

CHAPTER FORTY-THREE

SPECIAL ISSUES 2001.

Note: All illustrations in this chapter are reduced by 10% (50% for sheetlets and stationery) unless otherwise stated.

From the start of 2001, Security Printers (Malaysia) adopted its Malay name “Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional Sdn. Bhd.” (National Printing Corporation) for those issues which it printed for Malaysia. Issues for export continued to use the SPM name and emblem.

22 January 2001.

Quails and Partridges.



Designed by Teh Yew Kiang, this issue comprised three counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The three 38mm x 28mm designs, showed members of families *Phasianidae* (True Quails and Partridges) and *Turnicidae* (Buttonquails):

- 30s.: Blue-breasted quail (Pikau, *Coturnix chinensis*);
- 50s.: Malaysian hill-partridge (Sang seruk gunung, *Arborophila campbelli*);
- RM1: Barred buttonquail (Puyuh, *Turnix suscitator*).

The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 10 and SPM emblems to left and right of rows 1 and 10. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper normally had no watermark ¹, but the 30s. exists with watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down with both perforations. The comb perforations for all values measured 14.3 (perforated through at top, left and bottom) or 13.8 x 13.6 (perforated through at top and left); the other margins were not recorded. The 30c. with the former perforation appears to be “normal”, while the 50s. and RM1 appear to be more common with the latter perforation.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet contains the two RM2 stamps showing:

- (A - left) Chestnut-necklaced hill-partridge (Sang seruk rimba, *Arborophila charltonii*);
- (B - right) Crimson-headed partridge (Mabparang, *Haematortyx sanguiniceps*);

with a background of a forest floor with a frog and various fungi. It was normally printed on paper with watermark sideways reading down, but a number of examples exist without watermark (about one-third of those seen by the author). The perforation was 14.3/13.8 x 14.3.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the Crested wood partridge (Burung Siul, *Rollulus roulroul*), as shown on the 25c. 1965 definitive stamp.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured two birds and plants.

The first day postmark included a partridge and a quail.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.1.1	995	-	30s. No Wmk. P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.1a	995a	-	-- 13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.1b	997ca	850	- Wmk SD. P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.1c	997c	-	-- 13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.2	996b	-	50s. No Wmk. P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.2a	996	-	-- P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.1.2b	997d	851	- Wmk SD. P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.3	997b	-	RM1. No Wmk. P.14.3. ² .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.3a	997	-	-- P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.3b	997e	852	- Wmk SD. P.13.8 x 13.6. ³	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.4	-	-	RM2 (A). Wmk SD. P.14.3/13.8 x 14.3 (from m/s).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.4a	-	-	- No wmk. P.14.3/13.8 x 14.3 (from m/s).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.5	-	-	RM2 (B). Wmk SD. P.14.3/13.8 x 14.3 (from m/s).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.5a	-	-	- No wmk. P.14.3/13.8 x 14.3 (from m/s).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.6	MS998a	MC-270M	RM4 miniature sheet (4-5). ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.6a	-	-	- (4a-5a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.7	-	MFDC-270	First day cover (1b, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.7a	-	-	- (1, 2a, 3a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.8	-	MFDC-270M	- (6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.9	-	MPP-270	Presentation pack (1, 2a, 3a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.1.9a	-	-	- (1, 2a, 3b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 February 2001.**Federal Territory of Putrajaya.**

The Federal Government Administrative Centre moved in 2000-2001 from Kuala Lumpur to a new city, Putrajaya, built south of Kuala Lumpur (which remains the capital city of Malaysia) at Prang Besar, in the heart of the Multimedia Super Corridor which houses the new airport and new technology-based science and business parks. Putrajaya, named after Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, gained Federal Territory status with effect from 1 February 2001. Building was commenced in 1996 and completion of the 37,000 acres site was due in 2010.

Designed by Reign Associates Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 38mm x 28mm designs showed:

30s.: The Perdana Putra Building (Prime Minister's Office) in elevation, with a foreground composed of electronic circuitry;

RM1: The Perdana Putra Building viewed together with other buildings from the Seri Perdana Bridge over Putrajaya Lake.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included 1A(x4) above and below the left and right columns and SPM emblems (x4) to left and right of the top and bottom rows. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.8 x 13.6 or 14.3, the former being more common on the 30s. and the latter normal on the RM1. Margins perforated through included 30s. P.13.8 bottom, right, RM1 P.13.8 left, RM1 P.14.3 left, bottom; other margins were not recorded.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3. The envelope of the presentation pack featured various buildings.

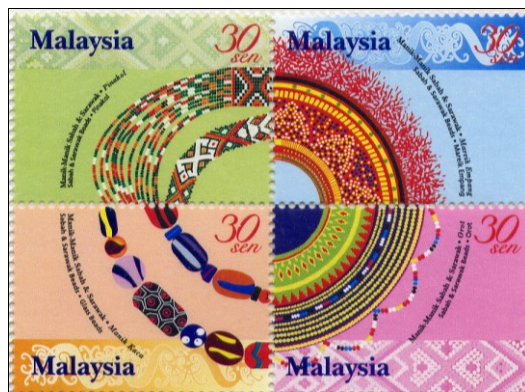
The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the Perdana Putra Building.

The first day postmark included a hibiscus flower and the sails of a boat.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.2.1	999	-	30s. P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.2.1a	999a	853	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.2.2	1000	-	RM1. P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.2.2a	1000a	854	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.2.3	-	-	First day cover (1, 2a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.2.3a	-	MFDC-271	- (1a, 2a)	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.2.4	-	-	Presentation pack (1, 2a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.2.4a	-	MPP-271	- (1a, 2a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17 February 2001.

Sabah & Sarawak Beads.



Beadwork in a wide variety of materials and styles is a traditional and still-important craft in Sabah and Sarawak, playing an important part in the culture of the indigenous peoples.

Designed by Ad Integrated Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised a single counter sheet containing se-tenant blocks of four.

Counter sheets:

The four 38mm x 28mm 30s. designs appear in the sheet as a se-tenant block of four. They showed different types of beads/patterns, clockwise from top left:

- 30s.(A): Pinakol;
- 30s.(B): Mareik Empang;
- 30s.(C): Orot;
- 30s.(D): Glass beads.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included plate number 1A (x4) above and below the first and last columns and SPM emblems (x4) to left and right of the first and last rows. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured either 13.8 x 13.6 or 14.3. Sheet margins were perforated through on (13.8 x 13.6) left, bottom, (14.3) left, right, bottom; the other margins were not recorded.

First day facilities:

- There was no presentation pack.
- The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured artefacts made of beadwork.
- The first day postmark included a string of beads.

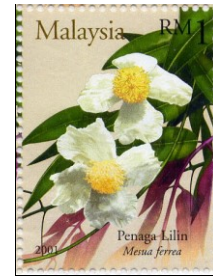
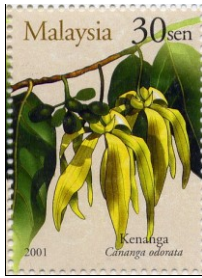
Early use:

These stamps were due for issue on 28 October 2000, according to the publicity posters, but the date was postponed. The issue was used early by commercial users who were presumably not informed of the deferral. Citibank statements posted at Kuala Kangsar, Perak on 21 December 2000 and trading company correspondence posted at Merlimau, Malacca on 5 January 2001 were reported to have carried the stamps.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.3.1	1001b	-	30s.(A). P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.3.1a	1001	855	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.3.2	1002b	-	30s.(B). P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.3.2a	1002	856	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.3.3	1003b	-	30s.(C). P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.3.3a	1003	857	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.3.4	1004b	-	30s.(D). P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.3.4a	1004	858	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.3.5	1001ba	-	Se-tenant block (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.3.5a	1001a	MC-272	- (1a-4a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.3.6	-	MFDC-272	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.3.6a	-	-	- (1a-4a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

27 March 2001.

Scented Flowers.



The 2001 issue in the wild flowers series featured scented flowers.

Designed by Reign Associates Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised three counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The three 28mm x 38mm designs showed

30s.: Fragrant Kenanga (Kenanga, *Cananga odorata*);

50s.: White Tanjung (Tanjung, *Mimusops elengi*);

RM1: Ceylon Ironwood or Indian Rose Chestnut (Penaga Lilin, *Mesua ferrea*).

They were printed in sheets of 100 by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included the usual 1A (x4) above and below the left and right columns and the printer's emblem to left and right of the top and bottom rows. The new ornate PKN emblem was used for the colour dabs. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.8 (all values) or 14.3 (30s., RM1), all margins being perforated through.

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 100mm sheet incorporated a 28mm x 38mm RM2 stamp. It showed Aromatic Cempaka (Cempaka, *Michelia champaca*). It was normally perforated 13.6 x 13.8, but exists with its right-hand side perforation either 13.8 or 14.3, the latter being more common. Paper, etc. were as for the counter sheets.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured Tembusu (*Fagraea fragrans*) and its contents varied.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured Giant Spider Lily (Bakong, *Crinum asiaticum*).

The first day postmark included *Cananga odorata*.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.4.1	1005	859	30s. P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.4.1a	1005a	-	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.4.2	1006	860	50s. P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.4.3	1007	-	RM1 P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.4.3a	1007a	861	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.4.4	MS1008	MC-273M	RM2 miniature sheet. P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.4.4a	MS1008b	-	- P.13.6 x 13.8/14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.4.5	-	-	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.4.5a	-	MFDC-273	- (1a, 2, 3a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.4.5b	-	-	- (1, 2, 3a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.4.6	-	MFDC-273M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.4.6a	-	-	- (4a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.4.7	-	-	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.4.7a	-	-	- (1a, 2, 3a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7 May 2001.

Perlis - Installation of Raja.



The installation of Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin as Raja of Perlis took place on 7 May 2001.

Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised three counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The three counter sheet denominations (30s., 50s., RM1) share a common 28mm x 38mm design showing a three-quarters head and shoulder portrait of the Raja.

They were printed in sheets of 25 (5 x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Considerable colour variation occurred within this issue, with sheets existing in which the colour intensity varies significantly within the sheet (deeper at the top). A multi-pane plate set-up was used, containing at least four 50s. and RM1 and two 30s., possibly on a single multi-value set of four plates. Sheet markings were “PERCETAKAN KESELAMATAN NASIONAL” to the left of R2/1-R4/1, PKN emblems (x4) to the right of R5/5, and 1A (x4) above R1/5 or below R5/5. The position of the 1A marking gave a clue as to pane position as shown below. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.8. ⁵ On most sheets, all margins were perforated through, but panes from the left of the printer’s pane had imperforate left margins.

Panes have been reported as follows (it is likely that B and C combinations for the 30s. existed, but have not been reported):

	Position	Left margin	1A position	30s.	50s.	RM1				
<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>D</td> </tr> </table>	A	C	B	D	A	Imperf	Top right	x	x	x
	A	C								
	B	D								
	B	Imperf	Bottom right	-	x	x				
C	Perf	Top right	-	x	x					
D	Perf	Bottom right	x	x	x					

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 69mm sheet showed the Royal Sword, the Royal Keris, the Royal Head-dress and the Royal Throne at the Istana Arau. It contains a 38mm x 29mm RM2 stamp showing the Raja and his wife, Rani Fauziah binti Tengku Abdul Rashid. The stamp was perforated 14.3/13.8 x 13.6. ⁶ The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the Istana.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the arms of Perlis and a precious metal bowl and lid.

The first day postmark included the emblem of Perlis. The “normal” bureau postmark for this issue was Kangar.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.5.1	1009	78	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.5.2	1010	79	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.5.3	1011	80	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.5.4	MS1012	PS-13M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.5.5	-	MFDC-PS13	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.5.6	-	MFDC-PS13M	- (4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.5.7	-	MPP-PS13	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11 June 2001.

Cultural Instruments and Artefacts (I).



This issue is the first in a transition that ultimately led to the adoption of 20-set counter sheets as standard for special issues.

Designed by Raja Zahabuddin bin Raja Yaacob, this issue comprised two counter sheets, with se-tenant designs in each sheet.

Counter sheets:

There were four 28mm x 38mm designs, two 30s. and two 50c., both in a new 30-set sheet format. The designs showed:

- 30s.(A): A betel nut leaf arrangement which is a traditional Malay wedding or betrothal gift;
- 30s.(B): Sarawak Iban decorated baby carrier;
- 50s.(A): "Quail's Trap" bird cage;
- 50s.(B): A brass incense burner.

The sheet of 30 had five rows, there being separate 30s. and 50s. sheets. A 16mm illustrated gutter margin, with alternating miniatures of the two designs, divided the sheet into two panes of 15. The left pane had three columns with designs A-B-A, with B-A-B in the right pane.

They were printed by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The sheet markings were in the usual corner position but were inconsistently arranged. The colour check was in the form of a Pos Malaysia bird symbol and appeared to the left of R1/1 (50s.) or R5/1 (both), to the right of R1/6 (30s.), above R1/6 (50s.), below R5/6 (30s.). Pane numbers 1A (x4) appeared above R1/1 (50s.), below R6/1 (30s.), to right of R1/6 (50s.) or R5/6 (30s.). The positions were blank above R1/6 on the 30s. and below R5/1 on the 50s. This suggests that the printing plate set was a multi-pane, multi-value one with plate markings only on the two outward-facing edges of each pane, the 50s. panes appearing at the top of the plate and the 30s. panes below. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.8. The top and both side margins at least were perforated through; bottom margins were not recorded.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50 and contained gutter pairs. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the betel nut leaf arrangement.

The first day cover, sold at 20s. and usually serviced with non-gutter pairs, featured the incense burner.

The first day postmark also featured the incense burner.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.6.1	1013	862	30s.(A). P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.6.2	1014	863	30s.(B). P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.6.3	1013a	-	- Se-tenant pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.6.3a	-	-	- Se-tenant gutter-pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.6.4	1015	864	50s.(A). P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.6.5	1016	865	50s.(B). P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.6.6	1015a	-	- Se-tenant pair (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.6.6a	-	-	- Se-tenant gutter-pair (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.6.7	-	MFDC-274	First day cover (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.6.7a	-	-	- (3a, 6a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.6.8	-	MPP-274	Presentation pack (3a, 6a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 July 2001.

Malaysian-Made Vehicles (III).



(pane illustration reduced 17%)

Although the booklet carries the title “Malaysian-Made Vehicles Series II”, there was no issue specifically entitled “Malaysian-Made Vehicles Series I”. However, as two previous issues had featured Proton products, this should have been Series III. The next issue of vehicles (the 2003 motorcycles) was designated Series IV, confirming this hypothesis!

Designed by Hazel Design, this issue is normally found only in booklet form, but sheets also exist. It is not known whether these were used as such at any office, but it is likely that they were produced to make-up booklets and service first day covers and that their release was as remainders for philatelic purposes only. They have therefore been listed as “process sheets”.

Booklet:

This selvedge booklet contained a pane of ten (5 x 2) 38mm x 28mm 30c. stamps showing Malaysian-built cars and multi-purpose vehicles (mpv):

- Top row:
- 30s.(A): Perodua Kancil hatchback (1995),
- 30s.(B): Proton Tiara hatchback (1995),
- 30s.(C): Perodua Rusa mpv (1995),
- 30s.(D): Proton Putra coupe (1997),
- 30s.(E): Inokom Permas mpv (1999);

Bottom row:

- 30s.(F) Perodua Kembara 4x4 sports utility (1999),
- 30s.(G) Proton Gti hatchback (2000),
- 30s.(H) TD2000 sports tourer (2000) 7,
- 30s.(I) Perodua Kenari hatchback (2000),
- 30s.(J) Proton Waja saloon (2000).



(Booklet cover illustration reduced 33%)

Process Sheet:

The stamps used for the booklets were printed in sheets of 30 (5 x 6) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography and assembled (by hand?) using their left selvedge into covers showing the Proton Waja. The complete sheets were released through some philatelic outlets. There were several panes on the printer’s sheet as a counter sheet exists with narrow margins at left and right, and with normal width at top and bottom, but strips have also been seen with normal margin at left. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 6, Proton emblem above R1/2, TD emblem above R1/4, an Inokom Permas below R6/2, Perodua emblem below R6/4 and Pos Malaysia emblem below R6/3. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.8 x 13.6.

Proof material in the public domain:

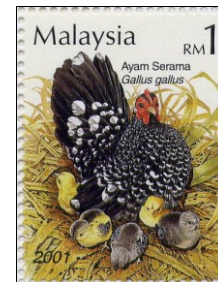
Imperforate progressive proofs appeared on the market in 2008. Reported items were separate blocks for each colour and for the final colour combination.

First day facilities:

- There was no presentation pack.
- The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured a Proton Waja.
- The first day postmark included the same car.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.7.1	1017	866	30s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.7.2	1018	867	30s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.7.3	1019	868	30s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.7.4	1020	869	30s.(D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.7.5	1021	870	30s.(E).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.7.6	1022	871	30s.(F).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.7.7	1023	872	30s.(G).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.7.8	1024	873	30s.(H).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.7.9	1025	874	30s.(I).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.7.10	1026	875	30s.(J).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.7.11	1017a	MC-275	Booklet pane or block of 10 (1-10).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.7.12	SB12	SB95	RM3 booklet (11).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.7.13	-	-	Process sheet of 30 (three 11).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.7.14	-	MFDC-275 MSBF95	First day cover (11).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 August 2001.**Bantams.**

This issue of Malaysian birds featured various breeds of Bantam fowl (*Ayam Katik*, *Gallus gallus*), much prized by bird-fanciers in Malaya.

Designed by Teh Yew Kiang, this issue comprised three counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The three 30mm x 40mm designs showed:

30s.: Serama Bantam (Ayam Serama) (male);

50s.: Kapan Bantam (Ayam Kapan) (male);

RM1: Serama Bantam (Ayam Serama) (female).

They were printed in sheets of 25 (5 x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 5. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark multiple SPM upright (50c.) or sideways reading down (30c., RM1). The comb perforations measured 12.8 x 12.6 (30s., RM1) or 12.1 (50s.). The left, bottom and top margins at least were perforated through; the right margin was not recorded.

Miniature sheet:

The miniature sheet appeared in three forms, perforate, imperforate and with an exhibition emblem.

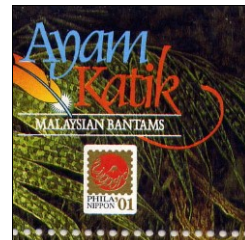
The 98mm x 69mm sheet showed a family of the original wild Red Jungle Fowl (Ayam Hutan), comprising a male with (on the 45mm x 35mm RM3 stamp) two females, with chicks, on a jungle background. It had watermark sideways reading down and perforation 12.5 x 12.6.

**Imperforate miniature sheet:**

The sheet exists imperforate with a white border bearing a number at bottom left. The highest seen was 006894. It was reported that these were supplied in bulk only to Kedah and Perlis offices and those at Alor Star sold out in fifteen minutes as dealers had been tipped-off and came from Penang and Kuala Lumpur! The watermark was sideways reading down.

PhilaNippon sheet:

The sheet exists with the issue title moved higher to allow the PhilaNippon emblem in gold, red and black to be inserted above the stamp. A special version of the first day cover was produced for this with the PhilaNippon emblem, which emblem was also used for a special "1-7 AUGUST'01" cancellation. The watermark was normally sideways reading down. The watermark is also found sideways reading up.



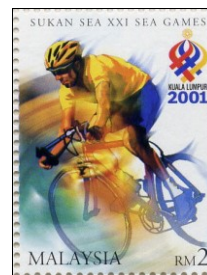
First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured male and female Bantams. The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a nest with eggs and chicks. The first day postmark included a cockerel.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.8.1	1027	876	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.8.2	1028	877	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.8.3	1029	878	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.8.4	MS1030	MC-276M	RM3 m/s. Perf. Wmk SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.8.5	-	MC-276MI	- Imperf. Wmk SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.8.6	MS1030a	MC-277M	- PhilaNippon. Wmk SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.8.6a	MS1030aw	MC-277MW	- - Wmk SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.8.7	-	MFDC-276	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.8.8	-	-	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.8.9	-	MFDC-277M	- (6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.8.10	-	MPP-276	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8 September 2001.

21st South East Asian Games.



Malaysia hosted these Games in 2001 for the first time since 1989. There were now ten member countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) and 32 sports. Intermediate Games had been 1991 (Manila), 1993 (Singapore), 1995 (Chiang Mai), 1997 (Jakarta), 1999 (Bandar Seri Begawan). The 2001 Games were held at Bukit Jalil in Kuala Lumpur. The next time Malaysia would host the Games was expected to be 2015. The mascot of the games was a squirrel called "Si Tumas" (Si means, amongst other things, entrant).

Designed by Reign Associates Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised five counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The five 28mm x 38mm stamps featured:

- 20s.: Diving;
- 30s.: Gymnastics;
- 50s.: Ten-pin bowling;
- RM1: Weightlifting;
- RM2: Cycling.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 20 stamps plus 5 labels (5 x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. It was a multi-paneu printing, the inter-panneau sheet margins being narrower. The labels showed Si Tumas. The pane format of each value was different as follows:

20	20	L	20	20
20	20	L	20	20
20	20	L	20	20
20	20	L	20	20
20	20	L	20	20

L	30	30	30	30
30	L	30	30	30
30	30	L	30	30
30	30	30	L	30
30	30	30	30	L

L	50	50	50	L
50	50	50	50	50
50	50	L	50	50
50	50	50	50	50
L	50	50	50	L

1	1	1	1	L
1	1	1	L	1
1	1	L	1	1
1	L	1	1	1
L	1	1	1	1

2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2
L	L	L	L	L
2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2

Sheet markings included 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) to left and right of Rows 1 and 5. Inter-panneau margins have guillotining and perforating guide marks which may appear on the extreme corners of the sheet. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper normally had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The 20s. and RM1 exist with inverted watermark. The comb perforations normally measured 13.6 x 13.8, but also exist 14.3. All margins were perforated through on both perforations.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 91mm sheet contains a 28mm x 38mm RM5 stamp. It featured a sprinter, the games emblem and Bukit Jalil stadium. The perforations measured 13.6 x 13.8. The paper was as used for counter sheets with watermark upright. The sheets were numbered - The highest seen was 096155.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM5.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a high-jumper and Games emblem.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a long-jumper and a stadium.

The first day postmark included the Games emblem. A first day postmark was used at Bukit Jalil.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.9.1	1031	879	20s. Wmk. U. P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.1a	103w	-	- Wmk. I. P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.2	1032	880	30s. Wmk. U. P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.2a	1032a	-	-- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.3	1033	881	50s. Wmk. U. P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.3a	1033a	-	-- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.4	1034	882	RM1 Wmk. U. P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.4a	1034w	-	- Wmk. I. P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.4b	1034a	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.5	1035	883	RM2 Wmk. U. P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.5a	1035a	-	-- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.6	MS1036	MC-278M	RM5 m/s Wmk. U. P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.7	-	MFDC-278	First day cover - stamps (1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.7a	-	-	- (1-3, 4a, 5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.8	-	MFDC-278M	- (6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.9	-	MPP-278	Presentation pack (1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.9.9a	-	-	- (1-3, 4a, 5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

27 September 2001.

FDI Annual World Dental Congress 2001.



The Federation Dentaire Internationale (FDI) (World Dental Federation) was founded in Paris on 15 August 1900 and by 2001 had 146 national dental member associations representing 135 countries. Its 2001 Congress and Exhibition was held at the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur, from 27 September to 1 October.

Designed by Reign Associates Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised only a single counter sheet.

Counter sheets:

The single RM1 76mm x 29mm stamp showed the event emblem and a tooth. It was printed in sheets of 10 (2 x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The printer's sheet contain at least two panes, one above the other. Sheet markings included 1A (x4) at the outer ends of the top and bottom margins, with colour dots at left and right of rows 1 and 5. The Pos Malaysia emblem appeared in the centre of the top and bottom margins. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 14.3. The top margin was imperforate from the upper pane(s) or perforated through from the lower pane(s). The remaining margins were perforated through.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the Earth with Malaysia highlit, a section through a tooth and the FDI emblem.

The first day postmark included FDI.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.10.1	1037	884	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.10.2	-	MFDC-279	First day cover (1).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 October 2001.

50th Anniversary of EPF/KWSP.



The fiftieth anniversary of the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) or Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja (KWSP) was celebrated in August 2001. A previous issue (see Chapter 19 in Volume 2) marked the Silver Jubilee in 1976.

Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 38mm x 28mm stamps showed the KWSP emblem with:

30s.: The EPF Building, Kuala Lumpur;

50s.: A block diagram representing continued Fund growth with bank notes in the background;

RM1: "Slightly greyed" man and woman with a house in the background.

They were printed in sheets of 25 (5 x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. This small sheet size and study of the sheet margins indicate that a multi-pane (probably 6-pane) plate was used with narrow inter-panneau margins at left or right. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 5, KWSP50 emblems above and below column 2, KWSP emblems above R1/3 and below R5/4, EPF building above R1/4 and Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3. The 30s. has been seen with a particularly narrow left margin, while the 30s. and RM1 both exist with a narrow right margin, indicating that this was a multi-pane printing. The margin 15mm above and below the stamps was printed in pale blue. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down (30s., 50s.) or reading up (RM1). The comb perforations measured 14.3 (30s., 50s.) or 13.8 x 13.6 (RM1). The top margin of the 50s. was imperforate, but all other margins were perforated through. From this and other evidence, it appears likely that the 50s. was at the top of a composite printer's sheet, with the RM1 in the middle and 30s. at the bottom, there being at least two panes of each value.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a banknote and KWSP emblems.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the EPF Building and an umbrella.

The first day postmark included the KWSP50 emblem.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.11.1	1038	885	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.11.2	1039	886	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.11.3	1040	887	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.11.4	-	MPP-280	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.11.5	-	MFDC-280	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18 October 2001.

Centenary of Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaya.



Originally proposed for issue on 16 October, this issue marks the centenary of the appointment of A M Burn-Murdoch as Chief Forest Officer for the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States, bringing together the independent forestry initiatives of the Straits Settlements (established in 1883), Perak (1895), Selangor (1898) and Negri Sembilan (1900).

Designed by Eka IPR Agensi Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 38mm x 28mm designs featured:

30s.: A satellite mapping Earth's forests;

50s.: Forest management in three stages;

RM1: A forest plantation with seedlings in the foreground and mature forest beyond.

They were printed in sheets of 25 (5 x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 5, PKN's full name below R5/2-4. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 14.3. All margins were perforated through.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the forest canopy from below.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured jungle and "100" emblem.

The first day postmark included a tree.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.12.1	1041	888	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.12.2	1042	889	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.12.3	1043	890	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.12.4	-	MPP-281	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.12.5	-	MFDC-281	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10 November 2001.

Stamp Week (VI) - Marine Life (V).



This issue was originally planned for issue on 29 November 2001.

Designed by Hazel Design, the issue comprised four counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The four 38mm x 28mm stamps showed reef life on relevant backgrounds as follows:

20s.: Giant Clam (Kima, *Tridacna gigas*);

30s.: Seahorse (Kuda Laut, *Hippocampus sp*);

50s.: Western Starfish (Tapak Sulaiman, *Oreaster occidentalis*);

RM1: Horned Helmet Shell (Tapak Gajah, *Cassis cornuta*).

They were printed in sheets of 25 (5 x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. There were at least two panes, probably four or more, on the printer's sheet. Sheet markings included four colour dots in the left and right of rows 1 and 5 and 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, Pos Malaysia emblem below centre of bottom margin. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. It had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations on all values either measured:

- 13.8 x 13.6 with top margin imperforate on 20s., 30s. RM1 (the RM1 also exists with top margin perforated through) and bottom and side margins perforated through, or
- 14.3 with top margin imperforate on 50s., top and right perforated through on 20s., bottom and right perforated through on 50s. and top and right perforated through on RM1.

Other margins were not recorded.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm perforated sheet contained a 38mm x 28mm RM3 stamp showing the Dugong or Sea Cow (*Dugong dugon*). The border design showed a sea floor with corals and other life including the four creatures shown on the counter sheet stamps. The miniature sheet was either 14.3 all around or, more commonly, 14.3/13.8 x 14.3. A number of miniature sheets seen have had large flaws but these do not appear to be constant. The paper was as for the counter sheets.



Imperforate miniature sheet:

The 109mm x 80mm imperforate miniature sheet had a 5mm margin all around, printed with a faded-out extension of the design and the sheet number in the bottom left corner (037941 was the highest number seen).

First day and Stamp Week facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50 and has been seen with a variety of stamp combinations. The envelope of the presentation pack featured False Clown Anemonefish (Inggu, *Amphipron ocellaris*).

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a reef scene with Western Starfish, Yellow-faced angelfish (Taring Pelanduk, *Pomacanthus xanometopon*), Blue-spotted Stingray (Pari lalat, *Taeniura Lymma*).

The first day postmark included a Dugong.

Stamp Week events included the Malaysia Stamp Fair 2001 at the Bukit Jalil Stadium Complex. A first day postmark, an event cachet (inscribed "10-17 NOV 2001" and showing a clown fish) and special day postmarks were issued for Stadium Bukit Jalil. The days were designated:

- 10 November 2001: First Day Sale (whale);
- 11 November 2001: Youth Day (dancers);
- 12 November 2001: Philatelic Society of Malaysia Day (PSM emblem);
- 13 November 2001: Printing Day (paper and rollers);
- 14 November 2001: ASEAN Day (ASEAN emblem);
- 15 November 2001: Marine Life Day (sea horse, ray and starfish);
- 16 November 2001: Awards Day (obelisk);
- 17 November 2001: Pos Malaysia's Collection (triangular stamp).

A blue, stamp-sized, perforated etiquette inscribed "PESTA SETEM / BIRO FILATELI / POS MALAYSIA / 2001" is known, applied to a 17 November cover.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.13.1	1044	891	20s. P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.1a	1044a	-	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.2	1045	892	30s. P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.2a	1045a	-	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.3	1046	893	50s. P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.3a	1046a	-	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.4	1047	894	RM1. P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.4a	1047a	-	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.5	MS1048a	MC-282M	RM3 m/s. P.14.3/13.8 x 14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.5a	MS1048	-	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01.13.6	MS1048b	MC-282MI	- Imperf.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.7	-	MFDC-282	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.7a	-	-	- (1, 2, 3a, 4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.7b	-	-	- (1, 2, 3a, 4a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.8	-	MFDC-282M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.8a	-	-	- (5a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.9	-	MFDC-282MI	- (6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.10	-	MPP-282	Presentation pack (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.10a	-	-	- (1, 2a-4a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.10b	-	-	- (1, 2, 3a, 4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01.13.11	-	-	Covers with Stamp Week postmarks: 10-17Nov <input type="checkbox"/> 10Nov <input type="checkbox"/> 11Nov <input type="checkbox"/> 12Nov <input type="checkbox"/> 13Nov <input type="checkbox"/> 14Nov <input type="checkbox"/> 15Nov <input type="checkbox"/> 16Nov <input type="checkbox"/> 17Nov <input type="checkbox"/>	-	-

12 November 2001.

Hari Raya.

A planned issue was cancelled.

NOTES

- ¹ Some stamps on paper without watermark, when viewed obliquely to the light, showed what appeared to be random elements of the watermark, suggesting that the lack of watermark may have been the unintentional result of a sub-standard batch of paper.
- ² S.G. lists P.14 and P.14½ separately in error.
- ³ S.G. also lists P.14 (in error?) as 997ea.
- ⁴ SG lists a miniature sheet with P.14 all-around (in error?) and omits the unwatermarked version.
- ⁵ S.G. lists a P.14 variety as 1011a, but no evidence has been seen to support this.
- ⁶ S.G. lists P.14 and P.13½ varieties separately as MS1012 and MS1012a in error.
- ⁷ Production of this replica MG TD sports touring car upgraded to modern Australian legal requirements by TD2000 (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, an Australian-Malaysian joint venture, began in October 1999.