

CHAPTER FORTY-EIGHT

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

26 January 2006.

Wild Duck Species.



Ducks (*Anatinae*) are both a wild life and economic resource.

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

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.(A): White-winged Wood Duck (Serati Hutan, *Cairina scutulata*);

30s.(B): Common Teal (Itik Eropah, *Anas crecca*);

50s.(A): Northern Shoveler (Itik Sudu, *Anas clypeata*);

50s.(B): Northern Pintail (Itik Muara, *Anas acuta*).

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 were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots to left and right of broad top margin (which carried the issue title and a relevant duck) and row 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 normally had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down, but the 30s.(A) exists with its watermark reading up.¹ The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4 (30s.(A) also exists 12.1).

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm sheet featured the Great Cormorant (Pependang Air, *Phalacrocorax carbo*) and incorporated a 40mm x 30mm RM2 stamp showing the bird on a nest. The paper was as for the counter sheets. Normally with watermark sideways reading down, it has also been reported reading up.² The perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4. It was also released imperforate.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a Teal, a Wood Duck and another duck.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a cormorant.

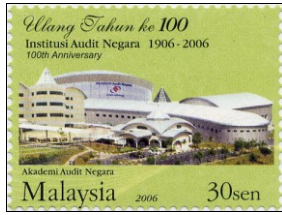
The special first day postmark included a webbed foot.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.1.1	1317	-	30s.(A). P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.1.1a	1317aw	-	- - Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.1.1b	1317b	1105	- P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.1.2	1316	1106	30s.(B). P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.1.2a	1316b	-	- P.12.1. Wmk. SD. ³	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.1.3	1318	1107	50s.(A). P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.1.4	1319	1108	50s.(B). P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.1.5	MS1320aw	MC-344M	RM2 miniature sheet. Perforated. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.1.5a	MS1320	-	- - Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.1.6	MS1320b	-	- Imperforate. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.1.7	-	MFDC-344	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.1.8	-	MFDC-344M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.1.9	-	MPP-344	Presentation pack (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14 February 2006.

Centenary of National Audit Department.



The Institution of Audit of the Malay Peninsular was founded in 1906 to audit government expenditures and departmental performance in the Federated Malay States, under the Auditor-General of the FMS. There was a separate audit authority in the Straits Settlements. They merged in 1932 under the Director of Colonial Audit, based in London, with an Auditor of the Straits Settlements and FMS based in KL. The separate Institusi Audit Negara and the post of Auditor-General of the Federation of Malaya (Juru Odit Negara PTM) were re-established in 1957 at independence. These services were restructured in 2002 as the National Audit Department (Jabatan Audit Negara). A National Audit Academy was opened on 24 November 2005 at ENSTEK Seremban, Negri Sembilan.

Designed by Creative & Communications House Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

- The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:
- 30s.: National Audit Academy buildings;
- 50s.(A): Old and new JAN emblems;
- 50s.(B): Old and new Auditor-General's reports.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format L - see issue 05.17) 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 the 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. The comb perforations measured 12.5 x 12.7.

First day facilities:

- There was no presentation pack.
- The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured reports.
- The special first day postmark included the new JAN emblem.
- The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.2.1	1321	1109	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.2.2	1322	1110	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.2.3	1323	1111	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.2.4	-	MFDC-345	First day cover.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

28 March 2006.

Rare Fruits (III).



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

Counter sheets:

The 29mm x 34mm stamps showed:

30s.: Pedalai (Terap Bulu, *Artocarpus sericicarpus*);

50s.: Malay Gooseberry (Cermai, *Phyllanthus acidus*);

RM1 (A): Seashore Mangosteen (Beruas, *Garcinia hombroniana*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format M - 2 panes 5 x 2 with imperforate gutter) 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 4, Pos Malaysia emblem below R4/4. The gutter (which carried the issue title) and margins were decorated. The phosphor-coated paper gave a white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The comb perforations measured 14.0 x 13.6 with a large elliptical perforation in the middle of the vertical side. There were nine extension holes in the top margin of the upper panes of the printers sheet (30c. and 50c. seen), whereas margins were normally perforated through between panes.



20-Set Format M

Miniature sheet:

The RM2 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet contained two RM1 29mm x 34mm stamps showing:

RM1 (B): Johore Tree (Ceri Terengganu, *Lepisanthes alata*);

RM1 (C): Jentik-Jentik (*Baccaurea polyneura*).

The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.9 x 14.1 with a large elliptical perforation in the middle of the vertical side.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4.30. The envelope of the presentation pack featured Downy Rose-Myrtle (Kemuning, *Rhodomyrtus tomentosa*).

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the Nyekak Durian (*Durio kutejensis*).

The special first day postmark included Cermai.

The folder was sold at RM5.

Maximum cards for this issue were privately produced in conjunction with the stamp designers.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.3.1	1324	1112	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.3.2	1325	1113	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.3.3	1326	1114	RM1 (A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.3.4	-	-	RM1 (B) (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.3.5	-	-	RM1 (C) (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.3.6	MS1327	MC-346M	RM2 miniature sheet (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.3.7	-	MFDC-346	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.3.8	-	MFDC-346M	- (6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.3.9	-	MPP-346	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26 April 2006.

Natural Scenery - Mountains.



Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised two counter sheets with se-tenant stamps, a miniature sheet and four unstamped postcards.

Counter sheets:

The se-tenant pairs of 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.(A): Gunung Kinabalu (Sabah - now a UNESCO World Heritage Site) (4095m) and an orchid;

30s.(B): Gunung Ledang (previously known as Mount Ophir, Johore) (1276m) and a pitcher plant;

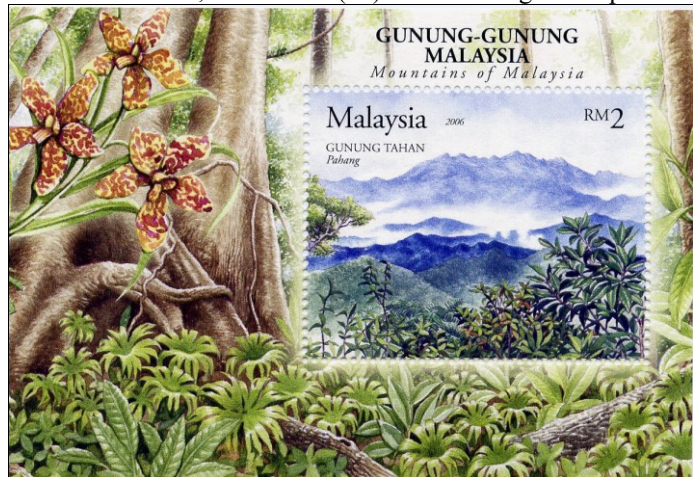
50s.(A): Gunung Jerai (Kedah) and orchid;

50s.(B): Gunung Mulu (Sarawak) (2376m) and close-up of the Pinnacles of Gunung Api (which also forms part of Mulu National Park).

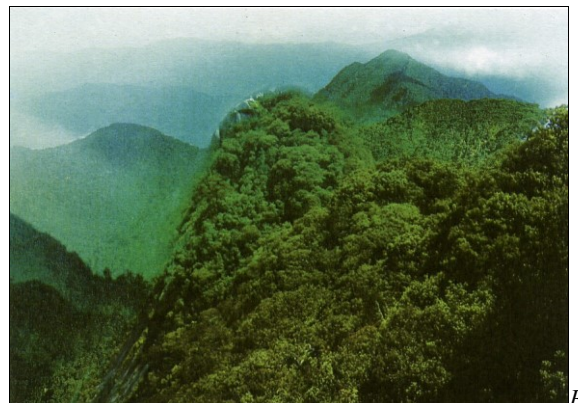
They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography with details of the mountains picked-out by embossing. Sheet markings were the issue title in a broad, imperforate top margin, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of top margin and row 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. It had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4 or 12.1 (all values).

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm sheet contained a 50mm x 40mm RM2 stamp. The stamp showed Gunung Tahan (Pahang), the highest mountain in Malaya at 2187m, situated in the Taman Negara National Park. The background showed an orchid in a forest. The sheets were perforated 13.6/14.1 x 14.1 and had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading up.



Unstamped postcards:





Four unstamped 147mm x 106mm postcards for use as maximum cards were sold at 50s. each or as a serviced set at RM3.60. They showed:

- (A) Gunung Kinabalu (painting, part of that used on the first day cover);
- (B) Gunung Ledang (photograph);
- (C) Gunung Jerai (photograph);
- (D) Gunung Api Pinnacles (painting; the address side of the card is incorrectly inscribed Gunung Mulu).

The address side of the card had a brief description, the price and the Pos Malaysia emblem.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a painting of Gunung Kinabalu, part of which was also used on the postcard.

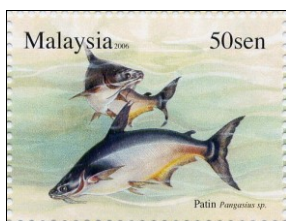
The special first day postmark included Gunung Kinabalu.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.4.1	1328b	1115	30s.(A). P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.1a	1328	-	- P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.2	1329b	1116	30s.(B). P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.2a	1329	-	- P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.3	-	-	Se-tenant pair (1, 2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.3a	1328a	-	- (1a, 2a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.4	1330b	1117	50s.(A). P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.4a	1330	-	- P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.5	1331b	1118	50s.(B). P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.5a	1331	-	- P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.6	-	-	Se-tenant pair (4, 5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.6a	1330a	-	- (4a, 5a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.7	MS1332	MC-347M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.8	-	MFDC-347	First day cover (3, 6a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.8a	-	-	- (3a, 6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.9	-	MFDC-347M	- (7).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.10	-	-	Postcard (A)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.10a	-	-	- Serviced as maximum card (1a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.11	-	-	Postcard (B)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.11a	-	-	- Serviced as maximum card (2a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.12	-	-	Postcard (C)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.12a	-	-	- Serviced as maximum card (4a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.13	-	-	Postcard (D)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.4.13a	-	-	- Serviced as maximum card (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

25 May 2006.

Freshwater Fish (III).



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

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: Sultan Fish or Mad Barb (Jelawat, *Leptobarbus hoevenii*);

50s.(A): Irridescent Shark (Patin, *Pangasius Hypophthalmus.*);

50s.(B): Hampala Barb (Sebarau, *Hampala macrolepidota*);

RM1: Isok Barb or Jullien's Golden Carp (Temoleh, *Probarbus jullieni*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format L - see issue 05.17) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were the issue title and various fish in gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots to left and right of top and bottom rows and Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3. The paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The phosphor-coated paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The comb perforations measured 12.5 x 12.7. All margins were perforated through.

Variety:

The following variety was reported:

Value	No.	Position	Variety
50s.(A)	v1	R3/3	A large yellow dot to the right of the foreground fish (reported to be constant but not present - possibly due to multi-pane printing - on sheet seen by author).

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet contained a 70mm x 34mm RM5 stamp showing Walking Catfish (Keli Kayu, *Clarias batrachus*) (left) and White-whiskered River Catfish (Baung, *Mystus nemurus*). The right-hand fish was overprinted with holographic ink. The phosphor-coated paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.2.

**First day facilities:**

The presentation pack was sold at RM4.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured Silver Sharkminnow (Terbul, *Osteochilus hasseltii*) and Bronze Featherback (Belida, *Notopterus notopterus*).

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Tinfoil Barb (Lampam Sungai, *Puntius schwanefeldii*) and Brilliant Rasbora (Seluang, *Rasbora einthovenii*).

The special first day postmark included a Seluang.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.5.1	1333	1119	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.5.2	1335	1120	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.5.3	1334	1121	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.5.4	1336	1122	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.5.5	MS1337	MC-348M	RM5 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.5.6	-	MFDC-348	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.5.7	-	MFDC-348M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.5.8	-	MPP-348	Presentation pack (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22 June 2006.

50th Anniversary of Department for Language and Astrology.



The Department for Language and Astrology (Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka - DBP) was founded on 22 June 1956 in Johore Bahru, with the role of establishing Malay as the official and national language. Today it is based at Jalan Dewan Bahasa (formerly Jalan Lapangan Terbang Lama) in Kuala Lumpur.

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

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

50s.(A): The facade mural at the Balai Budaya Tun Syed Nasir, Kuala Lumpur;

50s.(B): The Palmyra palm in nature and as part of the DBP emblem (designed by Hoessien Enas in 1957);

RM1: Dictionaries, including a palm-top computer and another digital device.

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (20-Set Format L - see issue 05.17) 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 to the 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. All margins were perforated through.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the original DBP building in Johore Bahru and the present KL headquarters.

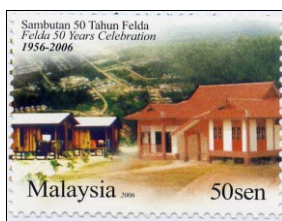
The special first day postmark included the DBP emblem.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.6.1	1338	1123	50s.(A)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.6.2	1339	1124	50s.(B)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.6.3	1340	1125	RM1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.6.4	-	MFDC-349	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7 July 2006.

50th Anniversary of FELDA.



For information on FELDA, see issue 77.2, which marked its 21st Birthday.

Designed by Fluorescent Squid Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: "Cultivating the Seeds of Success" - oil palm and rubber trees;

50s.: "Nation Building" - old and new-style "Felda Jaya" housing and oil palm estate;

RM1: "Forging Success" - old, new and planned offices, Wisma FELDA and Balai FELDA, Jalan Perumahan Gurney, Kuala Lumpur, and globe.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (format not recorded, but likely to be 20-set Format L) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included 1A (x4) above the right-hand column and colour dots (x4) to the right of the top row. 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 upright. The comb perforations measured 12.5 x 12.7. The top and right margins were perforated through; other margins were not recorded.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured an oil palm estate and palm seed head.

The special first day postmark included a rubber tree and oil palm seeds.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.7.1	1341	1126	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.7.2	1342	1127	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.7.3	1343	1128	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.7.4	-	MFDC-350	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18 July 2006.

Sultan Azlan Shah Gallery.



The Istana Ulu (built in 1903) at Bukit Chandran, Kuala Kangsar, Perak, had been converted into a gallery to display royal history, regalia and artefacts (including the Sultan's car collection). It was opened by Sultan Azlan Shah on 9 December 2003. The Sultan now holds Court at the Istana Iskandariah. This issue was an added starter to the 2006 programme.

Designed by Professor Dato' Raja Zahabuddin Raja Yaacob, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: Keris Taming Sari (State Kris, dating from at least 1528);

50s.: Istana Ulu;

RM1: Royal Aigrette (insignia jewellery, designed by Sultan Idris in 1911) on royal headdress.

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 were the issue title in the broad top margin with views of the galleries (including two Rolls Royce cars on the 30s.), 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of row 5 and the top margin, 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 normally had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down, but a small quantity of each value is known reading up⁴. The comb perforations measured 12.1 or 13.6 x 13.4 for all values. The bottom and side margins were perforated through, the top being imperforate.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

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

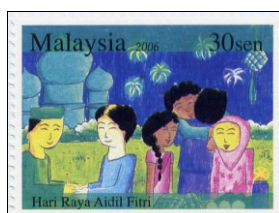
The special first day postmark included the Istana.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.8.1	1344	1129	30s. P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.8.1a	1344aw	-	- - Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.8.1b	1344b	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.8.1c	1344bw	-	- - Wmk. SU. ⁵	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.8.2	1345	1130	50s. P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.8.2a	1345aw	-	- - Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.8.2b	1345b	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.8.2c	1345bw	-	- - Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.8.3	1346	1131	RM1. P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.8.3a	1346b	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.8.3b	1346bw	-	- - Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.8.4	-	MFDC-351	First day cover. (1, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.8.4a	-	-	- (1, 2a, 3a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

15 August 2006.

Festivals.



This issue was intended to celebrate Malaysia's cultural diversity, but, unlike Singapore's equivalent issue, it omits any reference to Western festivals.

Designed by First Option Resources Sdn. Bhd. based on artwork from a children's design competition, this issue comprised three counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: Hari Raya Aidilfitri (Eid ul-Fitr (tr. Breakfast Festival), the start of the month following the Islamic Ramadan fast);

50s.: Chinese New Year;

RM1 (A): Deepavali (Hindu, Sikh and Jain festival of lights).

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 were the issue title in the broad top margin, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to the left and right of row 5 and to the left and right of the top margin, 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 sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 12.1 or 13.6 x 13.4 for all values. The bottom and side margins were perforated through, the top being imperforate.

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 100mm miniature sheet contained a se-tenant pair of two 30mm x 40mm stamps showing the harvest festivals of:

RM1 (B): Tadau Ka'amatan (Ka'amatan is the Sabah Kadazan Harvest Festival. Tadau is a beauty pageant that forms part of the celebration);

RM1 (C): Gawai Dayak (Sarawak 1 June festival celebrated by the Iban or Sea Dayak and Bidayuh or Land Dayak peoples).

The paper and watermark were as for counter sheets. The perforations measured 12.7 x 12.5.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured diverse children, Malaysian flag and Hibiscus.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured diverse children.

The special first day postmark included diverse children.

The folder was sold at RM5.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
06.9.1	1347a	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.9.1a	1347	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.9.2	1348a	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.9.2a	1348	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.9.3	1349a	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.9.3a	1349	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.9.4	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.9.5	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.9.6	MS1350	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.9.7	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.9.8	-	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.9.9	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

29 August 2006.

Traditional Costumes.



This issue celebrates the diversity of traditional costumes found throughout Malaysia, belonging to both indigenous and immigrant ethnic groups.

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

Counter sheets:

The three 30mm x 40mm stamps showed:

50s.(A): Malay male Baju Melayu Cekak Musang and female Baju Kurung Telok Belanga Songket;

50s.(B): Chinese male Samfoo and female Cheongsam;

50s.(C): Indian male Vaishti and female Saree and Choli.

They were printed in separate 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, illustration and Pos Malaysia emblem in central imperforate gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, 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. It had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 12.7 x 12.5.

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 100mm RM2 miniature sheet contained a vertical set of two 30mm x 40mm RM1 stamps showing:

RM1 (A): Iban male Baju Burung and female Bidang, Marek Empang and Sugu Tinggi;

RM1 (B): Kadazan male Sumazau dance costume and female Kadazan Papar costume.

The paper was as for the counter sheets. It normally had watermark Multiple SPM sideways upright but exists with inverted watermark. The perforations measured 13.5.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured five males.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured five females.

The special first day postmark included a needle and cotton reel.

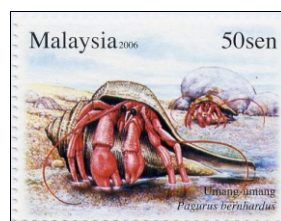
The folder was sold at RM5.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.10.1	1351	1135	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.10.2	1352	1136	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.10.3	1353	1137	50s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.10.4	-	-	RM1 (A). Wmk. U (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.10.4a	-	-	- Wmk. I (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.10.5	-	-	RM1 (B). Wmk. U (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.10.5a	-	-	- Wmk. I (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.10.6	MS1354	MC-353M	RM2 miniature sheet (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.10.6a	MS1354w	-	- (4a-5a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.10.7	-	MFDC-353	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.10.8	-	MFDC-353M	- (6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.10.9	-	MPP-353	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 October 2006.

Stamp Week (XI) - Semi-Aquatic Animals.



This issue was originally planned for 23 November, but Stamp Week was moved to World Post Day.

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

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:
 30s.: Giant Mudskipper (*Ikan belacak*, *Periophthalmodon schlosseri*);
 50s.: Common Hermit Crab (*Umang-umang*, *Pagarus bernhardus*);

RM1 (A): Southeast Asian Box Turtle (*Kura-kura katup*, *Cuora amboinensis*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format N - 4 x 6 with the four top right positions imperforate and occupied by issue title) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title and Stamp Week emblem at top right, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of R1 and R6, 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. It had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4. The right-hand two rows were perforated in a separate operation and the perforations rarely align with the left-hand side.



20-Set Format N

Miniature sheet:

The 120mm x 70mm sheet contained four 29mm x 34mm RM1 stamps showing:

RM1 (B): Four-lined Tree Frog (*Katak pokok empat garis*, *Polypedates leucomystax*)

RM1 (C): Common Monitor (*Biawak air*, *Varanus salvator*);

RM1 (D): Otter Civet (*Musang air*, *Cynogale bennettii*);

RM1 (E): Triangle Keelback (*Ular air*, *Xenochrophis trianguligera*);

against a mangrove forest background.



The perforations measured 13.8 x 14.1 and had an elliptical perforation on the vertical sides of each stamp. Paper and watermark were as for counter sheets.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured *Cuora amboinensis*, *Pagarus bernhardus* and a shell. This was the last presentation pack of 2006.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured *Varanus dumerilii* and *Limnonectes limnocharis*.

The special first day postmark included a turtle.

There were special postmarks at Johore Bahru for the duration of the event:

9 October	Turtle	12 October	Mudskipper	15 October	Frog
10 October	Lizard	13 October	Snake		
11 October	Crab	14 October	Civet		

plus a Stamp Week cachet using the Pos Malaysia emblem.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.11.1	1355	1138	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.11.2	1356	1139	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.11.3	1357	1140	RM1 (A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.11.4	-	-	RM1 (B). (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.11.5	-	-	RM1 (C). (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.11.6	-	-	RM1 (D). (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.11.7	-	-	RM1 (E). (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.11.8	MS1358	MC-354M	RM4 miniature sheets (4-7).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.11.9	-	MFDC-354	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.11.10	-	MFDC-354M	- (8).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.11.11	-	MPP-354	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6 November 2006.

18th FIGO World Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics.



The 18th World Congress of the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) was held in Kuala Lumpur. FIGO was founded in 1954 and meets every three years. Gynaecology is defined as the health care of the non-pregnant woman and obstetrics the care and management of a woman during pregnancy and after delivery.

Designed by Dr. T. P. Baskaran, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: The FIGO emblem which comprised a globe with a tree and a woman superimposed, together with five leaves in the Olympic colours representing the five continents.

50s.(A): The body profile of a young woman ("Gynaecology");

50s.(B): A baby in the womb ("Obstetrics").

The two 50s. stamps make a composite design of a globe.

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (20-Set Format L - see issue 05.17) 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 the rows 1 and 5, issue title and emblems in gutter, Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3.. The phosphor-coated paper gave a 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.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the event emblem and a woman before and during pregnancy and with a baby.

The special first day postmark included the event emblem.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.12.1	1359	1141	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.12.2	1360	1142	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.12.3	1361	1143	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.12.4	-	MFDC-355	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

25 November 2006.

9th Fespig Games.



The Far East and South Pacific Games for the Disabled (FESPIC Games), held every four years since 1975, was the second largest multi-disability sporting event after the Paralympics themselves. In 2006, over 3700 athletes from 47 countries took part in 19 sports. The ninth Games took place in Kuala Lumpur from 25 November to 1 December 2006. The 2010 event was to be renamed the Asia Para Games. One or both of the event mascots, two anthropomorphic mouse-deer, appeared on all items.

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

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm stamps showed:
 30s.: Wheelchair athlete;
 50s.: Disabled swimmer;
 50s.: Wheelchair lawn tennis player.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 5 x 4 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title on enlarged top margin, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) to left and right of top margin and row 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 12.7 x 12.5.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm sheet containing a 30mm x 40mm RM2 stamp showing a wheelchair basketball player. The background showed the two mouse-deer mascots. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM inverted, but was otherwise as for the counter sheets. The perforations measured 13.4 x 13.6.



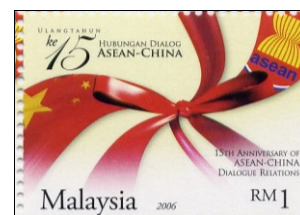
First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.
 The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a leg-less swimmer.
 The first day postmark included the KL'06 emblem.
 The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.13.1	1362	1144	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.13.2	1363	1145	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.13.3	1364	1146	RM1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.13.4	MS1365	MC-356M	RM2 Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.13.5	-	MFDC-356	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.13.6	-	MFDC-356M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

30 November 2006.

15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue.



In July 1991, the Foreign Minister of China attended the 24th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Kuala Lumpur as guest of Malaysia. The dialogue relationship has continued. 2006 was designated by ASEAN as the “Year of Friendship and Co-operation between ASEAN and China”.

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

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:
 30s.: Globe and flags of ASEAN member states and China;
 50s.: Great Wall of China, container port and motorway;
 RM1: Ribbons with Chinese flag and ASEAN emblem tied together.

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 were issue title in the large top margin, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots to left and right of top margin and row 5. The phosphor-coated paper gave a white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down (one value exists reading up). The comb perforations measured 12.1 or 13.6 x 13.4 for all values.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the ASEAN emblem and the Chinese flag.

The special first day postmark included text only.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.14.1	1366b	-	30s. P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.14.1a	1366	1147	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.14.2	1367	-	50s. P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.14.2a	1367a	1148	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.14.2b	1367aw	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.14.3	1368a	-	RM1. P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.14.3a	1368	1149	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.14.4	-	MFDC-357	First day cover (1a, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.14.4a	-	-	- (1a, 2a, 3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

7 December 2006.

25th WVF Veterans Conference.



With over 30 million members, the World Veterans Federation is the largest ex-servicemen's organisation in the world. It was founded in Paris in 1950. The WVF Summit is held every three years. The 25th Summit was held at the new Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from 2 to 7 December 2006.

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

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: WVF emblem and map of Malaysia;

50s.: Event emblem and Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre;

RM1: Flag of Malaysia and National Monument.

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 were issue title at top, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of top margin and R4, 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 (30s., 50s.) or 13.6 x 13.4 (30s., RM1).⁶

First day facilities:

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

The special first day postmark included the WVF emblem.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.15.1	1369a	1150	30s. P.12.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.15.1a	1369	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.15.2	1370	1151	50s. P.12.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.15.3	1371	1152	RM1. P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.15.3a	1371a	-	- P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.15.4	-	MFDC-358	First day cover (1, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.15.4a	-	-	- (1a, 2, 3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

28 December 2006.

South Pole Expedition.



Between 9 and 30 December 2004, Sharifar Mazlina Syed Abdul Kadir (born May 1965), a sport science teacher from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), set a new world record for a woman explorer from an equatorial country by ski-sailing from the South Pole to Hercules Inlet (1100km) in 22 days.

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

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: A sledge, tent and mountains;

50s.: Sharifah at the South Pole on 9 December 2004;

RM1: Sharifar ski-sailing.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format N - see issue 06.11) 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 rows 1 and 6, and Pos Malaysia emblem below R6/3. The phosphor-coated paper gave a 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 two part-rows at the top of the sheet were perforated 12.1, making row 1 12.1 all-round and row 2 12.1/13.6 x 12.1.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Sharifar and twin-engined De Havilland DHC-6 Twin Otter ski aircraft of Kenn Borek Air Ltd.

The special first day postmark included skier with sledge.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
06.16.1	1372	1153	30s. P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.16.1a	1372a	-	- P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.16.1b	1372b	-	- P.12.1/13.6 x 12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.16.2	1373	1154	50s. P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.16.2a	1373a	-	- P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.16.2b	1373b	-	- P.12.1/13.6 x 12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.16.3	1374	1155	RM1. P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.16.3a	1374a	-	- P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.16.3b	1374b	-	- P.12.1/13.6 x 12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.16.4	-	MFDC-359	First day cover (1, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.16.4a	-	-	- (1, 2b, 3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
06.16.4b	-	-	- (1, 2, 3a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

Unissued stamps:

For additional "stamps" dated 2006, featuring dancers, see the note under the 2005 Dancers issue.

NOTES

- ¹ S.G. also lists 1316aw Wmk. SU, but this has not been seen by the author.
- ² Reported by Mr. C. Wong.
- ³ Mr. M. Kingsland reported both 30s. used P.12.1.
- ⁴ 50s. P.13.6 x 13.4 Wmk.SU reported used by Mr. M. Kingsland June2016.
- ⁵ Reported by Mr. J. Hawes.
- ⁶ The RM1 P.12.1 is listed by S.G. but has not been seen by the author.