

CHAPTER FORTY-SEVEN

SPECIAL ISSUES 2005.

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

11 January 2005.

Rare Flowers (II).



This issue featured some of the 25 species of rare Rhododendrons (*Ericaceae*) found on the slopes of Mount Kinabalu. Twelve of the 35 Sabah Rhododendrons were found nowhere else.

Designed by Reign Associates, it comprised four counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The four 30mm x 41mm counter sheet designs showed:

- 30s.(A): *Rhododendron nervulosum*;
- 30s.(B): *Rhododendron stenophyllum*;
- 50s.: *Rhododendron rugosum*;
- RM1: *Rhododendron stapfianum*.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format J - Two panes 5 x 2 separated by a horizontal gutter of stamp size labels showing the issue title on a decorated background) by Secura using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots to left and right of R1 and R4, Pos Malaysia emblem below R4/4. 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 POST OFFICE upright. The comb perforations measured 12.8. Margins were perforated through with the exception of 30s.(B) and 50s. The four sheets were probably produced from a single plate set, with these two values at the bottom, and perforated before guillotining.

20-Set Format J



Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet showed *Rhododendron lowii*, one flower head being perforated as a 41mm x 30mm RM2 stamp. Paper, etc., were as for counter sheets

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4.30. The envelope of the presentation pack featured *Lobelia borneensis*.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured *Dichroa febrifuga*.

The first day postmark included a flower.

The folder was sold at RM5.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
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05.1.3	1241	1045	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.1.4	1242	1046	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.1.5	MS1243	MC-325M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.1.6	-	MFDC-325	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.1.7	-	MFDC-325M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.1.8	-	MPP-325	Presentation pack (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24 January 2005.**5th Ministers Forum on Infrastructure Development in the Asia-Pacific Region.**

This issue appeared without warning on the opening day of the event, held on 24 (Senior Officials' Meeting) and 25 (Ministers' Forum) January at Putrajaya International Convention Centre following an experts' pre-meeting at Langkawi on 29-30 November 2004. This series of meetings began in Japan on 26-28 October 1995. There were now 20 member countries.

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 30mm designs incorporated the Malaysian coat of arms and the event emblem, and showed:

30s.: Kuala Lumpur skyline (including Petronas Twin Towers), Prime Minister's Complex (Putrajaya), Seri Saujana Bridge (Putrajaya);

50s.: Kuala Lumpur Monorail train, Sultan Abdul Samad Building, Putrajaya Landmark (Meru Tanda Putrajaya) and unidentified building;

RM1: KLIA Station (Express Rail Link) and MAS jet airliner.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format I - see issue 04.9 - the gutter showing the issue title, the Malaysian coat of arms and the event emblem) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of R1 and R5, Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3. 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 13.6 x 13.4 (30s.) or 12.1 (all values). All margins were perforated through.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a view from ground level of the Petronas Twin Towers and other adjacent skyscrapers.

The special first day postmark included the event emblem (an "impossible" structure of 3 bricks in a triangle).

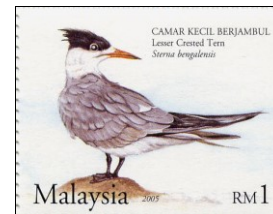
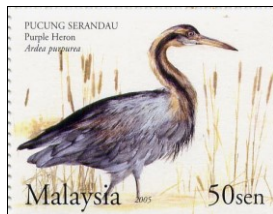
The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.2.1	1244	-	30s. P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.2.1a	1244a	1047	- P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.2.2	1245	1048	50s. P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.2.3	1246	1049	RM1. P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.2.4	-	MFDC-326	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.2.4a	-	-	- (1a, 2-3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 February 2005.

Migratory Birds.



Many migratory birds visit Malaysia.

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised three counter sheets and a miniature sheet:

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: Crested Honey-Buzzard (Lang Lebah, *Pernis ptilorhynchus*);

50s.: Purple Heron (Pucung Serandau, *Ardea purpurea*);

RM1: Lesser Crested Tern (Camar Kecil Berjambul, *Sterna bengalensis*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format I - see issue 04.9) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title and illustrations of the bird in flight in the gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots to left and right of rows 1 and 5, date of issue below column 2 and Pos Malaysia emblem below column 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 up (30s.) or down (all). The comb perforations measured 12.1 (30s.) or 13.6 x 13.4 (all). Apart from the bottom margin on the 30s. P.12.1, all margins were perforated through.

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 100mm RM2 miniature sheet showed a Brown-headed Gull (Camar Kepala Coklat, *Larus brunnicephalus*), Dunlin (Kedidi Dunlin, *Calidris alpina*), Black-capped Kingfisher (Pekaka Kopiaiah Hitam, *Halcyon pileata*), all three birds being shown in flight. The sheet also showed a map of migratory routes. The Dunlin was shown on the 40mm x 30mm RM2 stamp, which was perforated 13.6 x 13.4. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading up.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the Eastern White Pelican (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*).

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*). The special first day postmark included the kingfisher.

The folder was sold at RM5.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.3.1	1247a	-	30s. P.12.1. Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.3.1a	1247	1050	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.3.2	1248	1051	50s. P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.3.3	1249	1052	RM1. P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.3.4	MS1250w ¹	MC-327M	RM2 miniature sheet. P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.3.6	-	MFDC-327	First day cover (1, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.3.7	-	MFDC-327M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.3.8	-	MPP-327	Presentation pack (1, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21 April 2005 - Pacific Explorer Stamp Expo Miniature sheet:

The Migratory Birds miniature sheet was also produced in a version, issued on 21 April 2005, incorporating at the top left the Pacific Explorer 2005 World Stamp Expo emblem. This event was held in Sydney from 21-24 April. Paper and perforation were as for the normal sheet, but it had watermark sideways reading either up or down.

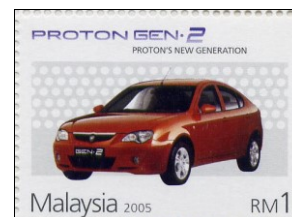
First day facilities:

A first day cover modified by the addition of the event emblem was issued at 30s.

A rectangular postmark featuring the event emblem and dated "21-24 APRIL" was available.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used	
05.4.1	MS1259w	-	RM2 miniature sheet. P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.4.1a	MS1259	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.4.2	-	-	First day cover (1).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7 March 2005.**Malaysian-Made Vehicles (V) - Proton Gen-2 Launch.**

Originally scheduled for 1 March, this issue marked the commissioning of the new Proton flexible production plant at Tanjung Malim, Perak, and the launch in February 2004 of the first new model from the facility, the Proton Gen-2 4-door hatchback. The new facility can produce 100,000 vehicles per annum, in addition to the 250,000 per annum from Shah Alam, Selangor. Proton adopted a new "molten platinum" version of its snarling tiger's head emblem, which appears on various items. The Gen-2 was the first car designed and constructed solely using Malaysian indigenous resources. Proton now sells in 50 countries.

Designed by McCann Erickson, this issue comprised three counter sheets, a booklet and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 30mm stamps showed Gen-2 models in different body colours:

30s.: Cream;

50s.: Blue;

RM1: Red.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format I - see issue 04.9 - the gutter occupied by quotations from Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad (30s., RM1) or the Proton Chief Executive Officer (50s.)) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of R1 and R5, Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3. 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 13.6 x 13.4.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm sheet showed a purple car in a 30mm x 40mm RM2 stamp superimposed on a view of the new plant and framed by a stainless steel chair frame. The phosphor-coated paper gave a blue-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. It had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4.



Booklet:

There was also a RM3 booklet (*illustration reduced 33%*) with a cover (115mm x 65mm closed, 215mm x 65mm open) similar to the miniature sheet, but without a car. It contained a pane of 10 (5 x 2) 30s. stamps printed on paper giving a blue-white fluorescence and perforation 12.1, but otherwise as the sheet stamps. Normally sideways reading down, the watermark also existed sideways reading up.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack, the first day cover, sold at 30s., and the special first day postmark all featured the Proton emblem. The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.5.1	1251	1053	30s. P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.5.1a	1251a	-	- P.12.1 Wmk. SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.5.1b	1251aw	-	- P.12.1 Wmk. SU (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.5.2	1252	1054	50s. P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.5.3	1253	1055	RM1. P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.5.4	MS1254	-	RM2 miniature sheet. P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.5.5	SB16 ²	SB99	RM3 booklet. P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.5.5a	SB16a ³	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.5.6	-	MFDC-328	First day cover (1, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.5.7	-	MFDC-328M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.5.8	-	MPP-328	Presentation pack (1, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 April 2005.

Traditional Dances.



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

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 30mm stamps showed traditional dances (*tarian*) from Malaysia:

30s.: Bharata Natyam dance (Indian origin) and Kathak dance (Hindu);

50s.: Kipas dance and Payung dance (both Chinese origin);

RM1: Zapin dance (Persian origin) and Asyik dance (Kelantan).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format I - see issue 04.9 - the gutter occupied by the issue title) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of R1 and R5, Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3. 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 12.1 (all values) or 13.6 x 13.4 (30s. only).

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet showed Kanjet Negelput dance, Datun Julud dance (both Ulu tribe, Sarawak) and Sumazau dance (Sabah), the last two being perforated as the 40mm x 30mm RM2 stamp. The paper normally had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down, but also existed with watermark sideways reading up. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4.



Essay material in the public domain

Sheets of 25 stamp-sized essays appeared on the market in 2008, said to have been produced in 2006 but believed to be related to this issue or an intended follow-up issue. The stamps were marked “00sen” and one sheet showed a couple performing the Sumazau dance from Sabah. ⁴

The Sumazau sheet would have been a counter nightmare. It comprised five rows of stamps with an imperforate gutter between rows 2 and 3. Each row had a large central triangular stamp. Smaller triangular stamps were inverted either side against the apex. These in turn abutted the top apex of diamond-shaped stamps with the same height as the large triangle. The resulting irregular quadrilateral void was occupied by a blank or faintly-coloured label. Each stamp had the same image. The two panes were inverted relative to each other. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) to left and right of the top and bottom margins, colour PKN emblems (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 5, SPM emblem below the R5/4.

(Image reduced)



The other sheet showed Ngajat dancers from Sarawak. It had a more conventional format, with twenty rectangular stamps in two panes (20-set Format I). Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour PKN emblems (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 5, PKN emblem below the R5/3. The unguillotined sheet showed additional printing colour guide markings.

(Image reduced)

Further such contemporary “unsubmitted essays” include a triangular stamp, dated 2007 and inscribed “Burung Belatuk Rava”, featuring a woodpecker on SPM watermarked paper.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack and the first day cover, sold at 30s., feature composite designs.

The special first day postmark included silhouettes of two dancers.

The folder was sold at RM5.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.6.1	1255	-	30s. P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.6.1a	1255a	1056	- P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.6.2	1256	1057	50s. P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.6.3	1257	1058	RM1. P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.6.4	MS1258	-	RM2 miniature sheet. P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.6.4a	MS1258w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.6.5	-	-	First day cover (1, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.6.5a	-	MFDC-329	-(1a, 2, 3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
05.6.6	-	MFDC-329M - (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.6.7	-	- Presentation pack (1a, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

29 April 2005.

Songket.



Songket is a silk or cotton brocade fabric interwoven with gold and silver, mainly produced as a cottage industry in Kelantan and Trengganu, but possibly of Sumatran origin. Originally a mark of riches and royalty, Malaysia was seeking to promote wider demand for this material in both national and global markets. This issue was not in the published programme.

Designed by the Creative Services Dept. of television station TV3, the issue comprised four counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The four 30mm x 40mm stamps showed varieties of songket weave:

30s.: Pucuk Rebung Gigi Yu (Bamboo Shoot Sharks Tooth pattern);

50s.: Bunga Bertabur Pecah Lapan (8-Petal Scattered Flower pattern);

RM1 (A): Pucuk Rebung Gigi Yu dan Bunga Kayohan (Bamboo Shoot Sharks Tooth and Kayohan Flowers pattern);

RM1 (B): Teluk Berantai Bunga Pecah Empat (Chain and 4-Petal Flower pattern).

The RM1 designs appeared se-tenant in the sheet - A in Column 1 and B in Column 2 in each pane.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format K - see issue 05.16) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title on gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dot (x4) to left and right of row 1 and 5 and Pos Malaysia emblem below gutter. 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 measured 12.7 x 12.5. All margins were normally perforated through, with the exception of the 30s. where the top margin was imperforate.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm sheet contained a RM2 30mm x 40mm stamp and showed Potong Wajik Bertabur (Scattered Cut Rice Cake pattern). Perforation and paper were as used on the counter sheets.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4.50. The envelope of the presentation pack and the first day cover, sold at 30s., feature different cloth patterns.

The special first day postmark included an 8-petal flower pattern.

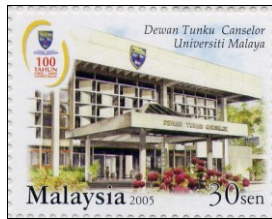
The folder was sold at RM5.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
05.7.1	1260	1059	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.7.2	1261	1060	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.7.3	1262	1061	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.7.4	1263	1062	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.7.5	1262a	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.7.6	MS1263a	MC-331M	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.7.7	-	MFDC-331	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.7.8	-	MFDC-331M	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.7.9	-	MPP-331	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 June 2005.

Centenary of University of Malaya.



Both the University of Malaya (UM) and University of Singapore celebrated their centenaries in 2005, because they started life as the same college. After separation, the University of Malaya was “corporatised” to enable it to exploit its research and thus gain finance. It now has establishments throughout Malaysia, and should not be confused with the National University of Malaysia (UKM) shown on issue 80.4. This was an added-starter to the 2005 new issue programme. Originally announced for 15 June, it was pulled forward to 9 June.

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

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography and showed building of the Kuala Lumpur Campus:

30s.: Tunku Chancellor Hall (opened 25 June 1966 by Tunku Abdul Rahman);

50s.: Library;

RM1 (A): Medical Centre (built 1966 as University Hospital Kuala Lumpur).

The sheets bore in the top margin the coats of arms of the King Edward VII College of Medicine (1905-1949), Raffles College (1929-1949), University of Malaya (1949-1961) and Universiti Malaya (1962 to date) and issue title. There was an overall feint background based on the stamp concerned. Other sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of R1 and R4, Pos Malaysia emblem below column 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 normally measured 12.1, perforated through the margins at sides and bottom, imperforate at top. Some RM1 sheets were perforated 13.6 x 13.4.

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 100mm RM2 miniature sheet contained two 40mm x 30mm RM1 stamps:

RM1 (B): The Botanical Gardens (founded 1974);

RM1 (C): Museum of Asian Art (opened 1980).

The sheet background included the four coats of arms and the University Mace. The miniature sheet had watermark inverted. It was perforated 12.5 x 12.7.



Booklet:

The RM3 booklet contained a pane of ten (5 x 2) 30s. stamps with watermark sideways reading up or down and perforation 13.6 x 13.4, attached by the left selvedge. The cover was flimsy gloss paper and showed the campus gateway.

(illustration reduced 33%)

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured an aerial view of the campus.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Tunku Chancellor Hall.

The special first day postmark included a simplified version of the university emblem.

The folder was sold at RM5.

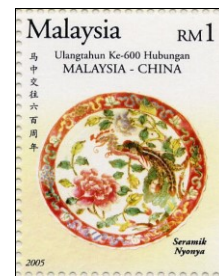
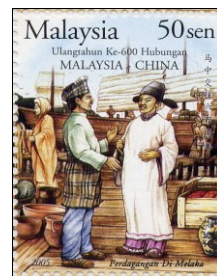
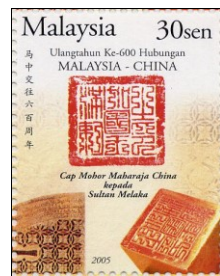
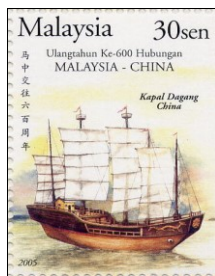


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05.8.1	1272	1071	30s. P.12.1, Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.8.1a	1272aw	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SU (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.8.1b	1272a	-	- - Wmk. SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.8.2	1273	1072	50s. P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.8.3	1274	1073	RM1 (A). P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.8.3a	1274a	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.8.4	-	-	RM1 (B) (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.8.5	-	-	RM1 (C) (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.8.6	MS1275	MC-333M	RM2 miniature sheet (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.8.7	SB17a ⁵	SB100	RM3 booklet (ten 1a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.8.7a	SB17 ⁶	-	- (ten 1b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.8.8	-	MFDC-333	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.8.9	-	MFDC-333M	- (6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.8.10	-	MPP-333	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21 July 2005.

600th Anniversary of Malaysia-China Relations.



As for the related Singapore issue, it marked the 600th anniversary of Chinese Admiral Zheng He's⁷ first visit to Malaya. This issue was originally scheduled for 9 June 2005, then 7 July 2005.

Admiral Zheng He (born Ma He in 1371 in Yunnan Province) served as a servant eunuch in the household of Prince Zhu Di, the fourth son of the Emperor, during the Ming Dynasty of China. In 1402, his employer became Emperor and changed his name, ordering him to visit all "the countries beyond the horizon, all the way to the end of the earth". Between 1405 (when he left with 62 ships and 27,800 men) and 1433, he embarked on seven voyages of discovery to more than 30 countries in Asia and Africa.

Designed by Reign Associates, the issue comprised four counter sheets of 20 and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 41mm stamps on the counter sheets showed:

30s.(A): A Chinese merchant ship;

30s.(B): The Royal Seal given by the Emperor of China to Parameswara in 1411 as recognition of his status as the Sultan of Malacca;

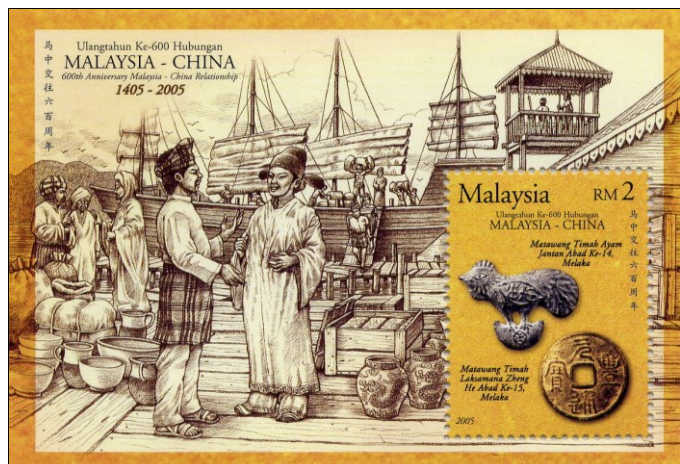
50s.: Sultan Parameswara greeting Admiral Zheng He in Malacca, 1411;

RM1: Late 18th Century Nyonya ceramic plate.

They were printed by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional in sheets of 20 panes (20-Set Format J - See issue 05.1) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The central row of stamp-size labels showed the issue title and related illustration.. The outer margins were illustrated based on the stamp subject. Other sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) to right and left of rows 1 and 4, and Pos Malaysia emblem below column 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 12.7 x 12.5. All margins were perforated through, except for the 50c. which had an imperforate margin at top.

Miniature sheet:

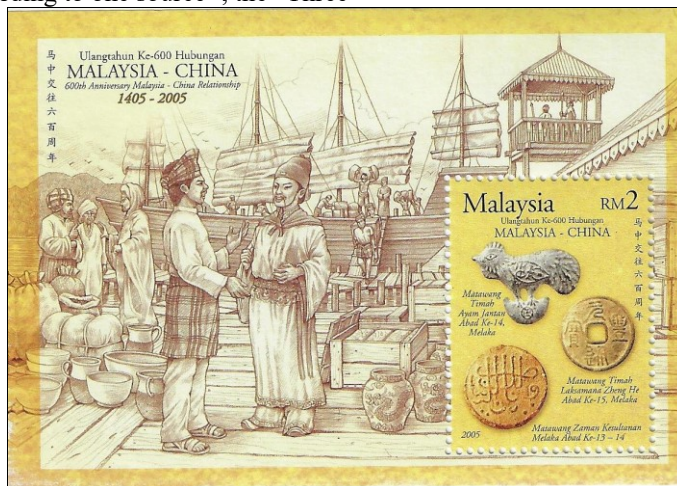
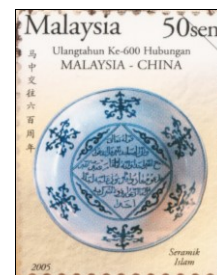
The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet showed a line-engraved version of the scene shown on the 50s. stamp. The 30mm x 41mm RM2 stamp showed a 15th Century 1/10 kati (60 gram) Malaccan rooster-shaped tin coin and a Chinese "Yuan Tong Feng Bao" copper coin of c.1080 (attributed to Emperor Sheng Zong who ruled China from 1078 to 1085). The paper and perforation were as for the counter sheets.



Late design changes:

The designs of the 50s. stamp and miniature sheet were changed at a very late stage, after post office publicity had been distributed (and after printing). The abandoned designs are illustrated here. The 50s. would have shown an Islamic blue and white ceramic plate. Several mint and used examples of this stamp has been reported, the mint ones having been found in presentation packs.⁸

The miniature sheet was originally printed showing an additional coin (described as 13th-14th Century Malacca Sultanate, but actually not introduced until the late 15th Century) and had detail differences in the appearance of Zheng He. According to one source⁹, the “Three Mountain”-style hat shown on the early design was more correct than the Imperial Court hat shown on the issued version. His plain white robe would have been appropriate for sleeping or Imperial mourning, rather than greeting a dignitary, so the late elimination of embroidered detail at the waist was a mistake. On the other hand, Zheng He was a eunuch, so elimination of whiskers was a correct change. In addition, a later coin and an earlier plate would have been more appropriate than those used on the final issue. In the issued version, the background printing was printed in a darker brown than the red-brown of the unissued one. Copies of this version have subsequently come onto the philatelic market.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope featured a dock-side scene.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the Malacca Cultural Museum, which is a 1984 replica of a palace during the Malacca Sultanate.

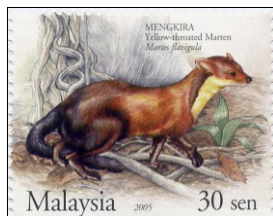
The special first day postmark included the rooster coin.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.9.1	1276	1074	30s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.9.2	1277	1075	30s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.9.3	1278	1076	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.9.4	1279	1077	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.9.5	MS1280	MC-334M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.9.5a	-	-	- Unissued version.	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
05.9.6	-	MFDC-334	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.9.7	-	MFDC-334M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.9.8	-	MPP-334	Presentation pack (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

27 July 2005.

Protected Mammals (III).



This issue was originally scheduled for 7 June 2005.

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised four counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed

30s.(A): Yellow-throated Marten (Mengkira, *Martes flavigula*);

30s.(B): Malay Weasel (Pulasan tanah, *Mustela nudipes*);

50s.: Hairy-nosed Otter (Memerang hidung berbulu, *Lutra sumatrana* Gray);

RM1: Large-spotted Civet (Musang Titik Besar, *Viverra megaspila* Blyth).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included the issue title in an extended top margin, 1A (x4) above and below

columns 1 and 4, colour dots to left and right of the title and row 5, Pos Malaysia emblem below column 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 12.1 (except 30s.(B)) or 13.6 x 13.4 (both 30s.). The left, right and bottom margins were perforated through, the top being imperforate.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet containing a 30mm x 40mm RM2 stamp showed a Long-tailed Porcupine (Landak Padi, *Trichys lipura*) on the RM2 stamp and a Malayan or Himalayan Porcupine (Landak Raya, *Hystrix brachyura*) on the background. The stamp was perforated 12.7 x 12.5, the top line being slightly crooked, with watermark sideways reading down.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured civet, otter and weasel.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the weasel.

The special first day postmark included weasel.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.10.1	1281a	1079	30s.(A) P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.10.1a	1281	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.10.2	1282	1078	30s.(B) P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.10.3	1283a ¹⁰	1080	50s. P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.10.4	1284	1081	RM1. P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.10.5	MS1285	MC-335M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.10.6	-	MFDC-335	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.10.7	-	MFDC-335M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.10.8	-	MPP-335	Presentation pack (1a, 2-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19 August 2005 - Taipei 2005 Miniature sheet:

The miniature sheet also existed in a version incorporating at the bottom left the Taipei 2005 18th Asian International Stamp Exhibition emblem. The event was held from 19-24 August 2005 at Taipei World Trade Centre Exhibition Hall. Apart from the emblem, it appeared to be identical to the normal sheet. A special version of the first day cover was also issued with the event emblem added and similar special postmark.

(An issue date of 28 July had been suggested but this was unlikely to be correct - 19 August was the probable date).



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.11.1	MS1290	MC-337M	RM2 miniature sheet. Taipei emblem.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.11.1a	-	MFDC-337M	First day cover.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 August 2005.

Traditional Water Transport.

This issue was originally announced for 29 November 2005 under the title “Traditional Sailing Craft”.

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

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: A “box boat” (perahu kotak);

50s.: Sampan;

RM1: Bamboo raft (rakit buluh).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included issue title in extended top margin, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of the title and of row 5, and Pos Malaysia emblem below column 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 normally measured 13.6 x 13.4, but the 30s. was also perforated 12.1.

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 100mm miniature sheet showed a “long boat” or dugout canoe (perahu batang) and incorporated a 40mm x 50mm RM2 stamp. It normally had watermark inverted (perf 14.1 x 13.6/14.1) but also widely exists with watermark upright (perf 14.1 x 14.1/13.6). This simultaneous reversal of both watermark and perforation suggests that some panes were printed inverted and perforated before guillotining into miniature sheets.¹¹

A large number of “used” RM2 stamps exist removed from miniature sheets. There appeared to have been a major error at a philatelic bureau, as these stamps bore the special postmark for the preceding Mammals issue and were clearly removed from first day covers before being used by the Kuala Lumpur Philatelic Bureau for receipt purposes in order to recover at least part of the lost face value.

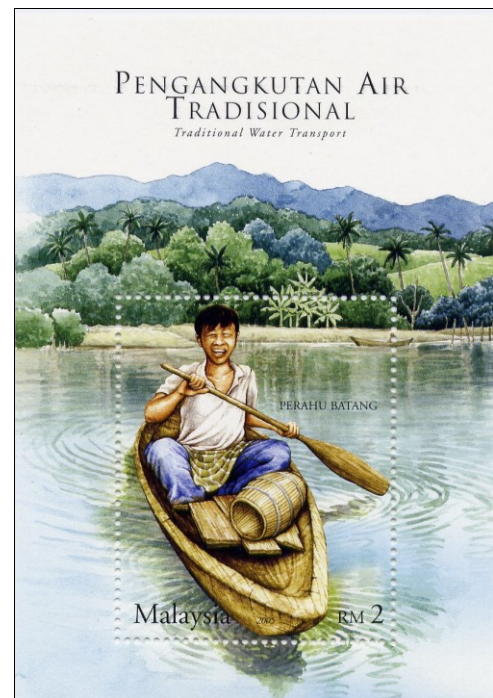
First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a sampan and a box boat.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured lighters in a dock.

The special first day postmark included a sampan.

The folder was sold at RM5.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
05.12.1	1286	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.12.1a	1286a	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.12.2	1287	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.12.3	1288	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.12.4	MS1289w	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.12.4a	MS1289	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.12.5	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.12.5a	-	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.12.6	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Unissued [16 August 2005].

Royal Headdresses.

An issue on this subject was cancelled. It eventually appeared on 16 September 2008 after several other false starts (see issue 08.11).

30 August 2005.

Centenary of Kuala Kangsar Malay College.



The Malay College Kuala Kangsar (MCKK) (“The Eton of the East”) was founded on 2 January 1905 by R J Wilkinson, the FMS Inspector of Schools, with the active support of the four Malay Rulers of the Federated Malay States, as the Malay Residential School of Kuala Kangsar for boys of good family destined for Government service. Today, it is a selective secondary school. Originally, it was planned to issue a postal stationery envelope on 30 July, but this was replaced by this stamp issue.

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

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: “Big School”, opened 11th December 1909 by Sultan Idris of Perak, as extended in 1955;

50s.(A): The Preparatory School, built in 1912;

50s.(B): The “Big Tree” (Rain Tree, *Samanea saman*), retained as an Old Boy monument.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format I - see issue 04.9) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included event emblems and issue title in the gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 5, Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3. 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 13.6 x 13.4.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet contained four 22mm x 51mm 50s. designs, representing the four school houses with a picture of the respective founding Ruler, namely:

50s.(C): Idris House (white) - Sultan Idris Muarshidul ‘Adzam Shah of Perak (ruled 1887-1916);

50s.(D): Sulaiman House (red) - Sultan Alaidin Sulaiman Shah of Selangor (ruled 1898-1938);

50s.(E): Muhamad Shah House (yellow) - Yam Tuan Tuanku Muhamad Shah of Negri Sembilan (ruled 1888-1933);

50s.(F): Ahmad House (black) - Sultan Ahmad Al-Mu’adzam Shah of Pahang (ruled 1882-1909).



The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The comb perforations measured 12.0.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the Clock Tower and old photographs of the school and its occupants. The special first day postmark included the event emblem.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.13.1	1291	1085	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.13.2	1292	1086	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.13.3	1293	1087	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.13.4	-	-	50s.(C) (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.13.5	-	-	50s.(D) (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.13.6	-	-	50s.(E) (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.13.7	-	-	50s.(F) (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.13.8	MS1294	MC-338M	RM2 miniature sheet (4-7).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.13.9	-	MFDC-338	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.13.10	-	MFDC-338M	- (8).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

28 September 2005.

Rare Reptiles.



This set was originally planned for issue on 9 September.

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised four stamps and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.(A): Dumeril's or Harlequin Monitor (Biawak Kudung, *Varanus dumerilii*);

30s.(B): Rough-neck Monitor (Biawak Serunai, *Varanus rudicollis*);

50s.: Great Anglehead Lizard or Giant Forest Dragon (Sumpah-Sumpah, *Gonocephalus grandis*);

RM1: Estuarine Crocodile (Buaya Tembaga, *Crocodylus porosus*).

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (20-set Format I - see issue 04.9) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using

standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included issue title in gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 5, Pos Malaysia emblem below column 3, and, on 30s. only, "Design A" (or B) below R5/2. 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 13.6 x 13.4.

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 100mm RM2 miniature sheet showed a Five-banded Gliding Lizard (Cicak Terbang, *Draco quinquefasciatus*) and contained a 30mm x 40mm stamp. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright, but otherwise was as for the counter sheets. The comb perforations measured 14.1 x 14.1/13.7.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the pack featured Great Anglehead Lizards.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured details of the reptiles.

The special first day postmark included the Harlequin Monitor.

The folder was sold at RM5.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.14.1	1295	1088	30s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.14.2	1296	1089	30s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.14.3	1297	1090	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.14.4	1298	1091	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.14.5	MS1299	MC-339M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.14.6	-	MFDC-339	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.14.7	-	MFDC-339M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.14.8	-	MPP-339	Presentation pack (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10 October 2005.

Traditional Kites.



Malayan kites are divided into the “layang-layang” of the Western and Southern states and the hummer-equipped “wau” of the East Coast and Northern states. This issue showed only the latter.

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised three counter sheets and a miniature sheet:

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: Wau Jala Budi (Budi Leaf Kite);

50s.: Wau Bulan (Moon Kite);

RM1: Wau Kucing (Cat Kite).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included issue title at top in broad imperforate margin, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of the top margin and R5, Pos Malaysia emblem below column 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 12.1 or 13.6 x 13.4 (all stamps).

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm RM2 miniature sheet contained a 40mm x 30mm stamp showing Wau Merak or Layang-layang Kipas (Fan Kite) against a beach background incorporating the other types of kite, as shown on the stamps. The paper was as for the counter sheets. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured Wau Jala Budi.

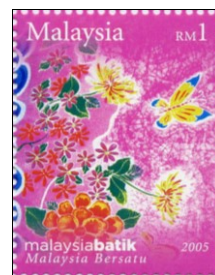
The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Wau Bulan.

The special first day postmark included Wau Bulan. The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.15.1	1300a	-	30s. P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.15.1a	1300	1092	- P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.15.2	1301	-	50s. P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.15.2a	1301a	1093	- P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.15.3	1302	1094	RM1. P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.15.3a	1302a	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.15.4	MS1303	MC-340M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.15.5	-	MFDC-340	First day cover (1a, 2a, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.15.5a	-	-	- (1a, 2, 3a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.15.5b	-	-	- (1a, 2a, 3a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.15.6	-	MFDC-340M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.15.7	-	MPP-340	Presentation pack (1, 2, 3a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.15.7a	-	-	- (1, 2a, 3a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 December 2005.

Stamp Week (X) - Batik.



The stamps for the tenth annual national Stamp Week showed winning designs from the Piala Seri Endon Batik Design Competitions of 2003 and 2004. This issue was originally planned for 20 December. Stamp Week was subsequently moved forward to 2-8 December.

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

Counter sheets:

The three 30mm x 40mm stamps showed:
 30s.: “Binaan Asasi” (Foundation Building) by Masrina Abdullah (1st place in 2003);
 50s.: “Pesona Sutera” (Silk Pesona) by Nazari Maarus (2nd, 2003);
 RM1: “Malaysia Bersatu” (United Malaysia) by Michael Shu (2nd, 2004).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format K - similar to Format A [see issue 02.9] but with imperforate gutter) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 5, Pos Malaysia emblem below the centre gutter. 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 12.7 x 12.5.

20-Set Format K



Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet contained a 30mm x 40mm RM2 stamp and showed “Penyatuan” (Convergence) by Mohammed Azizi Hassan (3rd, 2003). Paper and perforation were as for the counter sheets.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured “Malaysia Bersatu”.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured “Pesona Sutera”.

The first day postmark included a flower.

The folder was sold at RM5.

A set of seven covers was offered at RM9.50 the set, each cover having a Stamp Week cachet and a day postmark on a different stamp or combination thereof, as follows:



Date	Postmark	Stamps affixed	Date	Postmark	Stamps affixed
2Dec05	Flower	30s.	6Dec05	Printing block	30s., RM1.
3Dec05	Canting (wax pen)	50s.	7Dec05	Leaf	50s., RM1.
4Dec05	Quatrefoil pattern	RM1.	8Dec05	Canting	M/S.
5Dec05	Canting	30s., 50s.			

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.16.1	1304	1095	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.16.2	1305	1096	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.16.3	1306	1097	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.16.4	MS1307	MC-341M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.16.5	-	MFDC-341	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.16.6	-	MFDC-341M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.16.7	-	MPP-341	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12 December 2005.

11th ASEAN Summit.



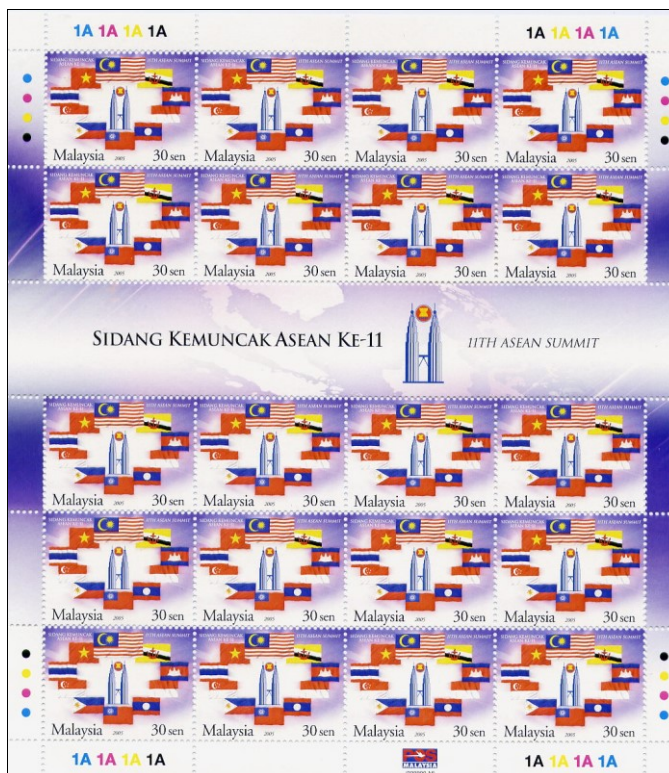
The 11th ASEAN Summit, with the theme “One Vision, One Identity, One Community” was held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from 12 to 14 December, chaired by Malaysia. It was the umbrella for a series of events, including the 9th ASEAN Plus Three Summit, the 9th ASEAN-China Summit, the 9th ASEAN-Japan Summit, the 9th ASEAN-Republic of Korea Summit, the 4th ASEAN-India Summit, 1st ASEAN-Russia Summit and 1st East Asia Summit! The event emblem incorporates the Petronas Twin Towers and the ASEAN emblem.

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

- The three 40mm x 30mm designs showed:
 - 30s.: The event emblem and flags of the Member States;
 - 50s.: Event emblem and theme;
 - RM1: Event emblem and aerial view of central Kuala Lumpur.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format L - Two panes 4 x 2 above 4 x 3, similar to Format I but with imperforate gutter) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 5 and Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3. 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 upright. The comb perforations measured 12.5 x 12.7.



20-set Format L

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the ASEAN emblem and flags of the member states. The special first day postmark included the event emblem.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.17.1	1308	1098	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.17.2	1309	1099	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.17.3	1310	1100	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.17.4	-	MFDC-342	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22 December 2005.

Five Islands and Reefs in the South China Sea.



This issue highlights islets to the north west of Sabah. This late-starter issue was originally planned for 24 November 2005, as was shown in the RM5 collector's folder for the issue with a correction label. It was understood that this delay was caused by concern over a territorial dispute affecting the islands. It was then intended to take over the 20 December slot left vacant by moving National Stamp Week. The issue was further delayed two days at a late stage.

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised four counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The four 40mm x 30mm stamps showed satellite photographs of the islands and pictures of wildlife:

30s.(A): Erica Reef (Terumbu Siput) and Magnificent Nudibranch (*Chromodoris magnifica*);

30s.(B): Mariveles Reef (Terumbu Mantanani) and Sea Cucumber (Timun Laut, *Synapta media*);

RM1 (A): Investigator Reef (Terumbu Peninjau) and Scallop (*Chlamys rastellum*);

RM1 (B): Swallow Island (Pulau Layang-Layang) and Warty Starfish (*Echinaster callosus*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format L - see issue 05.17) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional by standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in gutter, 1A (x4) above and below the columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of R1 and R5 and Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3. 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 upright (30s.) or sideways reading down (RM1). The comb perforations measured 12.5 x 12.7 (30s. both) or 12.1 (RM1 both) or 13.6 x 13.4 (RM1 both). Both the RM1 sheets seen had the upper pane 13.6 x 13.4 and the lower pane 12.1.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet showed a map of Borneo showing the location of the reefs, and incorporates a 50mm x 40mm RM2 stamp showing Ardasier Reef (Terumbu Ubi) and the other four reefs. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading up. The comb perforations measured 13.7/14.1 x 14.1.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a sea snail.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured reef life.

The special first day postmark included a Troschel's Murex (*Murex troscheli*).

The folder was sold at RM5.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
05.18.1	1312	1101	30s.(A). P.12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.18.2	1311	1102	30s.(B). P.12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.18.3	1313	1103	RM1 (A). P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.18.3a	1313a	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.18.4	1314	1104	RM1 (B). P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.18.4a	1314a	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.18.5	MS1315	MC-343M	RM2 MS. P.13.7/14.1 x 14.1. Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.18.6	-	MFDC-343	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.18.6a	-	-	- (1-2, 3a, 4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.18.7	-	MFDC-343M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.18.8	-	MPP-343	Presentation pack (1-3, 4a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05.18.8a	-	-	- (1-2, 3a- 4a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTES

¹ S.G. lists 1250 as Wmk.SD (in error?), but this has not been seen by the author.

² S.G. listed the booklet pane without covers as 1251ab.

³ S.G. listed the booklet pane without covers as 1251awb.

⁴ The Samazau sheet was offered in Spinks London auction 12 November 2008. However, it has been established by PSM that such a design has never been authorised or submitted to the Stamp Advisory Board for approval (Reported by Mr. C. Wong 25 May 2009). Both sheets were offered in Sarawak Specialists' Society auction October 2009.

⁵ S.G. listed the booklet pane without covers as 1272awb.

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- ⁶ S.G. listed the booklet pane without covers as 1272ab.
- ⁷ Also known as Cheng Ho.
- ⁸ Shown by Mr. A. Foo on Facebook.
- ⁹ Dr Chua Hock Khoon, “Serious design errors in the issue of “600th Anniversary of Malaysia-China Relations””, Penang Stamp Messenger, 2005.
- ¹⁰ S.G. lists 1283 as P.13.6 x 13.4, but this has not been seen by the author.
- ¹¹ S.G. lists a P.14 miniature sheet as MS1289a, possibly as a result of this confusion.