

CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR

SPECIAL ISSUES 1980-1984.

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

30 March 1980.

Kelantan - Coronation of Sultan.



Sultan Yahya Petra died on 29 March 1979, whilst he was still King of Malaysia, and was succeeded by his Regent and only son, Sultan Tengku Ismail Petra, who was crowned on 30 March 1980.

Designed by Mohammed Abu Bakar bin Saman (with final artwork by Malaysian Advertising Services), this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The 25mm x 35mm common design showed a full-face portrait of the Sultan with 10c. (blue), 15c. (pink) and 50c. (green) values.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison using six-colour off-set lithography (standard plus gold and the background colour (dark blue, rose, green). The plate number 1B was recorded for all values. This suggests the use of two-pane printing plates, but no one has reported pane 1A. Colour rectangles were in a black box in the left margin. Other sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper had no watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.4 x 14.3. The left margin had a single extension hole; other margins were not recorded.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold for 10c., featured a map of Kelantan with flag, arms and a golden bird's head. KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 30 June 1980. 56,312 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
80.1.1	130	127	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80.1.2	131	128	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80.1.3	132	129	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80.1.4	-	MFDC-KN15	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10 July 1980.

Installation of 7th King.



Tuanku Haji Ahmad Shah, Sultan of Pahang, was installed as the seventh King on 10 July 1980.

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

Counter sheets:

The three 25mm x 35mm stamps - 10c. (yellow), 15c. (magenta), 50c. (cyan) - shared a common design showing a portrait of the Sultan.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison & Sons using three-colour off-set lithography (black and gold, plus yellow (10c.), bright purple (15c.) or new blue (50c.) - officially described as "royal yellow", "royal purple" and "royal blue"!). The 15c. was recorded printed from pane 1B (x3) and the 10c. and 50c. from pane 1A (x3). The

background colours extended over the perforations and into the margins. Other sheet markings were not recorded. The fluorescent white paper did not contain any discernible watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.6 x 14.4. The top margin was imperforate.

Varieties:

Varieties reported included:

Value	No.	Variety
10c.	v1	1B R2/10 Clear white spot over "ø". ¹

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured a formal floral pattern with a Hibiscus at the centre. KHP first day postmarks were used. Some first day covers posted at Jalan Othman, Petaling Jaya, were dated "0JUL1980" in error.

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 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, Mr. Leo Moggie anak Irok). 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 9 October 1980. 86,889 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
80.2.1	209	208	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80.2.2	210	209	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80.2.3	211	210	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80.2.4	-	MFDC-87	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31 August 1980.

Kuantan-Kuching Submarine Telephone Cable.



The first submarine telephone cable directly bridging the 860km gap between the two halves of Malaysia linked Cherating, 43km north of Kuantan (Pahang) in West Malaysia, with Semantan, 113km north of Kuching (Sarawak) in East Malaysia. 966km long in total, it was started in 1970, with cable laying beginning in September 1979. Previously, communication had to go via the international SEACOM network, radio or satellite. It allowed the introduction of Subscriber Trunk Dialling (STD) between the two parts of Malaysia.

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

Counter sheets:

The three 36mm x 26mm designs illustrated the new link by symbolic means:

10c.: Maps of East and West Malaysia in telephone dials below waves, with the positions of the terminal towns.

15c.: Similar, but showing views of fishing boats (Kuantan) or buildings (Kuching), instead of maps.

50c.: A handset with the maps superimposed.

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Waddington by off-set lithography from plates numbered 1A (x4). Printing colours and sheet markings were not recorded. The non-fluorescent, coated paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.3.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., showed a co-axial cable linking Kuantan and Kuching. KHP first day postmarks were used.

White presentation cards exist as for the previous issue but the Minister now had honour suffix "P.N.B.S.".

Withdrawal:

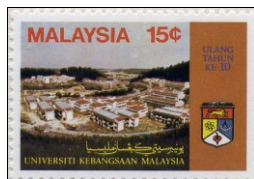
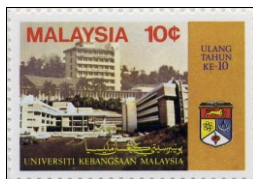
The issue was withdrawn on 30 November 1980. 67,261 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
80.3.1	212	211	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80.3.2	213	212	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
80.3.3	214	213	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80.3.4	-	MFDC-88	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 September 1980.

National University of Malaysia.



This issue marked the tenth anniversary of the founding of the National University of Malaysia (UKM - Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia) on 18 May 1970. It started with three faculties, Islamic Studies (formerly the Malayan Islamic College, Petaling Jaya), Science and Arts. Further faculties were added later. A branch campus was added in 1974. The main campus was at Bangi (completed in 1977), with a Faculty of Medicine at Jalan Raja Muda, Kuala Lumpur and temporary branches at Jalan Pantai Baru and Jalan University.

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

Counter sheets:

The three 36mm x 26mm designs showed:

10c.: Views of sections of the original Jalan Pantai Baru Campus and the new Bangi Campus;

15c.: Aerial view of Bangi Campus;

75c.: The Great Hall (Dewan Canselor Tun Abdul Razak) with an inset portrait of Tun Haji Abdul Razak, who was Chancellor 7 July 1970 to 14 January 1976.

It should be noted that the descriptions of the 10c. and 15c. in the first day cover leaflet were transposed.

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by John Waddington by standard four-colour off-set lithography from plates numbered 1A (all) or 1B (10c. at least). Sheet markings included pane numbers (x4) below R10/1 and widely-spaced colour dots to the left of R9/1 (black) and R10/1 (rest). The non-fluorescent-coated paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.3. The left margin was imperforate and the bottom margin perforated through. Other margins were not recorded.

Varieties:

Constant varieties reported included:

Value	No.	Variety
15c.	v1	A cyan patch to the top right of the centre right segment of the university crest.
75c.	v1	Similar patch on the right leg of the last "A" of "MALAYSIA".

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured the University Coat of Arms.

Special cancellations featuring the University arms were used at the University's Bangi campus and at Kuala Lumpur Bureau. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

White presentation cards exist as for the previous issue.

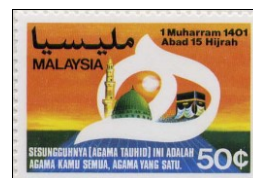
Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 1 December 1980. 70,873 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
80.4.1	215	214	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80.4.2	216	215	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80.4.3	217	216	75c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80.4.4	-	MFDC-89	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 November 1980.

New Moslem Century.



Issued to mark the start of celebrations for the new (15th) Moslem century (1 Muharram 1401 Hijrah). Hijrah was the flight of the Prophet Muhammad from Mecca to Medina. The stamps were issued a year early, on 1 Muharram 1400, in accordance with the decision of the Islamic Secretariat in Jeddah to allow a full year of preparations (religious and secular) for the big day.

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

Counter sheets:

The two 37mm x 26mm designs showed the event emblem, composed of the Jawi character “Ha” (for Hijrah) in white, together with the minaret, Dome and Kaaba of the Prophet’s Mosque at Mecca. The designs were similar except for the colours (red sunset on 50c and yellow dawn (of a new era) on the 15c.) and inscriptions (predominantly Jawi script on the 15c. and in Roman script on the 50c.).

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Waddington by four-colour off-set lithography. Printing colours were not recorded. The 15c. was printed from pane 1A (x4) whilst the 50c. was printed from pane 1B (x4). Sheet markings were not recorded. The non-fluorescent-coated paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.3.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured the event emblem in a dodecahedron. The cover is known with all black text omitted.

Special cancellations incorporating the emblem were used at the Philatelic Bureaux. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used. A copy has been seen posted at Penang GPO with both types.

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 9 February 1981. 72,507 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

Official presentation first day folders are likely to exist as for the issue of 10 July 1980, but have not yet been reported.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
80.5.1	218	217	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80.5.2	219	218	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80.5.3	-	MFDC-90	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

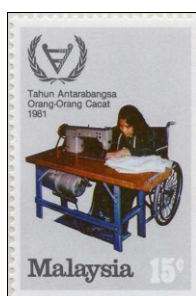
20-21 December 1980.

Penang Stamp Exhibition.

The Philatelic Society of Malaysia held a stamp exhibition in Penang to launch its new Penang Branch. A diamond-shaped cachet PAMIRAN STEM POS / (PSM emblem) / PULAU PINANG / 20 & 21 / DIS.1980 was applied to mail posted at the exhibition.

14 February 1981.

International Year for Disabled Persons.



This world-wide event was sponsored by the United Nations under General Assembly Resolution 31/123 of 16 December 1976. The aim was to encourage the rehabilitation of the estimated 400 million physically or mentally disabled persons, of which 139,000 were believed to be in Malaysia, mainly in rural areas.

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

Counter sheets:

The three 29mm x 43mm stamps showed:

10c.: A disabled girl learning to walk;

15c.: A disabled women using a sewing machine;

75c.: A disabled athlete throwing a javelin.

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Waddington by four-colour off-set lithography. 15,145 sheets each of 10c. and 15c., and 8645 sheets of 75c. were printed. Plate numbers were 1A (x4) for all values. Sheet markings were not recorded. The non-phosphor-coated paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.3.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured the event emblem and a globe.

Special cancellations incorporating the IYDP emblem was used at all Philatelic Bureaux. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 13 May 1981. 74,428 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

Official presentation first day folders are likely to exist as for the issue of 10 July 1980, but have not yet been reported.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
81.1.1	220	219	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.1.2	221	220	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.1.3	222	221	75c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.1.4	-	MFDC-91	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21 March 1981.**Terengganu - Installation of Sultan.**

Sultan Mahmud was installed as Terengganu head of state on 21 March 1981.

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

Counter sheets:

The three 25mm x 35mm stamps (10c., 15c., 50c.) showed a three-quarter-face portrait of the Sultan.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison using three-colour off-set lithography (black and gold, plus cyan (10c.), yellow (15c.) or bright purple (50c.)). The issue was printed from two-pane plates with 1A and 1B panes of each value.² The pane number appeared below R10/10. Rectangular colour blocks in a black rectangle appeared in the right margin. The background colour extended into the sheet margins, the stamps having no white edges. The white fluorescent paper had no watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.4 x 14.3. The left- and right-hand margins contained a single extension hole.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured a fishing boat.

Special cancellations incorporating the Terengganu coat of arms was used at Kuala Terengganu and the Philatelic Bureaux. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 21 June 1981. 94,207 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

Official presentation first day folders are likely to exist as for the issue of 10 July 1980, but have not yet been reported.

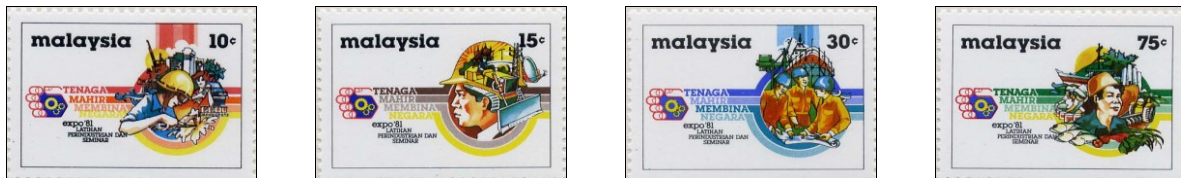
No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
81.2.1	125	133	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.2.2	126	134	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.2.3	127	135	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.2.4	-	MFDC-16	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16 April 1981.**Opening of Dato Kramat Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Dato Kramat in Penang 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. 1979 Definitive stamp was affixed and cancelled with the appropriate postmark at the left. The inside back cover had a photograph of the new office in a gold frame.³

2 May 1981.

Expo'81 Industrial Training Exhibition.



The Expo'81 Industrial Training Exhibition, organised by the Ministry of Labour and Manpower (LLPPKK), was held in the Changkat Pavilion, Kuala Lumpur, on 2-9 May 1981, followed by a Seminar in the Genting Highlands on 11-13 May 1981.

Designed by Isnin Haji Rahim of Kumpulan Jetson (M) Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised four counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The four 36mm x 26mm stamps showed various industrial scenes

10c.: "Youth opportunities": An oxy-acetylene welder against a diverse business background including a crane, office block, female worker and car;

15c.: "Technological development": A worker and bulldozer with a pylon, satellite dish and the Sultan Ahmad Building in the background;

30c.: "Racial diversity": Three workers (officially stated to be Malay, Chinese and Indian) in a shipyard;

75c.: "Primary industries": A female worker with agricultural and fishery background including a tractor with disc harrow, silos, ship, canning production line, fish and vegetables.

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Waddington by six-colour off-set lithography (printing colours were not recorded). The 15c. was printed from pane 1A (x6), the remainder from pane 1B (x6). The pane numbers and colour dabs appeared adjacent to R10/1. The non-fluorescent-coated paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.3.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured three workers and the event emblem (a hand holding a gear train).

A special circular, text-only cancellation with blank centre were used at the Philatelic Bureaux. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

Official presentation first day folders are likely to exist as for the issue of 10 July 1980, but have not yet been reported.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 1 August 1981. 76,173 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

Remaindered FDCs were handstamped "URUSAN POS" for official use. An example was recorded used by the Director General of Posts, Kuala Lumpur on 4 December 1986 with "ON POSTAL SERVICE" instead.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
81.3.1	223	222	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.3.2	224	223	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.3.3	225	224	30c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.3.4	226	225	75c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.3.5	-	MFDC-92	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.3.6	-	-	- Handstamped for Official use.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

17 June 1981.

Malaysian National Committee of the World Energy Conference.



This issue marked the Silver Jubilee of the Malaysian National Committee (MNC) of the World Energy Conference. This Conference began in 1923 as the World Power Conference and its first meeting was held in 1924 in London. The then Malayan Regional Committee was elected to membership on 17 June 1956. It became the World Energy Conference in 1968. From the 1983 event, it became the World Energy Council Congress. The World Energy Council, a UK-based charity, represents providers and consumers world-wide of all kinds of energy and has official consultative status with the United Nations with, in 2009, member committees in over 100 countries. Its objective was to promote the development and peaceful use of energy resources to the greatest benefit of all.

Designed by Abdul Rashid bin Yusof of Lembaga Letrik Negara (the State Electricity Board), and developed by Malaysian Advertising Services, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 36mm x 26mm stamps all showed the MNC emblem, together with:

10c.: The number 25 in silver;

15c.: The energy scene, past and present: sun, petrol station (representing oil and gas) with black patches indicating waste, nuclear energy symbol, electricity pylon and tree (representing coal);

75c.: Present non-renewable energy sources (oil and gas represented by a flare stack) and future renewable sources (tree (representing biomass), wind turbine, sun and waves).

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Waddington by four-colour off-set lithography. Print quantities were 15,145 sheets each for the 10c. and 15c., and 8645 sheets for the 75c. The 10c. was printed from pane 1B (x4) and the rest from pane 1A (x4). The pane numbers and traffic lights appeared adjacent to R10/1. The chalk-surfaced, non-fluorescent paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.3. In all three values, the bottom margin was perforated through.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., was adapted from the design on the 15c. stamp.

Special cancellations incorporating the MNC emblem were used at the Philatelic Bureaux. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 16 September 1981. 82,886 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

Official presentation first day folders are likely to exist as for the issue of 10 July 1980, but have not yet been reported.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
81.4.1	227	226	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.4.2	228	227	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.4.3	229	228	75c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.4.4	-	MFDC-93	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31 August 1981.**Sabah Centenary.**

This issue marked the Centenary of the granting in 1881 of the charter to the North Borneo Provisional Association Limited., which became the British North Borneo Company in the following year. North Borneo became a British Protectorate in 1888 and a Crown Colony in 1946. A programme of celebrations began in Penampang on 1 January and culminated in Kota Kinabalu on 31 August (National Day).

Designed by Malaysian Advertising Services, this issue comprised two counter sheets. The 15c. value was from an initial design by Creative Concepts Sdn. Bhd.

Counter sheets:

The two 49mm x 30mm designs showed:

15c.: Village, town and industrialised city views of urban development;

80c.: Traditional rice cultivation, logging and oil palm plantation (80c.).

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Waddington by standard four-colour off-set lithography. 18,189 15c. and 8625 80c. sheets were printed. Plate number for both values was 1A (x4) below R10/10. The only other sheet markings were colour dots to the right of R10/10. The markings for the 80c. black plate were misplaced relative to the other markings. The non-fluorescent-coated paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 12.1. The bottom margin of the 15c. was imperforate.

Varieties:

Varieties (said to be constant) reported included:

Value	No.	Position	Variety
15c.	v1	?	Black spot on the "B" of "SABAH".
	v2	?	Broken "H" in "SABAH".

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10s., featured a map of Sabah showing industries (rice, timber, oil palm, factory and fruit (mangoes)).

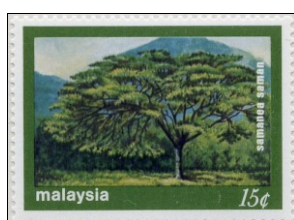
Special cancellations incorporating the coat of arms of Sabah was used at the Kuala Lumpur Philatelic Bureau and Kota Kinabulu. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

Official presentation first day folders are likely to exist as for the issue of 10 July 1980, but have not yet been reported.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 30 November 1981. 90,631 first day covers were sold. It was invalidated for postage from 1 October 1987.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
81.5.1	230	229	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.5.2	231	230	80c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.5.3	-	MFDC-94	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16 December 1981.**Trees.**

This issue marked a turning point in Malaysian philately. For the first time, a special issue did not mark a special event, but was instead intended solely to illustrate an aspect of Malaysian culture or nature, thus opening the door to a proliferation of issues in the coming years. There was a promise that there would be no more than two non-commemorative "special issues" per annum, and this was kept until the four issues of 1995. This first such issue, designed by Mohammed Yusof Haji bin Mohammed Saman, consisted of three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

This first issue illustrated trees which were exploited for timber.

Value	English Name	Malay Name	Latin Name.
15c.	Rain Tree	Hujan-Hujan	<i>Samanea saman</i>
50c.	Jelutong ⁴	Jelutong	<i>Dyera costulata</i>
80c.	Borneo Camphorwood	Kapur	<i>Dryobalanops aromatica</i>

The 15c. was 41mm x 30mm and the others were 30mm x 41mm.

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (two panes of 50 with inter-panneau gutter, 10 x 5 (15c.), 5 x 10 (rest)) by Waddington by five-colour off-set lithography. The 15c. was printed from pane 1A (x5) and the remainder from pane 1C (x5). Sheet markings were not recorded. The low fluorescence coated paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 14.1.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold for 10s., showed a forest.

Special cancellations incorporating a sapling were used at the Philatelic Bureaux. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

Official presentation first day folders are likely to exist as for the issue of 10 July 1980, but have not yet been reported.

Withdrawal:

The issue was to be withdrawn on 16 June 1982 or when stocks were exhausted, whichever occurred first. 94,617 first day covers were sold.

Remaindered covers were handstamped "URUSAN POS" for official use. An example was from Kota Bharu, Kelantan to Kuching on 11 December 1985.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
81.6.1	232	231	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.6.2	233	232	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.6.3	234	233	80c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81.6.4	-	MFDC-95	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

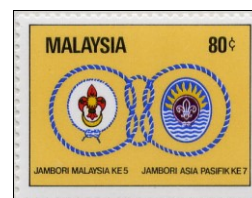
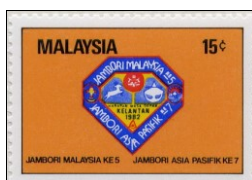
No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
81.6.5	-	-	- Handstamped for official correspondence.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

18 January 1982.**Kuala Lumpur - Chinese Stamp Exhibition.**

A private cover was produced by China National Stamp Corporation for the Malaysian Chinese Cultural Society to mark the China Art, Calligraphy and Stamp Exhibition, held at Wisma MCA, 163 Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur from 18 January to 7 February 1982. Covers were dual-serviced with a Chinese 8s. stamp cancelled with a fan-shaped cachet and a Malaysia 15c. cancelled with a "PARLIMEN / 18JAN82 / K / KUALA LUMPUR" circular date stamp.

24 March 1982.**Opening of Wakaf Bharu Post Office.**

The opening of the new post office at Wakaf Bharu in Kelantan 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. 1979 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. ³

10 April 1982.**Boy Scout Jamboree.**

This issue marked the combined fifth Malaysian and seventh Asia-Pacific Boy Scout Jamborees held at Kem Kijang (Kijang Camp), Kelantan (6km from Kota Bharu) from 9 to 11 April 1982. In 1982, total membership in Malaysia was about 90,000.

Designed by Nasir bin Hassan from initial designs by Patrick Lim (15c.), or Datuk Syed Hashim bin Abdullah (National Chief Commissioner of Scouts, Malaysia - 50c., 80c.), this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The 36mm x 26mm designs showed:

15c.: The Jamboree emblem;

50c.: The Malaysian flag and Scout emblem;

80c.: The Malaysian and Asia-Pacific Scout emblems surrounded by a Knot of World Brotherhood.

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by John Waddington by five-colour off-set lithography (yellow, red, blue, black for all values plus orange (15c.), light blue (50c.) and a slightly darker yellow (80c.). The plate for each value produced two counter sheets, panes 1A and 1B. Sheet markings included colour dots (x5) to left and right of rows 1 and 10 and pane number (x5) above and below columns 1 and 10. ⁵ The glossy white fluorescent paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.3. The left margin was imperforate and bottom margin perforated through.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 10c., featured the Malaysia Scout emblem supported by two deer, probably Muntjak.

Special cancellations incorporating the Scout emblem was used at Kota Bharu and at the Philatelic Bureau. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used. That used at Rantau Panjang was set to "10APR1981" in error.

Official presentation first day folders are likely to exist as for the issue of 10 July 1980, but have not yet been reported.

Withdrawal:

The issue was withdrawn on 9 July 1982.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
82.1.1	235	234	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.1.2	236	235	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.1.3	237	236	80c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.1.4	-	MFDC-96	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.1.4a	-	-	- Rantau Panjang error of postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

8 August 1982.

15th Anniversary of ASEAN.

The fifteenth anniversary of ASEAN was celebrated with a Ministerial Meeting on 8 August 1982.

Designed by Ajib N. S., this issue comprised two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 41mm x 30mm designs both showed the five-segment ASEAN emblem with the flags of the Member States, plus:

15c.: The ASEAN Secretariat Building in Jakarta;

\$1: The emblem of Asean Bintulu Fertiliser Sdn. Bhd. of Sarawak, one of ASEAN's regional collaborative development projects.

This issue was printed in counter sheets of 100 (two panes 10 x 5 with horizontal inter-panneau gutter margin) by Waddington by off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The fluorescent white paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 14.1.

First day facilities:

The first day cover (219mm x 109mm), sold at 20s., featured the ASEAN emblem and the flags of the Member States. This was the first issue to use this larger envelope, which became the new standard.

Special cancellations incorporating the ASEAN emblem were used at the Philatelic Bureaux. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

First day covers exist with the inscription "Dengan Ingatan Tulus Ikhlas / diripada / Menteri Tenaga, Telekom dan Pos / Dato Leo Moggie anak Irok, P.N.B.S." (With the compliments of the Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts, The Honourable Leo Moggie anak Irok) on the flap, which were presented to foreign postal administrations, etc. When sent, it contained a 285mm x 152mm presentation card, folded twice vertically. The left was printed in black as above. The centre panel had the stamps stuck to the card. The right panel had the name of the issue printed in black in Bahasa.⁶

Withdrawal:

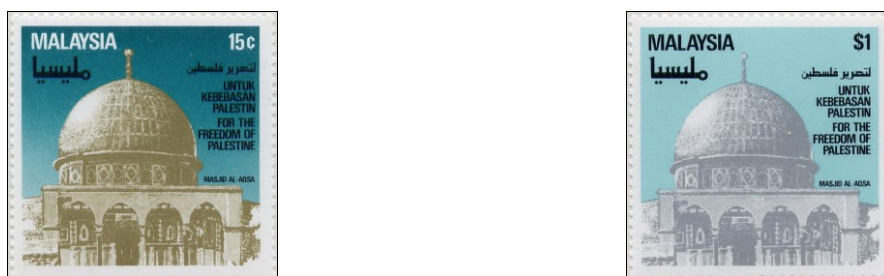
The issue was due to be withdrawn on 8 November 1982.

Remaindered covers were handstamped for official correspondence; known from Kuala Lumpur to Penang 19 August 1985.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
82.2.1	238	237	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.2.2	239	238	\$1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.2.3	-	MFDC-97	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.2.4	-	-	- Handstamped for official correspondence.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

21 August 1982.

Freedom for Palestine.



This issue follows on from that of 1978 and again marked Al-Aqsa Day.

Designed by Ajib N. S., this issue comprised two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 39mm square stamps (15c., \$1) to a common design again showed the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 by Waddington by three-colour off-set lithography (15c. Gold, blue-green and black; \$1: Silver, pale turquoise-green & black. Sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper

was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.8 x 13.7. The top margin was perforated through. Other margins were not recorded.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured a crescent containing Arabic writing for “Allah yang maha besar” or “God the omnipotent”.

Special cancellations incorporating the same symbol were used at the Philatelic Bureaux. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

Official presentation first day covers and folders exist as for the issue of 8 August 1982. ⁶

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 21 November 1982.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
82.3.1	240	239	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.3.2	241	240	\$1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.3.3	-	MFDC-98	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31 August 1982.

25th Anniversary of Independence.



The Silver Jubilee of Independence of the Federation of Malaya in 1957 was marked on 31 August 1982.

Designed by the Visual Section of the Ministry of Information, this issue comprised four counter sheets and Malaysia's first miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The four 42mm x 32mm stamps incorporated the Malaysian coat of arms and the “25” event emblem and showed:

10c.: Views of Kuala Lumpur in 1957 and 1982;

15c.: Malaysian industries (notably petrochemical and agriculture), nurse, armed forces and Scout;

50c.: Soldiers on parade outside the Sultan Abdul Samad building, Kuala Lumpur;

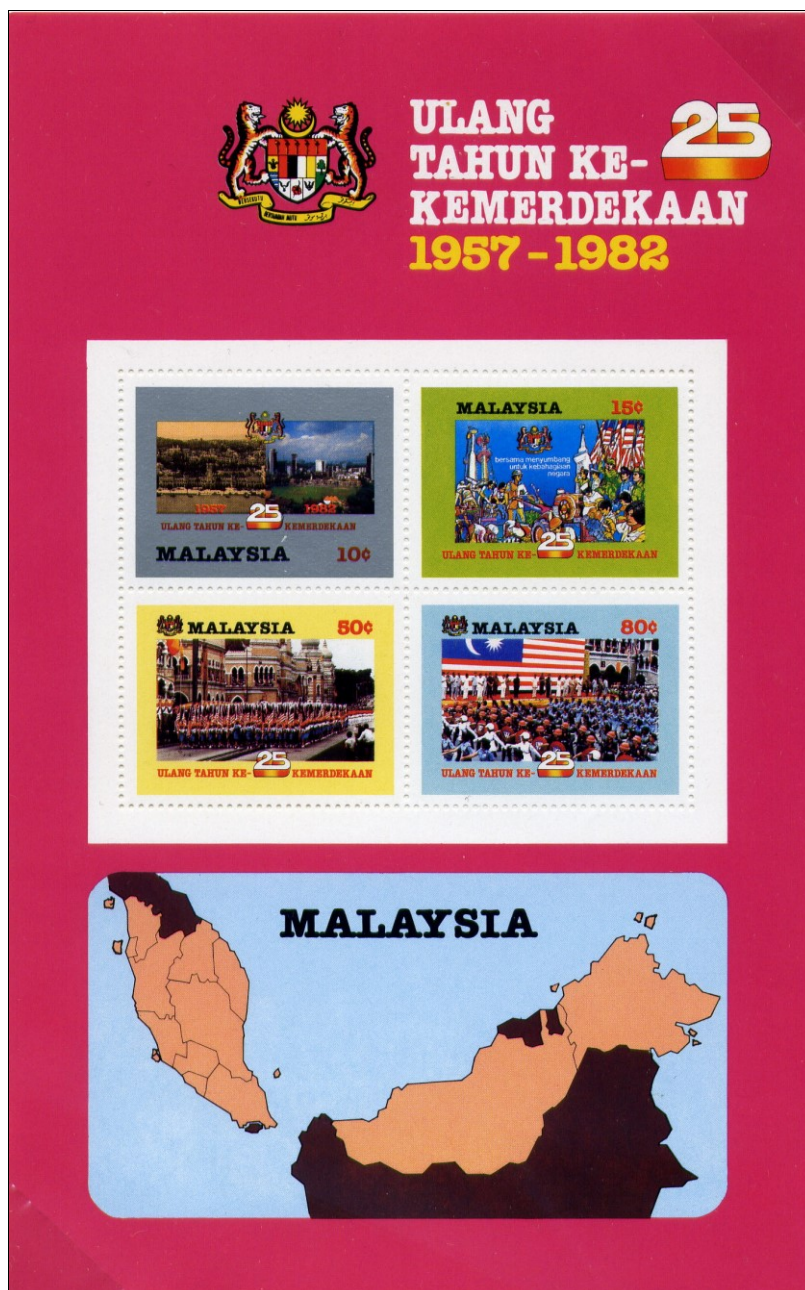
80c.: The Independence ceremony of 1957 at the same location.

The 10c. sheet stamp had a narrow, slightly darker but shinier, silver border to the centre vignette of the design (see miniature sheet for significance). The design of the 80c. stamp in both the sheets and the miniature sheet had the yellow of the star and crescent in the Malaysian flag omitted in error.

They were printed in sheets of 100 by Rosenbaum Brothers using off-set lithography, one of only two issues from that printer. Sheet markings were not recorded. The low fluorescence paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.9 x 13.8.

Miniature sheet:

The 120mm x 190mm sheet, the first miniature sheet to be issued by Malaysia, contained a block of the four designs, with a red background containing the Malaysian coat of arms and a map of Malaysia. 150,000 miniature sheets were produced.⁷ It was sold at \$1.55. The map of Malaysia in the miniature sheet had a design error, in that Perlis and Federal Territory were not shown as states of Malaysia. The perforations were as for the counter sheets. The block of stamps in the miniature sheet was perforated in three operations (EEI) and some sheets showed very small relative movement between the three elements.

**Varieties:**

Like the 10c. sheet stamp, the 10c. stamp in the first printing of the miniature sheet had a narrow, slightly darker but shinier, silver border to the centre vignette of the design, which could be seen, if observed carefully, against the lighter silver of the main frame of the stamp. A second printing of the miniature sheet (*illustrated*) omitted this border. This reprint was available within a few days of the date of issue.

Other varieties reported included:

Value	No.	Variety
MS	v1	Right-hand perforation line struck twice, the additional line being on the inside of the correct one, shortening the right-hand pair of stamps. ⁸
	v2	(First printing) "Earthquake flaw" showing damage to the blue plate resulting in a series of concentric rings with their "epicentre" just over the north western border into Thailand.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 20c., featured pictures of Kuala Lumpur in 1957 and 1982. As this cover was the standard size, first day covers of the miniature sheet on this cover had to have their sheet margins removed. Miniature sheets (1st printing) do exist used on a special large first day cover, but this was not issued by Pos Malaysia.⁹ Special cancellations incorporating 25 were used at the Philatelic Bureaux. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

Official presentation first day covers and folders exist as for the issue of 8 August 1982, but also containing a folded, postmarked copy of the miniature sheet. ⁶

Withdrawal:

The sheet stamps of this issue were due to be withdrawn on 1 December 1982, but the miniature sheet was to be issued until exhaustion.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
82.4.1	242	241	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.4.2	243	242	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.4.3	244	243	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.4.4	245	244	80c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.4.5	MS246	MC-99M	Miniature sheet (1 st printing).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.4.5a	MS246a	MC-99Ma	- (2 nd printing).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.4.6	-	MFDC-99	First day cover (1-4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.4.6a	-	-	- (stamps from 5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

31 August 1982.

PSM Stamp Postcard No.2.

Philatelic Society of Malaysia released its second stamp postcard stamp postcard, featuring the 1957 Independence stamp, to mark the Silver Jubilee of Independence. This card was not associated with a specific event due to the cancellation of both Malaysian Stampex 1981 and Youth Stampex 1982 due to the non-availability of a suitable venue (1981) and “unavoidable circumstances” (1982).

30 October 1982.

Traditional Games.



This pictorial issue featured traditional pastimes.

Designed by Ajib N. S., this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 49mm x 32mm designs showed:

10c.: A shadow play on stage (wayang kulit);

15c.: Person playing with a cross top (gasing pangkah);

75c.: A moon kite (wau).

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (two panes of 50 (5 x 10) with inter-panneau gutter margin) by Waddington by off-set lithography. The left pane was numbered 1A and the right pane 1B. The pane number (x4) appeared below column 1 only and four colour dots to the left of the bottom row. Other sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.3.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured a composite of the stamp subjects.

Special cancellations incorporating a moon kite were used at the Philatelic Bureaux. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

Official presentation first day covers and folders exist as for the issue of 8 August 1982, except that the Minister's title was now shown as “Datuk” instead of “Dato”. ⁶

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 30 April 1983.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
82.5.1	247	246	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.5.2	248	247	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.5.3	249	248	75c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.5.4	-	MFDC-100	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26 November 1982.

Traditional Handicrafts.



The need to tap the indigenous resources of Malaysia had extended to the exploitation of traditional handicrafts on a commercial basis. This issue was part of a conscious attempt to promote three native handicrafts to a wider audience.

Designed by Ajib N. S., this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

Three 49mm x 32mm designs showed:

10c.: Sabah's traditional patterned "Seraung" conical hats (Terendak Sabah);

15c.: Gold-threaded cloth (Songket);

75c.: Decorated Sarawak pottery (Tembikar).

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison using off-set lithography. The printing colours were: 10c.: black, purple, green, red, yellow; 15c.: black, flesh, magenta, yellow; 75c.: black, chestnut, blue, silver. Sheet markings included 1A (x 4 or 5) below the bottom right stamp with four or five boxed colour squares in right margin next to the penultimate row. The fluorescent white paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.3 x 13.9.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured a diamond-shaped traditional floral pattern and a similar border.

Special cancellations incorporating a floral symbol were used at the Philatelic Bureaux. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

A limited number of covers were signed by the Prime Minister (Dr. Mahathir) at a Malaysian Traditional Handicrafts exhibition on 26 November at the Muzium Negara.

Official presentation first day covers and folders are likely to exist as for the issue of 30 October 1982, but have not yet been reported.

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 26 May 1983.

Remaindered first day covers were known handstamped with "URUSAN POS" and "ON POSTAL SERVICE", used on 9 October 1985 by the Philatelic Bureau.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
82.6.1	250	249	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.6.2	251	250	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.6.3	252	251	75c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.6.4	-	MFDC-101	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82.6.5	-	-	- Handstamped for Official use.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

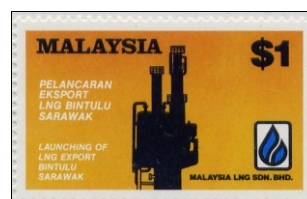
11-12 December 1982.

Ipoh Stampex 82.

This Philatelic Society of Malaysia event was held at the Tun Razak Library, Ipoh. PSM privately issued its Stamp Postcard No.3, the Perak 2c. Tiger of 1891 at 30c. Copies were sold with either date. A temporary post office was provided.

22 January 1983.

Natural Gas Exports.



Issued to mark the exportation to Japan of the first ship load of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Bintulu Oil Field, Sarawak, under a 20-year contract to Tokyo Electric Power Co. Inc. and Tokyo Gas Co. Ltd. The development of this offshore field was a joint venture, agreed on 31 March 1978 between Petroliam Nasional Bhd (Petronas, the Malaysian National Petrol Company) (65%), Shell and Mitsubishi Corporation (shared 35%). Malaysian LNG Sdn. Bhd. (MLNG) was established on 14 June 1978 to handle exports. Petronas handled the extraction and exploration with Sarawak Shell

Berhad (SSB) handling some work under sub-contract. Gas production began in August 1982. The onshore processing plant was built at Tanjung Kidurong by Shell Internationale Petroleum Maatschappij. This issue was originally announced for issue on 15 January 1983, but was delayed by a week.

By an uncredited designer, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 45mm x 28mm designs showed:

15c.: The emblem of Bintulu Port Authority (Lembaga Pelabuhan Bintulu) on a background of gas bubbles;

20c.: The emblem of Malaysian International Shipping Corporation Sdn. Bhd. and MISC's liquid gas tanker "M.V. Tenaga Satu" (Energy One), the first of an intended fleet of five vessels;

\$1: Gas rig flare head and the emblem of MLNG.

This was the first of many Malaysia issues to be printed by Security Printers (Malaysia) (SPM), hitherto only involved in postal stationery production. It was printed by five-colour (15c., 20c.) or four-colour (\$1) off-set lithography in sheets of 50. Printing colours were the standard cyan, yellow, magenta, black for all values plus pale yellow-green for 15c. and dark blue for the 20c. There was no additional colour on the \$1. Sheet markings included 1A (x5 or x4) at top and bottom of left- and right-hand columns and the SPM emblem (a stylised S in a rectangle) (x5 or x4) at left and right of the top and bottom rows. The white fluorescent paper was unwatermarked and had matt gum.

From the very start, we see the lack of consistency which would afflict issues from this printer. In this case, it was the perforations that varied. All values were comb perforated either 12.2 (normal) or 13.6 x 13.8 (scarce). In the case of perforation 12.2, the right margin was imperforate, the others being perforated through¹⁰. In the case of perforation 13.6 x 13.8, the top margin was imperforate, the others being perforated through.¹¹

Essays:

In the autumn of 1998, a dealer in the UK¹² obtained a set of three stamps, perforated 13.2 x 12.7, with similar, but significantly different designs. In all three stamps, the MNLG emblem appeared at the bottom right instead of different emblems on each value. The 15c. had the same background design but in a lighter blue but with a nest of refinery columns in place of the port emblem. The 20c. showed a marine drilling platform against an orange sunset. The \$1 was similar to the issued 20c. but had a different angle view of the ship, which was on a dark blue background instead of greenish blue. The state name was in white lower-case letters and the values, also in white, were in the same font as the issued 15c. The small text on all three values was relocated to the bottom left-hand corner and was in yellow except the 20c. which had it in white. The aspect ratio¹³ of the stamps was different (1.60:1 compared with 1.67:1 for the issued stamp), giving a stamp 43mm x 29mm. The screening was different from the issued designs, red dots forming horizontal lines, whereas the issued stamps showed red dots in diagonal lines, but had the same number of dots per inch. The perforation has, so far as is known, never been used by SPM for a stamp issue (a similar one exists, but it was not close enough to be confused. This stamp size appeared only once, in a 1981 issue. The unwatermarked paper was similar to the issued values but the gum was a glossy white gum giving a higher fluorescence than the gummed side of the issued stamps. This paper is, however, a close match to the paper used at this time by Waddington for Malaysian issues and the possibility exists that these were stamp-size essays from Waddington for the same issue, but investigations with the Waddington Archivist failed to resolve the question one way or the other. If this theory is incorrect, when, why and how the stamps were produced, or by whom, is unlikely to be resolved.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the three company emblems.

Special cancellations, adapted from the \$1 stamp, were used at the Philatelic Bureauxx. The Kuala Lumpur Bureau used the scarcer perforation of 15c. and 20c. on some covers. The scarcer version of the \$1 was used on covers at Penang. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

Official presentation first day covers and folders exist as for the issue of 30 October 1982. From this issue, the card was 204mm square, folded once horizontally, with the stamps loose in a single-sided stamp mount.⁶

Withdrawal:

Remaindered covers were handstamped "URUSAN POS" for use on official correspondence, such as from Kuala Lumpur to Penang on 28 October 1985 and Kuantan to Kuching on 3 December 1988.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
83.1.1	253	252	15c. P.12.2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.1.1a	253a	252a	- P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.1.2	254	253	20c. P.12.2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.1.2a	254a	253a	- P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.1.3	255	254	\$1. P.12.2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.1.3a	255a	254a	- P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.1.4	-	MFDC-102	First day cover (1, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.1.4a	-	-	- (1a, 2a, 3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.1.4b	-	-	- (1, 2, 3a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.1.5	-	-	- Handstamped for official correspondence.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

31 January 1983.**Post Office Fire.**

On 31 January 1983, a temporary post office, which was in use at Terminal Two, Subang International Airport while the main office at Terminal One was being renovated, caught fire. About 50% of the mail, mostly incoming printed matter, was salvaged and forwarded with an explanatory note in Bahasa Malaysia dated 27 February 1983. Registered mail (or the majority of it at least) and three insured parcels were found undamaged in a strong room. No special markings were used.

14 March 1983.**Commonwealth Day.**

The British Commonwealth was inaugurated in 1931, following self-government in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa, as a voluntary association of sovereign states to promote co-operation between former British colonies and to promote international understanding and peace. (Membership was now open to all countries, irrespective of any imperial heritage.) Malaysia (as the Federation of Malaya) became a member in 1957. By 2009, there were 53 members. A Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting (CHOGM) was held every two years. At the meeting held in Melbourne in 1981, it was agreed that each Commonwealth country should issue stamps every five years, starting in 1983, commemorating a Commonwealth activity and should donate 23,000 sets to the Commonwealth Secretariat to make up a limited-edition stamp album. The proceeds from this would raise funds for the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation. This issue was thus part of a world-wide celebration of Commonwealth Day for this purpose and 20,000 sets were used in an omnibus issue album. By 1988, this idea appears to have been forgotten!

By an uncredited designer, this issue comprised four counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The four 32mm x 27mm stamps showed:

15c.: The Commonwealth emblem with the flag of Malaysia;

20c.: The King (Tengku Haji Ahmad Shah);

40c.: An oil palm tree and palm oil refinery; \$1: A satellite view of Earth.

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 by Waddington by standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet format, printing plates and sheet markings were not recorded. The low fluorescence white paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.9 x 14.3.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the Malaysian flag and the Commonwealth emblem.

Special cancellations incorporating the Commonwealth emblem were used at the Philatelic Bureaux. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

Official presentation first day covers and folders exist as for the issue of 22 January 1983. ⁶

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
83.2.1	256	255	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.2.2	257	256	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.2.3	258	257	40c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.2.4	259	258	\$1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.2.5	-	MFDC-103	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15 June 1983.**Freshwater Fish (I).**

The cultivation of freshwater fish had expanded greatly since 1957 to off-set the reduction in marine fish catches.

Designed by Security Printers (Malaysia) staff based on photographs taken at the National Aquarium, this issue comprised two counter sheets with se-tenant pairs of stamps.

Counter sheets:

This issue was printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The four 39mm x 25mm designs formed two se-tenant pairs, each sheet containing alternate columns of the two designs of that value. The fishes illustrated were:

Value	English Name	Malay Name	Latin Name
20c.(A)	Nile Mouthbrooder or Nile Tilapia	Ikan Tilapia	<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i> ¹⁴
20c.(B)	Common Carp ¹⁵	Ikan Tangsan Pendik or Kap Biasa	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i> (Linnaeus)
40c.(A)	Siamese Barb ¹⁶	Ikan Lampam Jawa	<i>Puntius gonionotus</i> (Bleeker)
40c.(B)	Grass Carp	Ikan Kap Rumput or Kap Makan Rumput or Ikan Chow ¹⁷	<i>Ctenopharyngodon idella</i> (CV)

Sheet markings included 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 10, SPM emblems (x4) to left and right of R1 and R10. The white low-fluorescent paper was unwatermarked with matt gum. The stamps were all comb perforated 11.9 x 12.3 (normal) or 13.4 x 13.9 (less common).

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20c., featured the four fish. First day covers exist with mixed perforations.

Special cancellations incorporating a geometric pattern, said to be the outlines of four fish, were used at the Philatelic Bureau. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

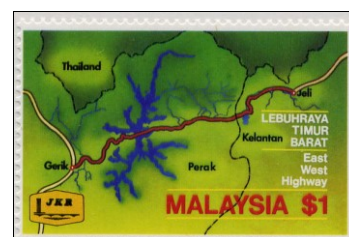
White presentation cards exist, printed with the Malaysia coat of arms and "MALAYSIA" in red italic capitals. The 203mm x 202mm card was folded once horizontally. Inside, the upper part was printed in black with "Dengan Ingatan Tulus Ikhlas / daripada / Menteri Tenaga, Telekom dan Pos / Datuk Leo Moggie Anak Irok P.N.B.S." (With the compliments of the Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts, Leo Moggie). The lower part had the name of the issue printed in black in Bahasa below which the two pairs of stamps (P.11.9 x 12.3) were attached in a black strip mount.

Official presentation first day covers, as for the issue of 22 January 1983, may have existed, but have not yet been reported.

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 15 December 1983.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
83.3.1	260	259	20c.(A) P.11.9 x 12.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.1a	260b	259a	- P.13.4 x 13.9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.2	261	260	20c.(B) P.11.9 x 12.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.2a	261b	260a	- P.13.4 x 13.9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.3	260a	¹⁸ -	Se-tenant pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.3a	260ba	260b	- (1a-2a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.4	262	261	40c.(A) P.11.9 x 12.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.4a	262b	261a	- P.13.4 x 13.9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.5	263	262	40c.(B) P.11.9 x 12.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.5a	263b	262a	- P.13.4 x 13.9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.6	262a	¹⁸	Se-tenant pair (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.6a	262ba	262b	- (4a-5a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.7	-	MFDC-104	First Day Cover (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.7a	-	-	- (3, 6a). ¹⁹	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.7b	-	-	- (3a, 6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.3.7c	-	-	- (3a, 6a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 July 1983.**East-West Highway.**

This issue marked the first anniversary of the opening on 1 July 1982 of the \$396 million Phase 1 of the East-West Highway which links Gerik in Perak with Jeli in Kelantan, across the mountain spine of Malaya, over 1100m above sea level and a distance of 116 km. This was intended to open up Kelantan and Terengganu for development by providing shorter and faster journeys across the north of Malaya, cutting the Butterworth to Kota Bharu journey from 1037km via

Kuantan to just 363km. The go-ahead for the road was given in October 1969 and the Public Works Department (Jabatan Kerja Raya - JKR) started work in early 1970 from both ends. Contractors undertook some of the major structures. There were five major bridges and 280 culverts. Phase II, upgrading or replacing the Butterworth - Gerik and Jeli - Kota Bharu sections, was expected to start in 1984 for completion in 1988.

Designed by the Malaysian Public Works Department, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 49mm x 32mm stamps showed:

15c.: The 159m long Lower Sungei Pergau Bridge, 11km from Kampong Jeli, Kelantan, with Gunung Reng in the background;

20c.: The 880m Sungei Perak Reservoir Bridge, 32km from Gerik, the longest bridge on the Highway and spanning the lake caused by the Temenggor Dam (for which a stamp issue was released in 1979);

\$1: A map of the route. Each stamp included the emblem of the JKR.

They were printed in sheets of 50 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.7 x 13.3.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20c., featured a stylised highway.

Special cancellations incorporating a road heading to distant mountains were used at the Philatelic Bureaux. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used. Jeli Post Office was closed on 1 July, so covers from that office exist postmarked 2 July 1983.²⁰

Official presentation first day covers and folders are likely to exist as for the issue of 22 January 1983, but have not yet been reported.

Unsold first day covers were recycled for official correspondence. One example seen was reused not once, but twice with a red "VOID" handstamp over the illustration and a reuse label over the original use. The second use was from Sebauh to Kuching on 18 September 1985.

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 1 October 1983.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
83.4.1	264	263	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.4.2	265	264	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.4.3	266	265	\$1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.4.4	-	MFDC-105	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.4.5	-	-	- Handstamped for official correspondence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15 July 1983.

Kedah - Silver Jubilee of Sultan.



Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah celebrated his Silver Jubilee on 15 July 1983.

Designed by Security Printers (Malaysia) staff, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The 32mm x 49mm design 20c. showed the Sultan standing in ceremonial dress with a keris. The 49mm x 32mm 40c. and 60c. designs had insets derived from the same portrait and showed paddy fields, the former from the top of Gunung Jerai, the latter looking up at Gunung Jerai.

They were printed in sheets of 50 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using five-colour off-set lithography (standard plus silver). The plate number 1A (x5) appeared above and below the first and last columns and the SPM emblem (x5) appeared to left and right of the top and bottom rows. The white fluorescent paper had no watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.3 x 13.7 (20c.) or 13.7 x 13.3 (40c., 60c.). The left and bottom margins of the 20c. were perforated through; the other margins were not recorded. The bottom margin of the other two values was imperforate and the top, left and right were perforated through. The stamps had matt gum.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the state head dress.

Special cancellations incorporating “25” was used at Alor Star and at the Philatelic Bureau. At other offices, KHP first day postmarks were used.

Official presentation first day covers and folders are likely to exist as for the issue of 22 January 1983, but have not yet been reported.

Withdrawal:

It was due to be withdrawn from Kedah on 15 October 1983. The issue was on sale throughout the rest of Malaysia on the day of issue only.

Remaindered covers are known handstamped with a boxed “OPS” for official correspondence from Miri, Sarawak (cover seen was undated).

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
83.5.1	142	150	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.5.2	143	151	40c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.5.3	144	152	60c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.5.4	-	MFDC-KE19	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.5.5	-	-	- Handstamped for official correspondence.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 August 1983.

Padded Envelopes.

Modern post offices sell a wide range of postal stationery which is generally ignored by collectors and consequently by philatelic publications as it is too bulky to collect and usually unstamped. Padded envelopes with “Bubblepak” lining were issued in Malaysia for the first time from a limited range of post offices on a trial basis on 1 August 1983. A 229mm x 162mm envelope was sold at 75c. and 229mm x 324mm envelope was sold at \$1.30. The envelopes were yellow-brown with the Octagonal POS emblem in the top left-hand corner. On the reverse, at the bottom, was printed “JABATAN PERKHIDMATAN POS, MALAYSIA. HARGA: 75c” (or \$1.30).

No detailed information is known on subsequent issues of these or other similar envelopes.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
83.6.1	-	-	Small envelope.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.6.2	-	-	Large envelope.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16 September 1983.

Golden Jubilee of Malaysian Armed Forces.



Issued to mark the Golden Jubilee ²¹ of the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF), which originated at Port Dickson on 1 March 1933 as the Experimental Squad of the Royal Malay Regiment. Originally mooted in 1913, this comprised 25 youths. There are 15 different Corps today. The Royal Malay Regiment fought with the Allies in World War Two. The Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) was founded in 1939 at Singapore as the Malay Section of the Royal Navy on H.M.S. “Pelandok”. Disbanded in 1947, it was reformed as the Royal Malayan Navy on 23 May 1952. The present name was adopted in 1963. The Royal Malay(si)an Air Force (RMAF) was formed at Kuala Lumpur on 2 June 1958 with aircrew recruited from the Malayan Auxiliary Air Force. From 1965, 16 September was celebrated as Armed Forces Day. The King was the Commander-in-Chief of the MAF. Operational control was vested in an Armed Forces Council, responsible to the Minister of Defence and comprising the Chief of Defence Forces, the three service chiefs and a representative of the Council of Rulers. As well as routine defence tasks, the main in 1983 being the final elimination of Communist terrorism (since completed), the defence forces were available for floods and any other emergency duties.

Designed by Waddington staff, this issue comprised four counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The four 49mm x 32mm stamps showed:

15c.: RMAF Northrop F-5E (or RF-5E) Tiger II jet fighter and the emblem of the RMAF;

20c.: Royal Malaysian Navy frigate firing a guided missile and the emblem of the RMN;

40c.: The Battle of Pasir Panjang (a last-ditch stand against the Japanese, Singapore, 13-14 February 1942) and the emblem of the Army;

80c.: Trooping the Royal Colours and the emblem of the MAF.

This issue was printed by off-set lithography in sheets of 100 by Waddington. Sheet markings were not recorded. The non-fluorescent-coated paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.3.

Miniature sheet:

The 130mm x 85mm sheet, sold at \$1.55, incorporated the four stamps in a frame showing MAF emblem (as used on the 80c. stamp) and colour stripes representing Army (red), Navy (dark blue) and Air Force (light blue) on a khaki background. Unlike the sheet stamps, the perforations of the stamps in the miniature sheet measured 13.7 x 13.9. It was perforated in three strikes. Two cuts by an E-shaped comb perforated the bottom and sides of the stamps, with a straight-line perforation closing the top of the block.

**Varieties:**

Missing colours on this issue should be treated with caution as it has been identified as one of a number of issues which can have colours removed by application of a soft eraser.²²

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the MAF flag, F-5E aircraft and airman, ship and sailor, soldier, Malaysian flag and radar dish.

The special first day postmark included Malaysian Armed Forces emblem.

Official presentation first day covers and folders are likely to exist as for the issue of 22 January 1983, but have not yet been reported.

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 16 December 1983.

Remaindered covers are known handstamped "URUSAN POS" in violet for use on official mail, such as from Penang to Kuching on 8 November 1985.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
83.7.1	267	266	15c. P.13.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.7.1a	-	-	- P.13.7 x 13.9 (ex-m/s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.7.2	268	267	20c. P.13.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.7.2a	-	-	- P.13.7 x 13.9 (ex-m/s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.7.3	269	268	40c. P.13.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.7.3a	-	-	- P.13.7 x 13.9 (ex-m/s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.7.4	270	269	80c. P.13.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.7.4a	-	-	- P.13.7 x 13.9 (ex-m/s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.7.5	MS271	MC-106M	Miniature sheet (1a-4a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.7.6	-	MFDC-106	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.7.6b	-	MFDC-106M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.7.7	-	-	- Handstamped for official mail.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

26 October 1983.

Hornbills.



Hornbills (*Bucerotidae*) are possibly the most iconic birds of Malaysia.

Designed by Peter Khang Howe Ket, this issue comprised four counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The four 25mm x 37mm designs showed:

Value	English Name	Malay Name	Latin Name
15c.	Helmeted Hornbill	Enggang Tebang Mentua	<i>Rhinoplax vigil.</i>
20c.	Wrinkled Hornbill	Enggang Berkedut	<i>Rhyticeros corrugatus.</i>
50c.	Long-crested or White-crested Hornbill	Enggang Jambul Putih	<i>Berenicornis comatus.</i>
\$1	Rhinoceros Hornbill	Enggang Badak	<i>Buceros rhinoceros.</i>

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.6.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured *Buceros rhinoceros*, as did the special first day postmark used at the Bureau. KHP postmarks were used elsewhere.

Official presentation first day covers and folders are likely to exist as for the issue of 22 January 1983, but have not yet been reported.

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 26 April 1984.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
83.8.1	280	271	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.8.2	281	272	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.8.3	282	273	50c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.8.4	283	274	\$1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83.8.5	-	MFDC-107	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5-20 November 1983.

Malaysian Stampex 83 Stamp Exhibition.

Held at the Muzium Negara, this event was not marked officially, but Philatelic Society of Malaysia issued its Stamp Postcard No.4, showing a North Borneo 2c. stamp of 1883. A second printing was needed to meet demand. A stamp-shaped cachet “PAMERAN SETEM / MALAYSIA 83 / 5-20 November / MUZIUM NEGARA” was struck in black and a “KUALA LUMPUR / date” (e.g. 20NOV1983) rubber cds was applied to items posted at the exhibition, which also had a temporary post office. All dates exist.

26 January 1984.

Silver Jubilee of Bank Negara.



This issue, the third to feature Bank Negara, the Central Bank of Malaysia, marked the Silver Jubilee of the bank.

Designed by Phoon Poh Hoong, this issue comprised two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 44mm x 26mm designs showed two of the Bank's eight then-current branches, namely those in Ipoh, Perak (20c.) and Alor Star, Kedah (\$1).

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The non-fluorescent-coated paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.5 x 13.9.

Proofs:

Progressive proofs on gummed stamp paper have come onto the market. In each case, the main part of the stamp including the illustration was in full colour. The proofs relate to the panel (left on 20c., right on \$1) containing the anniversary text and bank emblem:

20c.	P1	Left panel contained dark blue only (U containing bank emblem).
	P2	Left panel contained red only (U containing 25).
	P3	Left panel contained silver only (leaving blank U for red and blue band).
	P4	Left panel contained black (text and outlines of shield and 25) with 25 filled in silver.
\$1	P1	Right panel contained dark blue only (U containing bank emblem).
	P2	Right panel contained red only (U containing 25).
	P3	Right panel contained silver only (blank U for red and blue band).
	P4	Right panel contained black (text and outlines of shield and 25) with 25 filled in silver.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, printed by Axe Envelopes and sold at 20s., featured the bank emblem.

The special first day postmarks used at the Bureaux included the bank emblem. KHP postmarks were used elsewhere. A cover is known with the 1979 20th Anniversary issue applied in addition and cancelled by favour.²³

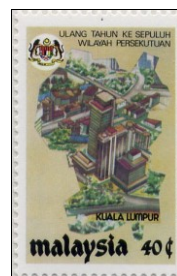
Official presentation folders (light blue 120mm x 90mm) exist with the stamps attached and cancelled with a first day cancellation.²⁴ They were not made available to the general public.

Official presentation first day covers and folders exist as for the issue of 22 January 1983.⁶

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 26 April 1984.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
84.1.1	284	275	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.1.2	285	276	\$1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.1.3	-	MFDC-108	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 February 1984.**Tenth Anniversary of Federal Territory.**

Issued to mark the tenth anniversary of the declaration of Kuala Lumpur as Federal Territory. For the background to this issue, see the issue of 1 February 1974.

Designed by Professor Dato' Raja Zahabuddin bin Raja Yaacob of the Mara Institute of Technology, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three stamps showed scenes of Kuala Lumpur with inset Federal coat of arms, including:

25c.: Kuala Lumpur City Hall and the domes of the Sultan Abdul Samad Building in the outline of the city (25mm x 39mm);

40c.: An aerial view of the city, centred on City Hall, in the outline of the city (25mm x 39mm);

80c.: A panorama of the city with Centre Park gardens, the City Hall, the Dayabumi Complex (which included the offices of Pos Malaysia) and the domes and clock tower of the Sultan Abdul Samad Building, plus Hibiscus and an *Arachnis* orchid (39mm x 25mm).

They were printed in sheets of 100 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The non-fluorescent coated paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.9 (80c.) or 13.9 x 13.4 (others).

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured an outline map of Kuala Lumpur in white on green.

The special first day postmark included "10" on an outline map of Kuala Lumpur.

Official presentation folders (red, 132mm x 95mm) exist with the stamps attached and cancelled with a first day cancellation.²⁴ They were not made available to the general public.

Official presentation first day covers and folders also exist as for the issue of 22 January 1983.⁶

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 1 May 1984.

Remaindered covers are known handstamped "URUSAN POS" for use for official correspondence, such as from Penang to Kuching on 15 December 1988.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
84.2.1	286	277	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.2.2	287	278	40c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.2.3	288	279	80c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.2.4	-	MFDC-109	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.2.5	-	-	- Handstamped for official mail.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

16 April 1984.**Labuan Federal Territory.**

In order to give East Malaysia the same status as West Malaysia, it was decided to create a counterpart of Kuala Lumpur, independent of all the states. The 92 square mile island of Labuan, hitherto part of Sabah, but previously a separate Crown Colony, was chosen.

By an uncredited designer, this issue comprised two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The designer was not reported. The two 26mm x 38mm designs showed a map of Labuan. In addition, the 20c. showed the Malaysian Coat of Arms and industries and the \$1 showed the Malaysian flag.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 10, SPM emblems (x4) to left and right of R1 and R10. The non-fluorescent coated paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 14.1, the left margin being perforated and the rest being perforated through.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20c., featured the Federal coat of arms.

The special first day postmark included an outline map of Labuan. The "normal" postmark for this issue was Labuan.

At least one cover exists signed by the Menteri Wilayah Persekutuan, Shahrir Abdul Samad.³

Official presentation folders (brown 110mm x 75mm) exist with the stamps attached and cancelled with a first day cancellation.²⁴ They were not made available to the general public.

Official presentation first day covers and folders exist as for the issue of 22 January 1983. In the case of this issue, the inscription was on the inside of the cover flap.⁶

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 16 July 1984.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
84.3.1	289	280	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.3.2	290	281	\$1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.3.3	-	MFDC-110	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13-15 May 1984.**TIPEX 84.**

Philatelic Society of Malaysia was expected to issue a stamp postcard at a "mini-Stampex" exhibition at Kuantan on 13-14 May, but this event fell through one month before the event. Instead PSM organised an event at Teluk Intan, Perak, jointly with the Teluk Intan ACS Ex-Pupils Association. PSM issued its Stamp Postcard No.5, showing the Perak 3c.

Tiger's head stamp. A rectangular cachet "mini / TIPEX '84 / Telok Intan / 13-15 Mei 1984" was used and cards were cancelled with cds "TELUK INTAN / 14MEI84-5-0PTG / M / PERAK".²⁵

30 May 1984.

Traditional Malay Weapons (I).



The keris was the most typical weapon of Malaya. It was a short sword or long dagger, often, but not always, with a wavy blade.

Designed by Peter Khang Howe Ket, this issue comprised a single counter sheet with se-tenant blocks of four.

This issue received the Best Malaysian Stamp Award of 1984 from the Malaysian Post Office after a poll of Philatelic Society of Malaysia members in the first such awards competition.

Counter sheets:

The four 25mm x 39mm 40c. stamps form a se-tenant block of four throughout the sheet, alternate columns and rows each alternating between designs, which showed:

40c.(A): (top left) Keris Semenanjung;

40c.(B): (top right) Keris Pekakak;

40c.(C): (bottom left) Keris Jawa;

40c.(D): (bottom right) Keris Tumbuk Lada.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Harrison using eight-colour off-set lithography. Colours were not recorded. The printing plates contained two panes, 1A and 1B. The pane numbers (x8) appeared below the R10/9-10. Boxed square colour dabs appeared to the right of R9/10. The fluorescent white paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.3 x 13.9. There was a single extension hole in the right margin of pane 1B, the bottom being perforated through.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured three keris, different from those used on the stamps.

The special first day postmark included a keris.

Official presentation first day covers and folders exist as for the issue of 22 January 1983.⁶

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 30 November 1984.

Remaindered covers were handstamped "URUSAN POS" for use on official correspondence, such as between Limbang and Kuching on 12 April 1989.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
84.4.1	291	282	40c.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.4.2	292	283	40c.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.4.3	293	284	40c.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.4.4	294	285	40c.(D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.4.5	291a	MC-111	Se-tenant block of four (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.4.6	-	MFDC-111	First day cover (5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.4.7	-	-	- Handstamped for official correspondence.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

23 June 1984.

Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union.



This issue marked the twentieth anniversary of the founding on 1 July 1964 of the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU). This non-political professional body provides liaison for broadcasters in the area bounded by Egypt, China, New Zealand and Western Samoa. The Secretariat was based in Kuala Lumpur.

Designed by the Malaysian Department of Broadcasting, this issue comprised two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 35mm x 25mm designs both contain the emblems of ABU and Radio Television Malaysia (RTM), together with a map of the world and transmitter (20c.) or clasped hands within the figure 20 (\$1).

They were printed in sheets of 100 by Harrison using off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The white fluorescent paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.7 x 14.6.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20c., featured a transmitting tower.

The special first day postmark included the RTM emblem.

Official presentation folders (dark blue 140mm x 105mm) exist with the stamps attached and cancelled with a first day cancellation.²⁴ They were not made available to the general public.

Official presentation first day covers are likely to exist as for the issue of 22 January 1983, but have not yet been reported.

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 23 September 1984.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
84.5.1	295	286	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.5.2	296	287	\$1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.5.3	-	MFDC-112	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

29 October 1984.

New General Post Office.



The new General Post Office in Kuala Lumpur was opened on 2 October 1983 and was a nine-storey, rail-connected, mail centre forming part of the Dayabumi Complex in the former Kuala Lumpur North railway goods yard. It included letter and parcel sorting offices, philatelic bureau and Postal Headquarters.

Designed by Mark Johan & Associates, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 38mm x 31mm designs showed:

15c.: A facsimile machine and operator;

20c.: The new GPO building;

\$1: A mailbag conveyor in the sorting office.

They were printed in sheets of 50 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included 1A (x4) above and below the left and right columns, colour SPM emblems (x4) to left and right of top and bottom rows. The non-fluorescent-coated paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 12.2 x 11.8. The left margin was imperforate. The bottom margin was perforated through.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured a fish-eye lens view of the office in a 32-sided geometric shape.

The special first day Bureau postmark included an elevation of the building.

Official presentation first day covers and folders exist as for the issue of 22 January 1983.⁶

A special postcard was issued by Philatelic Society of Malaysia featuring a blue monochrome picture of the office. This was issued mint at 20c. or as a maximum card at 50c., serviced with a 20c. stamp and first day Bureau postmark.

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 29 January 1985.

Remaindered covers were handstamped "URUSAN POS" for official use, such as from Kapit to Kuching on 30 June 1989.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
84.6.1	297	288	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.6.2	298	289	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.6.3	299	290	\$1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.6.4	-	MFDC-113	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.6.5	-	-	- Handstamped for official correspondence	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

15 November 1984.

Installation of Eighth King.



Tuanku Mahmood Iskandar, Sultan Iskandar of Johore, was installed as the eighth King of Malaysia on 15 November 1984.

Designed by Peter Khang Howe Ket, this issue comprised four counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 29mm x 39mm stamps (15c., 20c.) showed the Sultan's head in three-quarters view. King Iskandar broke with tradition for these stamps by wearing military uniform, with a "pill box" hat instead of traditional Malayan robes. Several subsequent Kings followed suit. The two 39mm x 29mm stamps (40c., 80c.) showed the Sultan in full-face in the regalia of the Chancellor of the National University with the traditional style headdress and the Federal coat of arms.

They were printed in sheets of 50 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The fluorescent white paper was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 12.2.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the heads of ceremonial maces.

The special first day postmark included a star and crescent.

Official presentation first day covers and folders exist as for the issue of 22 January 1983. ⁶²⁶

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 15 February 1985.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
84.7.1	300	291	15c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.7.2	301	292	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.7.3	302	293	40c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.7.4	303	294	80c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.7.5	-	MFDC-114	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12 December 1984.

Hibiscus.



Malaysia is proud of the many varieties of its national flower, the Hibiscus (*Bunga Raya*, *hibiscus rosa-sinensis*), which come in a wide variety of colours. The hibiscus was adopted as National Flower on 28 July 1960.

Designed by Security Printers (Malaysia) staff, this issue comprised four counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The four similar 28mm x 31mm designs showed different colour flowers on a white background: 10c.: White; 20c.: Crimson; 40c.: Pink; \$1: Yellow/orange. They were designed and printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Security Printers (Malaysia)²⁷ using off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The low fluorescence paper with matt gum was unwatermarked. The comb perforations measured 13.3 x 13.4.

Varieties:

Missing colours on this issue should be treated with caution as it has been identified as one of a number of issues which can have colours removed by application of a soft eraser without leaving apparent surface damage.²⁸

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 20c., featured the red hibiscus.

The special first day postmark included a hibiscus.

Official presentation first day covers and folders exist as for the issue of 22 January 1983.⁶²⁹

Withdrawal:

The issue was due to be withdrawn on 12 June 1985.

Remaindered covers are known handstamped "URUSAN POS" for official correspondence, such as from Kota Bharu, Kelantan to Kuching on 15 March 1989.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
84.8.1	304	295	10c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.8.2	305	296	20c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.8.3	306	297	40c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.8.4	307	298	\$1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.8.5	-	MFDC-115	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84.8.6	-	-	- Used for official correspondence.		<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTES

- 1 Reported in PSM 12/1/8.
- 2 10c. 1A and 15c. 1A not reported but must logically exist.
- 3 Reported by Mr. N. G. McClaren.
- 4 Jelutong is an alternative to balsawood for model making and its latex was the basis for chewing gum.
- 5 Bottom left confirmed on 50c. 1B.
- 6 Reported by Mr. N. G. McClaren in TMP 47/32.
- 7 Reported in PSM 14/1/6 from a Postal Department source. It is not known whether this was the first or both printings.
- 8 Reported by Mr Goh Chiew Sia in PSM 14/4/5.
- 9 Listed by ISC as MFDC-99M.
- 10 15c. and 20c. confirmed.
- 11 15c. and 20c. confirmed.
- 12 Watermarks Postal Sales, Amersham.
- 13 Length of the design divided by its height.
- 14 Shown on stamp and cover enclosure as *Tilapia nilotica* (Linnaeus)
- 15 Also known as Lee Koh Merah in Chinese.
- 16 Also described in cover enclosure as Indonesian Carp.
- 17 Also known as Chow Hu in Chinese.
- 18 ISC MC-104 covers both values.
- 19 Reported by N G McClaren in TMP36/29, posted at Jinjang, Kuala Lumpur.
- 20 Illustrated in PSM 15/1/14.
- 21 Originally announced in error as Diamond Jubilee.
- 22 Reported in SJ 38/102.
- 23 Reported by Malcolm Adams.
- 24 Reported by Mr. N. G. McClaren in TMP36/80.
- 25 This item has not been seen personally by the author.
- 26 Mr. N G McClaren in TMP47/32.
- 27 Although recorded as printed by Security Printers (Malaysia), the paper and perforation are more typical of John Waddington and suggest that that printer may have been involved in some way.
- 28 Reported in SJ 38/102.
- 29 Mr. N G McClaren in TMP47/32.