider remit in 1960, taking over some previously government-run schemes. It has since engaged in public-sector and public/private joint venture companies to operate hundreds of schemes and the commercial services required by them. Rubber and oil palm production were FELDA’s first focus and, by 2006, it was managing the world’s biggest oil palm estate and thus was a major factor in Malaysia’s economy. It subsequently diversified into construction, manufacturing, engineering, transport (including shipping), information technology/ communications, retail, services, herbs, security, tourism and catering.

Designed by FELDA staff artists Halim Teh and Basyuni Sumrah, this issue comprised two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 35mm x 25mm stamps showed “21” and:

15c.: A village scheme;

75c.: An oil palm settlement.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using off-set lithography. The 15c. was printed using six colours from a plate numbered 1A (x6). The 30c. was printed using five colours from a plate numbered 1A (x5). Printing colours and sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.7 x 14.6.

Proofs:

Proofs of both stamps exist on identical Harrison & Sons presentation cards. The cards were 102mm by 124mm with rounded corners on stout card. The Royal coat of arms and “BY APPOINTMENT TO / HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN / PRINTERS / HARRISON & SONS LTD LONDON” were embossed in gold at the top, followed by “HARRISON AND SONS LIMITED / Harrison House, Coates Lane, / High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, England / STAMP SPECIALISTS IN / PHOTOGRAVURE, LITHOGRAPHIC AND STEEL ENGRAVING” in black. Each card carried a single imperforate proof stamp on unwatermarked paper, one 15c. and the other 30c., gummed to the card. Designs and colours were as for the issued stamp except that the shades differ. For example, the orange 21 on the 15c. and the sky on the 30c. were much darker.²

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured variations on 21. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 16 June 1979. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
77.2.1	165	164	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77.2.2	166	165	30c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
77.2.3	-	MFDC-72	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 July 1977.

Opening of Kupang Post Office.

The opening of the new post office at Kupang in Kedah was marked by the issue of a 112mm x 174mm (folded), thin card souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had a 176mm wide red band across the front outside cover, which had the Pos emblem in red and, printed in gold, the office details, the officiating VIP and the date. There was a glued-in, two-page insert that had, at right, a type-set programme of speakers and a 5c. 1970 Definitive stamp was affixed and cancelled with the appropriate postmark at left. The inside back cover had a photograph of the new office in a gold frame. ²

8 August 1977.

10th Anniversary of ASEAN.



This issue marked the tenth anniversary of the Bangkok Declaration which formed ASEAN.

Designed by Hexxon Grafic, this issue comprised two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 35mm x 25mm stamps depict a figure 10 and the titles of the two main ASEAN treaties of 1967 and 1976 (10c.) and the flags of the (then) five members - Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia (75c.).

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using off-set lithography. The 10c. was printed using four colours from a plate numbered 1A (x4). The 75c. was printed using five colours from a plate numbered 1A (x5). Printing colours and sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.7 x 14.6.

Proofs:

Proofs of both stamps exist on Harrison & Sons presentation cards identical to those used for the previous issue. Each card carried a single imperforate proof stamp on unwatermarked paper, one 10c. and the other 75c., gummed to the card. Designs and colours were as for the issued stamp except that the colours differ on the 75c. For example, "MALAYSIA" on the 75c. was light blue instead of black. ²

This stamp was used in the Postal Services Department official greetings card in 1978 (see Chapter 42 in Volume 3).

Varieties:

Varieties reported included:

Value	No.	Position	Variety
75c.	v1	?	Patch in the union (canton) of the Malaysian flag by the mast 0.5mm from the top of the flag.
	v2	?	Crack in blue panel of the Thai flag from bottom of panel 1.5mm along base of stripe from fly end of flag.
	v3	?	Smudging of red up into blue background above Singapore flag and smudging of fifth red stripe down on Malaysian flag of red into white.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., featured a map of the ASEAN member countries. KHP first day postmarks were used. The issue was withdrawn on 16 June 1979. A cover has been seen with the Kuala Lumpur KHP mark and skeleton cds "PARLIMEN / 8OG77/ * / KUALA LUMPUR". ²

Withdrawal:

This issue was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
77.3.1	167	166	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77.3.2	168	167	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77.3.3	-	MFDC-73	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13 October 1977.**Opening of Pokok Sena Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Pokok Sena in Kedah was marked by the issue of a card showing a photograph of the office and a 5c. definitive stamp cancelled with the office cds. ²³

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
77.4.1	-	-	Postcard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19 November 1977.**9th South East Asian Games.**

The ninth South East Asian Games were held in Kuala Lumpur. Since the sixth South East Asian Peninsular Games in Kuala Lumpur in 1971 (see issue 71.8), Singapore had been the host in 1973, followed by Bangkok in 1975. "Peninsular" was dropped from the title in 1977 as a result of the admission of Brunei, Indonesia and the Philippines to ASEAN.

Designed by PTM Communications & Co. Ltd., this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

Designed by PTM Communications & Co. Ltd., the three 35mm x 25mm stamps showed:

10c.: Three versions of the games emblem;

20c.: A nine-segment figure 9 in the shape of a ball representing the nine participating countries;

75c.: Stylised athletes running.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using off-set lithography. The 10c. was printed using four colours from a plate numbered 1A (x4). The 20c. and 75c. were printed using five colours from a plate numbered 1A (x5). Printing colours and sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.7 x 14.6, the left-hand margin being imperforate on the 10c. at least.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., bears the Games emblem. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 16 June 1979. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
77.5.1	169	168	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77.5.2	170	169	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77.5.3	171	170	75c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77.5.4	-	MFDC-74	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24-31 December 1977.**Malaysian Stampex 77.**

This event was organised by the Philatelic Society of Malaysia and sponsored jointly by Secura Singapore Ltd and Security Printers (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. Secura designed and SPM printed a souvenir sheet (sold at 10c.) to mark the thirtieth anniversary of Philatelic Society of Malaysia, bearing the Secura and SPM emblems and a "Stampex Stamp" showing a dragon. PSM issued a special cover (sold at 30c.) and a triangular cachet PAMIRAN SETEM MALAYSIA PERSATUAN SETEM MALAYSIA / 24-31 / DISEMBER / 1977 / 30 / 1947 1977 / KUALA LUMPUR. Copies have been seen used with the cds KUALA LUMPUR / 31DIS77 / K22.

13 February 1978.**Opening of Sungai Pelek Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Sungai Pelek in Selangor was marked by the issue of a souvenir cover showing a photograph of the office. The example seen was serviced with a 15c. definitive stamp cancelled with the office cds "SUNGAI PELEK / 13FEB781100PG / SELANGOR". ²

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
78.1.1	-	-	Postcard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15 March 1978.**Islamic Development Bank.**

The second Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank was held at the Hilton Hotel in Kuala Lumpur from 15 to 18 March 1978. The bank was founded in 1975 to provide interest-free (in line with Islamic principles) finance for economic and social development projects in member countries and other Muslim communities. Its headquarters was in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia with (in 1978) 33 member countries and its own unit of exchange (currency), the Islamic Dinar, on a par with the International Monetary Fund's unit of exchange, the Special Drawing Right (SDR). In the bank's emblem, the globe symbolised its international character, the minaret its adherence to Islam, the clasped hands Islamic fraternity and co-operation between members, the sheaves of wheat agricultural development, and the wheel industrial development. A Governor and a deputy were appointed by each member country.

Designed by Queen's Advertising, this issue comprised two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 39mm x 26mm stamps (30c., 75c.) to a common design showed the bank's emblem.

This was the first of a number of issues printed in sheets of 100 (2 panes of 5 x 10 with 37mm gutter margin) by Waddington using four-colour off-set lithography. Both values were printed from two-pane (200-set) plates, 1A (x4) and 1B (x4) being known for both values. Printing colours and other sheet markings were not recorded. The non-fluorescent-coated paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.0.

Proofs:

Imperforate proofs on Waddington presentation cards exist.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured a JCB-type excavator, a part-built road bridge and a modern skyline of commercial, industrial and religious buildings. KHP first day postmarks were used.

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 Perhubungan / Malaysia / Tan Sri Dato' V. Manickavasagam / P.M.N., S.P.M.S." (With the compliments of the Minister of Communications V. Manickavasagam). The centre panel had the stamps hinged to the card. The right panel had the name of the issue printed in black in Bahasa.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 16 June 1979. 49,158 first day covers were sold.²⁴ It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

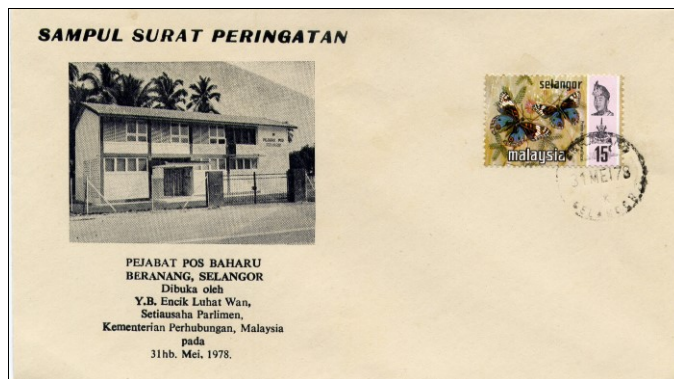
No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
78.2.1	172	171	30c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.2.2	173	172	75c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.2.3	-	MFDC-75	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17 April 1978.**Opening of Rantau Panjang Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Rantau Panjang in Selangor was marked by the issue of a 112mm x 174mm (folded), thin card souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had a 176mm wide red band across the front outside cover, which had the Pos emblem in red and, printed in gold, the office details, the officiating VIP and the date. There was a glued-in, two-page insert that had, at right, a type-set programme of speakers and a 5c. 1970 Definitive stamp was affixed and cancelled with the appropriate postmark at left. The inside back cover had a photograph of the new office in a gold frame.²

31 May 1978.**Opening of Beranang Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Beranang in Selangor was marked by the issue of a 112mm x 174mm (folded), thin card souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had a 176mm wide red band across the front outside cover, which had the Pos emblem in red and, printed in gold, the office details, the officiating VIP and the date. There was a glued-in, two-page insert that had, at right, a type-set programme of speakers and a 5c. 1970 Definitive stamp was affixed and cancelled with the appropriate postmark at left below a photograph of the new office.



An official souvenir cover was also produced, printed in black with a picture of the office and a 15c. Selangor 1970 Definitive Issue stamp serviced with the office postmark. The Pos emblem was printed in red on the flap.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
78.2a.1	-	-	Envelope	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

10 July 1978.

4th Commonwealth Postal Administrations Conference.



The fourth Commonwealth Postal Administrations Conference was held at the Hotel Merlin in Kuala Lumpur from 10 to 21 July 1978. As well as interaction between its members, this conference enables the Commonwealth countries to review the activities of the UPU and to prepare for the next UPU Congress. Malaysia claimed the credit for suggesting this formalised Conference at a Commonwealth informal UPU pre-meeting in Hong Kong in 1969. The first three conferences were held in London in 1971, Port of Spain in 1973 and Colombo in 1976.

Designed by Hexxon Grafic, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

Three 36mm x 26mm stamps showed:

10c.: Land Rover Defender Series III 109 mobile post office (The first MPO was launched on 4 May 1957 and, by 1978, there were 157 in operation);

25c.: The 1907 General Post Office building in Kuala Lumpur;

50c.: Postal motor cycle.

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Waddington by four-colour off-set lithography. The 50c. was printed in pane 1A of the printer’s plate and the 10c. and 25c. were printed from pane 1B. Printing colours were and sheet markings were not recorded. The non-phosphor coated paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.3. The top and bottom margins were perforated through.

Proofs:

Proofs of all three values exist imperforate and unwatermarked in issued colours in folders, 142mm x 192mm folded, consisting of a glossy, stout black card affixed to the centre of a wider white card cover, closing from left and right. The stamp was gummed to the centre of the black card. The outside of the cover bears the Waddington emblem in red above “JOHN WADDINGTONS of Kirkstall LTD / SECURITY PRINTERS / COMMERCIAL ROAD / LEEDS LS5 3AJ / ENGLAND” in black. “ORIGINAL PROOF” appears at the bottom also in black. The 25c. had also been seen in a folder with the white cover in one piece hinged at the top.

Waddington “original proofs” known also included an unadopted design for the 50c. showing a different (¾) view of the motorcycle, with the overall design viewed from a greater distance. This was mounted on a similar card with matt white mounting card instead of black.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., showed the Pos octagon emblem in a U of 36 orchids (one for each country). A three-ring cds special postmark incorporating the Pos emblem was used only at the hotel, Kuala Lumpur GPO and Kuala Lumpur Bureau. KHP marks were used elsewhere.

White cards presented by the Minister of Communications exist as for the previous issue.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 6 August 1980. 46,848 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
78.3.1	174	173	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.3.2	175	174	25c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.3.3	176	175	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.3.4	-	MFDC-76	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12-21 July 1978.**Exhibition of Commonwealth Postage Stamps.**

In conjunction with the above conference, this exhibition was held at the Museum Negara in Kuala Lumpur from 12 to 21 July 1978 and a temporary post office provided. It was organised by the Philatelic Society of Malaysia and sponsored by the Postal Services Department. A 228mm x 103mm souvenir cover featured a horseshoe of Hibiscus flowers around a map of Malaysia based on the 1973 Independence stamp design. An exhibition cachet "PAMERAN STEM POS KOMANWEL / 12-21 / JULAI 1978 / MUZIUM NEGARA / KUALA LUMPUR / MALAYSIA" was used every day and covers additionally received Kuala Lumpur handstamps (K21 has been seen used on 12, 15, 20 July and was probably used throughout).

Only fourteen registered items were posted at the event, of which at least 0009-0014 were covers sent on 21 July 1978.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint
78.4.1	-	-	Exhibition cover	<input type="checkbox"/>
	-	-	- Used at exhibition on: 12Jul78 <input type="checkbox"/> 13Jul78 <input type="checkbox"/> 14Jul78 <input type="checkbox"/> 15Jul78 <input type="checkbox"/> 16Jul78 <input type="checkbox"/> 17Jul78 <input type="checkbox"/> 18Jul78 <input type="checkbox"/> 19Jul78 <input type="checkbox"/> 20Jul78 <input type="checkbox"/> 21Jul78 <input type="checkbox"/>	

17 July 1978.**Opening of Kelang General Post Office.**

The opening of the new General Post Office at Kelang (formerly Klang) in Selangor was marked by the issue of a 227mm x 153mm (folded), 8-page souvenir folder, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. It had an illustration of a 15c. 1970 Definitive stamp on the cover. The inside front cover had, printed in gold, the office details, the officiating VIP (Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah) and the date. 1c., 2c. and 5c. 1970 Definitive stamps (the 5c. was a Harrison reprint) were affixed and cancelled with the "KELANG / 17JUL78 / K1 / SELANGOR" postmark. Contents included the programme of speakers, a list of all contemporary Selangor post offices, sub-post offices and mobile post offices, portraits of the Sultan and Sultana and photographs and drawings of various post offices.

A souvenir cover was also produced, showing the building in black-and-white. The example seen was serviced with 1c., 2c. and 5c. 1970 Definitive Issue stamps and "KELANG / 17JUL78 / B/ SEL" circular date stamp.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
78.5.1	-	-	Envelope.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26 July 1978.**4th Malaysian Boy Scout Jamboree.**

The fourth Malaysian Boy Scout Jamboree was held on a fifty-acre site at Petra Jaya, across the river from Kuching, Sarawak, from 17 to 31 July 1978. The official opening was originally scheduled for 24 July, but was postponed two days at the request of the Sarawak Government. A note to this effect was inserted in first day covers as the inserts had already been printed with the original date.

Designed by Aini Abdul Rahman with artwork prepared by Queen's Advertising, this issue comprised two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 36mm x 26mm stamps showed:

15c.: The Jamboree emblem;

\$1: Four bees and a segment of honeycomb.

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by John Waddington by off-set lithography. The 15c. was printed using four colours from a plate numbered 1B (x4). The \$1 was printed using five colours from a plate numbered 1A

(x5). Printing colours and sheet markings were not recorded. The non-fluorescent-coated paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.3.

Varieties:

A variety reported was:

Value	No.	Position	Variety
\$1	v1	R6/2	Extra dot in one of the cells. ²⁵

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., showed five scouts with flags of Malaysia, the Scout Association and Sarawak.

A special hexagonal cancellation was applied to FDCs in Kuching ²⁶ on 26 July, but, in addition, a special temporary skeleton circular date stamp "JAMBORI PETRAJAYA / * / nn JY 78 / SARAWAK" was applied to all mail posted at the site throughout the event. A special registration cachet handstamp was struck in violet.

White cards presented by the Minister of Communications exist as for the previous issue.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 6 August 1980. 62,583 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
78.6.1	177	176	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.6.2	178	177	\$1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.6.3	-	MFDC-77	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21 August 1978.

Freedom for Palestine (I).



Malaysia had close links with the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) and its various supporter bodies. The Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem (Masjid Al-Aqsa - "The Furthest Mosque") is the third most holy site to all Moslems and this was celebrated by Al-Aqsa Day on 21 August each year. A similar issue appeared in 1982. On 20 August 1978, the Minister of Foreign Affairs announced that proceeds from sales of this issue would be "donated towards the welfare of the families of Palestinian martyrs".

Designed by Union Advertising, this issue comprised two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 40mm square stamps in a common design showed the "Dome of the Rock" or Masjid Al-Aqsa against different coloured backgrounds (15c. red, 30c. blue).

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using five-colour off-set lithography from plates numbered 1A (x5). Printing colours and sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 12.5 x 12.6.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured the symbol of a Palestinian support organisation, possibly the PLO. KHP first day postmarks were used.

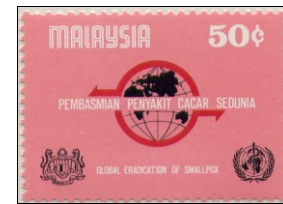
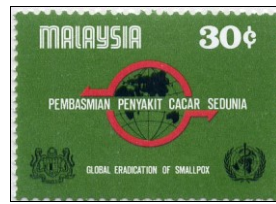
Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 16 June 1979. 58,998 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
78.7.1	179	178	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.7.2	180	179	30c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.7.3	-	MFDC-78	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

30 September 1978.

Global Eradication of Smallpox.



Issued to mark the World Health Organisation's claimed success in eradicating the disease smallpox (*variola major*) in Asia and progress towards its elimination world-wide, following a concerted ten year campaign, at the start of which it was endemic in thirty countries.

Designed by Miss Nurida Salleh of the Ministry of Health, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 35mm x 25mm stamps (15c., 30c., 50c.), to a common design, showed a globe with arrows indicating the removal of smallpox from the world, the Malaysian coat of arms and the emblem of the World Health Organisation.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using three-colour off-set lithography (black and rosine, plus new blue (15c.), yellowish green (30c.) or rose-pink (50c.)) from plates numbered 1A (x3) in each case. Sheet markings were not recorded. The fluorescent white paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.7 x 14.6.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured a doctor treating a child for smallpox with its mother. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 16 June 1979. 50,083 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
78.8.1	181	180	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.8.2	182	181	30c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.8.3	183	182	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.8.4	-	MFDC-79	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

28 November 1978.

Rubber Centenary.



The rubber tree was introduced by Henry Wickham from the Amazon basin in 1877, via Kew Gardens, to Singapore Botanical Garden and the garden of the British Resident in Perak, Kuala Kangsar. From this grew the rubber industry that celebrated its centenary in 1977, although commercial planting did not begin until 1895. Stamps to mark the event did not appear until 1978. It was reported that a major stamp theft took place in Kuala Lumpur in 1977, and it had been speculated that the unissued stamps of this issue may have been involved.

Designed by Azmi bin Anuar of the Rubber Industry Smallholders Development Authority, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 37mm x 26mm stamps showed stylised rubber emblems, namely:

10c.: Six rubber knives in the shape of a tree;

20c.: Rubber tree seedling and "maxi-stump", producing two or more tapable stems from a single root;

75c.: 100 formed by a rubber tree, latex cup and globe.

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Waddington by off-set lithography. The 10c. and 75c were printed using two colours (blue green and gold) from a two-pane plate numbered 1A (x5) (10c.) or 1B (x2) (75c.). The 20c. was printed using three colours (ultramarine, brown and bright yellow-green) from a plate numbered 1B (x3).²⁷ Sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper did not contain any watermark. For the first time in Malaysia, "matt" gum was used. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.3. The top and bottom margins were perforated through.

Proofs:

All three values exist in issued colours on Waddington proof cards. The thin grey cards measured 153mm x 215mm and bear "JOHN WADDINGTONS of Kirkstall LTD / RUNNING PROOF" at the top in black.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured a stylised rubber cup on a tree trunk. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 6 August 1980. 50,083 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
78.9.1	184	183	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.9.2	185	184	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.9.3	186	185	75c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.9.4	-	MFDC-80	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7 December 1978.**Shah Alam New Town.**

Following the decision to make Kuala Lumpur a Federal capital city, it was decided in 1964 to establish a new state capital for Selangor. Construction of Shah Alam New Town, 17 miles from Kuala Lumpur, had begun in 1962 on the site of Batu 3 Sungei Renggam. It was chosen to fulfil this role and the State Administration moved from Kuala Lumpur to Shah Alam in April 1978, temporarily occupying a building intended to be a shopping centre. The issue was scheduled for release on 20 June 1978, but was postponed on the preceding day²⁸ at the behest of the Selangor Government, who had deferred the official inauguration of the town. The news did not reach outlying offices in time. Examples were Tawau, where issue proceeded until shortly before midday when it was stopped²⁹, and Seberang Tahir, from which a used example of the 75c. was known dated 4 July 1978.³⁰ Shah Alam was eventually formally inaugurated in December 1978, the new issue date being announced on 4 October 1978.

Designed by Queen's Advertising, using photographs taken during construction by Selangor Development Corporation, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 35mm x 25mm stamps showed:

10c.: The Istana Bukit Kayangan, the Sultan of Selangor's new palace;

30c.: An aerial view of Shah Alam;

75c.: A ground level view.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using four-colour off-set lithography from plates numbered 1A (x4). Printing colours were not recorded. Sheet markings included boxed square colour dots in the right margin. The fluorescent white paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.7 x 14.6. The left and right margins were imperforate with a single extension hole. The bottom margin was perforated through.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured a land-use map of the town viewed through a magnifying glass. Owners of covers purchased prior to deferment of the issue were told to keep them for when the stamps were eventually issued. When sales of booklets resumed, the booklets inserted in the covers had the issue date corrected with a red handstamp.

KHP postmarks were used together with a special version inscribed "KOMPLEKS PKNS SHAH ALAM / SELANGOR", which was used at the Administrative Centre.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 16 June 1979. 54,851 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
78.10.1	187	186	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.10.2	188	187	30c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.10.3	189	188	75c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78.10.4	-	MFDC-81	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26 January 1979.

20th Anniversary of Bank Negara Malaysia.

Two stamps marked the twentieth anniversary of the Bank Negara Malaysia ³¹.

Designed by Union Advertising, this comprised two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The 10s. was 37mm x 26mm and the 75s. was 26mm x 37mm. They showed different views of the Bank's building complex in Kuala Lumpur. The 10s. also bore the Bank's emblem, which incorporates a stylised Muntjak or Barking Deer (Malay: Kijang), taken from the "Kijang" gold Kupang coin of Kelantan and Patani issued between 1400 and 1780.

This issue was printed in sheets of 80 (8 x 10) by Waddington by four-colour off-set lithography. Printing colours were not recorded. A two-pane printer's plate was used, the 10s. being from pane 1B (x4) and the 75s. from pane 1A (x4). The unwatermarked, low fluorescence paper had matt gum. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.3 (10s.) or 13.3 x 13.4 (75s.).

Variety:

Misplaced perforations were reported (value not recorded), reducing the size of a stamp by up to 6mm.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured a different view of the Bank's premises and the BNM emblem.

KHP first day postmarks were used. A temporary post office was provided in the bank from 8am to 4pm on the day of issue but a special postmark was not used.

White presentation cards exist, recess printed with the Malaysia coat of arms and MALAYSIA in red. The 281mm x 153mm card was folded twice. The inside left panel 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. The right panel had the name of the issue printed in black in Bahasa.

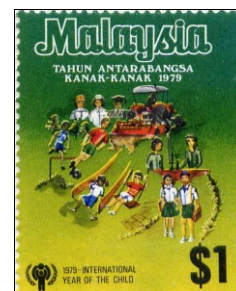
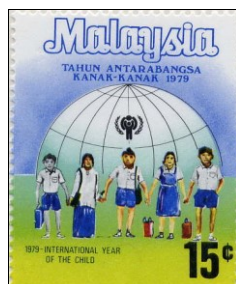
Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 16 June 1979. 48,267 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79.1.1	198	197	10s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
79.1.2	199	198	75s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
79.1.3	-	MFDC-83	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24 February 1979

International Year of the Child.



On 21 December 1976, the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 31/169 declared 1979 as "International Year of the Child" (IYC), to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. The IYC emblem was intended to represent an adult reaching down to embrace a child, who was reaching up in turn, surrounded by the laurel leaves of the United Nations.

Designed by Queen's Advertising, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 31mm x 38mm designs showed:

10c.: The IYC emblem;

15c.: Children of various races holding hands in front of a globe;

\$1: Children taking part in various activities.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using off-set lithography. The 10c. was printed using three colours (gold, blue and salmon) from a plate numbered 1A (x3) below R10/10. The 15c. and \$1. were printed using five colours (yellow, green, magenta, blue, black) from a plate numbered 1A (x5) below R10/10. The \$1 uses a darker green than the 15c. The 10c. design had white margins; the 15c. and \$1 designs bleed into the margins. Other sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.4 x 14.3. The top and bottom margins were imperforate with a single extension hole, the right being perforated through.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured the IYC emblem on a globe.

KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 25 May 1979. It should be noted that it was from this issue that three months became the normal sale period for special issues, having hitherto been considerably longer. 44,915 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79.2.1	200	199	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
79.2.2	201	200	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
79.2.3	202	201	\$1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
79.2.4	-	MFDC-84	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16 July 1979.**Opening of Lok Kawi General Post Office.**

The opening of the new Post Office at Lok Kawi in Sabah was marked by the issue of a 227mm x 153mm (folded), 8-page souvenir folder, similar to those for other openings, which was presented to dignitaries attending the event. 5c. 1970 Definitive stamp was affixed and cancelled.³²

A souvenir cover was also produced, showing the building in black. The example seen was serviced with 1c., 2c. and 5c. 1970 Definitive Issue stamps and "KELANG / 17JUL78 / B/ SEL" circular date stamp.

19 September 1979.**Opening of Temenggor Hydro-Electric Power Station.**

This issue marked the opening on 19 September 1979 by the Sultan of Perak of the National Electricity Board's hydro-electric power scheme at Temenggor, Perak. It had been substantially completed in early 1978 at a cost of \$340 million and was expected to contribute 348MW to Malaysia's electricity supply. Indeed, it had been planned to issue the stamps in 1978, but delays to the dam's completion prevented formal inauguration until the final issue date. It was also expected to assist in controlling the Perak River's 30-year periodic major floods, reducing the risk to once in 100 years. A new town, Air Ganda, replaces Kampong Temenggor which was submerged by the reservoir.

Designed by National Electricity Board staff, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 35mm x 25mm stamps (15c., 25c., 50c.) showed the power station and dam from different angles and incorporate the NEB emblem.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using four-colour off-set lithography from plates numbered 1A (x4). Printing colours and sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.7 x 14.6.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., showed another view of the power station. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 18 December 1979. 51,249 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79.3.1	203	202	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
79.3.2	204	203	25c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
79.3.3	205	204	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
79.3.4	-	MFDC-85	First day cover.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

20 September 1979.**3rd World Telecommunications Exhibition.**

It was unusual for Malaysia to mark a non-philatelic exhibition not held in Malaysia. This issue marked TELECOM'79, the third World Telecommunications Exhibition, held in Geneva from 20 to 26 September 1979 as a curtain raiser to the World Administrative Radio Conference, the first for twenty years.

Designed by Malaysian Advertising Services, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three stamps showed:

10c.: The event emblem (37mm x 26mm);

15c.: Telephone linking one side of the world to the other (37mm x 26mm);

50c.: Communications equipment (morse key, telephone, television, computer terminal, microwave tower, earth station dish, communications satellite) (41mm x 30mm).

This issue was printed in counter sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Waddington by off-set lithography. All values were printed from 200-set plates containing panes 1A and 1B. The 10c. was printed using three colours (orange, ultramarine and silver). The 15c. and 50c. were both printed using four colours (15c. colours were orange, dark blue, light blue, black; 50c. colours were not recorded. Sheet markings included the pane numbers. The non-fluorescent-coated paper did not contain any watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.3 (10c., 15c.) or 14.4 x 14.1 (50c.).

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured communications equipment. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 19 December 1979. 64,673 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
79.4.1	206	205	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
79.4.2	207	206	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
79.4.3	208	207	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
79.4.4	-	MFDC-86	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22-31 December 1979.**Malaysia Stampex 1979.**

Philatelic Society of Malaysia organised this event, which was sponsored by SPM, and issued a 6" x 4" souvenir postcard, inscribed "PSM STAMP POSTCARD No.1". On the reverse, it showed the 1912 Federated Malay States \$25 stamp. It was sold at 50c.

A circular cachet "PAMIRAN STEM MALAYSIA 79 / 22-31 / DISEMBER / (PSM emblem) / Kuala Lumpur" was applied to mail posted at the event, together with a KUALA LUMPUR circular date stamp (K21 in the case of 31 December).

Registered items received the Kuala Lumpur 147 label, only numbers 0008 to 0032 being used at this event.

NOTES

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- 1 Reported by Mr. S. Muthu Chellappan in PSM 7/5/8.
2 Reported by Mr. N.G. McClaren.
3 Reported by Mr. D. J. Pain
4 Reported in PSM 8/3/3.
5 Reported by Mr. Loh Chang Yoong in PSM 6/5/7.
6 Offered in Urch Harris sale brochure 032 (1997) in horizontal pairs.
7 Reported by Mr. C. Nagarajah in PSM 7/1/11 and 7/3/13.
8 Reported by Mr. P. Treadwell.
9 N.G. McClaren collection.
10 Offered in M.S.G. auction March 2009.
11 Reported by Mr. S. Tan in PSM 7/2/10.
12 Reported by Mr. M. Lakhmichand in PSM 7/3/13.
13 One sheet reported by Mr. S. Tan in PSM 7/4/10.
14 N.G. McClaren collection.
15 Reported by Mr. S. Tan in PSM 7/6/6.
16 Reported in PSM 8/1/7.
17 Offered in MSG Auction July 1998.
18 Reported by Mr. S. Muthu Chellappan in PSM 9/6/12.
19 Reported by Quek Cheng Hong on Singapore Philatelists Facebook site used 10Dec1980 at Penang.
20 Listed elsewhere as grey-green.
21 Later reported by Crown Agents Stamp Bureau as 16 June 1979.
22 N.G. McClaren collection.
23 Reported in Buletin Filateli Malaysia 2/2.
24 This and subsequent data on FDC sales were extracted from Annual Reports and published in PSM 16/3/15 by Mr Khor Seow Loon.
25 Reported by Dr. C. Y. Tang in PSM 10/6/9.
26 The author has not seen any of the usual KHP marks on first day covers for this issue, suggesting that the “Kuching” special mark was also used at the philatelic bureaux in other towns throughout Malaysia.
27 This suggest that a pane 1A awaits discovery.
28 Reported in the New Straits Times, 20 June 1978.
29 Reported by Mr. P. K. Cassels.
30 Illustrated in PSM 10/1/9 by Mr. M. Phong.
31 For details of the BNM, see under Section 2 Currency in Chapter 1 of Volume 1.
32 Offered in Sarawak Specialists’ Society Auction October 2009.