

CHAPTER FORTY-NINE
SPECIAL ISSUES 2007.

Note: All illustrations in this chapter are reduced by 10% (50% for sheetlets and stationery) unless otherwise stated. The AR card previously listed as 07.1 can now be found in Chapter 84.

6 February 2007.

Joint Issue with Brunei - Unique Marine Life.



This issue featured marine life peculiar to the South China Sea and was originally proposed for issue on 21 December 2006. The stamps were dated "2006" reflecting this change of plan (the Brunei stamps were the same).

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised two separate counter sheets and a miniature sheet with two stamps. The stamp designated "B" in each case below was a fish found in Brunei waters.

Counter sheets:

- The two 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:
- 50s.(A): Leaf Scorpionfish (Ikan Scorpion, *Taenianotus triacanthus*);
- 50s.(B): Orange-lined Triggerfish (Babakan Takat, *Balistapus undulatus*).

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (20-Set Format O) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were the issue title and an enlarged illustration in place of R1/1-R2/2, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to the left and right of rows 1 and 6, "Design A" (or B) below R6/2, Pos Malaysia emblem below R6/3. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations normally measured 13.6 x 13.4, but the two part-rows at the top of the sheet were perforated 12.1, making R1 12.1 all-around and R2 12.1/13.6 x 12.1.

Miniature sheet:

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

- RM1 (A): Chambered Nautilus (Nautilus, *Nautilus pompilius*);
- RM1 (B): Spotted Boxfish (male) (Buntan Kaban Berintik, *Ostracion meleagris*);

against a reef background with a sea anemone prominent. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4. The paper was as for the counter sheets.

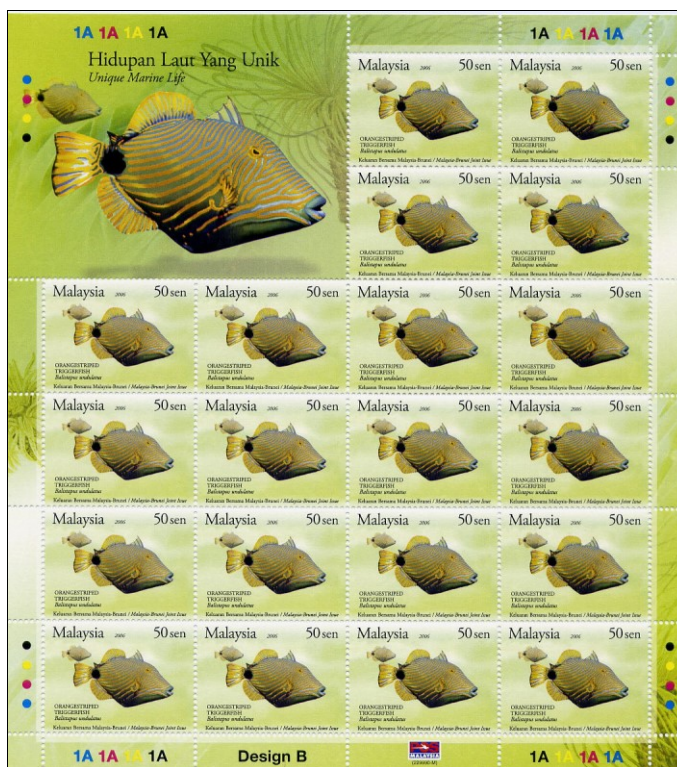
First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Nautilus shell, starfish, Scorpionfish and ferns.

The special first day postmark included a Scorpionfish.

The folder was sold at RM5.



20-Set Format O

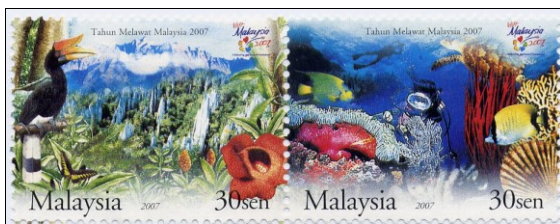


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07.2.1b	1375b	-	- P.12.1/13.6 x 12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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07.2.2a	1376a	-	- P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.2.2b	1376b	-	- P.12.1/13.6 x 12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.2.3	-	-	RM1 (A). P.13.6 x 13.4 (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.2.4	-	-	RM1 (B). P.13.6 x 13.4 (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.2.5	MS1377	MC360M	RM2 miniature sheet (3, 4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.2.6	-	MFDC-360	First day cover (1, 2). ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.2.6a	-	-	- (1a, 2).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.2.6b	-	-	- (1, 2b).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.2.7	-	MFDC-360M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

(For former issue 07.3, see Chapter 71, issue 07S.1)

19 March 2007.

Visit Malaysia Year 2007.



Visit Malaysia Year 2007 was sub-titled “Celebrating 50 Years of Nationhood”. This issue was originally proposed for 27 January 2007. The event emblem was a stylised hibiscus.

Designed by the Visit Malaysia Year 2007 Secretariat, this issue comprised two counter sheets containing se-tenant pairs of stamps, a miniature sheet, a booklet and a postal stationery postcard.

Counter sheets:

The stamps showed:

30s.(A): “Flora & Fauna” (Rhinoceros Hornbill, Rafflesia, Rajah Brooke’s Birdwing and Mount Kinabalu);

30s.(B): “Golden Treasures of the Sea” (divers on reef with assorted fish and corals);

50s.(A): “Religious Diversity & Tolerance” (Hindu temple (Penang?), Christ Church (Malacca), National Mosque in a crescent, and Chinese temple);

50s.(B): “Cultures & Craft of Unity” (Malay Tepak Sireh, Baba-Nyonya Siah tiffin-basket, Chinese lanterns and Indian oil lamps).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 2 pairs 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 (x4) to the left and right of enlarged top margin and R5, issue title in 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 had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 12.1 (normal) or 13.4 x 13.6 (some sheets of both values).

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm RM2 sheet showed a composite of the women in cultural costumes shown on the booklet. At the left, the 30mm x 50mm stamp showed the Petronas Twin Towers and the Prime Minister’s Complex at Putrajaya on a background of the national flag and Visit Malaysia Year 2007 emblem. A Rajah Brooke’s Birdwing butterfly appeared in the foreground of the sheet. The paper was as for the counter sheets, but with inverted watermark. The perforation was 13.4 x 13.6.



Booklet:

The RM3 selvedge booklet “Faces of Malaysia & Its Culinary Delights” contained ten 40mm x 30mm 30s. stamps in a block of 10 (5 x 2) attached by the left-hand selvedge. The top row of stamps showed women in cultural costumes:



- 30s.(C) R1/1: Malay dancer (red costume);
- 30s.(D) R1/2: Chinese cheongsam (red);
- 30s.(E) R1/3: Indian saree (blue);
- 30s.(F) R1/4: Sabah Kadazandusun (black);
- 30s.(G) R1/5: Sarawak Iban (red).

The bottom row showed corresponding food:

- 30s.(H) R2/1: Satay, Ketupat and syrup water (Malay);
- 30s.(I) R2/2: Yee Sang (Chinese);
- 30s.(J) R2/3: Banana Leaf Rice and tea (Indian);
- 30s.(K) R2/4: Hinava (Sabah Kadazandusun);
- 30s.(L) R2/5: Manok Pansuh (Sarawak Iban).

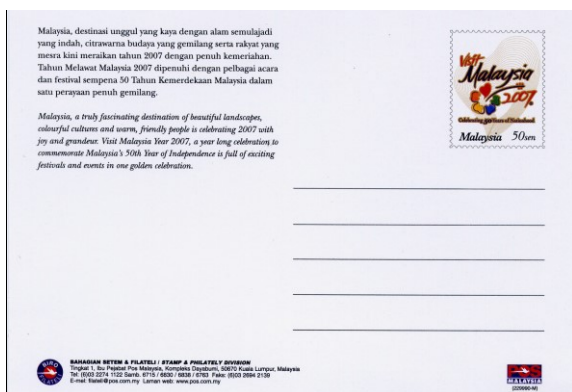


The paper was as used for the counter sheet stamps. The stamps were perforated 13.6 x 13.4 and the selvedge was perforated through. The watermark was normally sideways reading down, but it also existed reading up. The booklet is reported ⁸ to have sold out very quickly.

(cover illustration reduced 33%)



Postcard:



The 140mm x 105mm postcard (sold at 80c.) showed fireworks, “Eye on Malaysia” Ferris wheel (Lake Titiwangsa Park, Kuala Lumpur), Petronas Twin Towers, space scene with Space Shuttle OV-101 “Enterprise” on the Boeing 747-123 transporter aircraft N905NA which took it on a tour in 1983 (a Shuttle was expected to attend the Malaysian International Aerospace Exhibition in June-August 2007), dancers, motor cycle race, bicycle race and other celebrations. It bore a 25mm x 31mm 50c. pre-printed stamp showing the event emblem on a pattern of 20 concentric hearts. It had simulated perforation 14.0. It was printed on lightly blue fluorescent gloss white card, without phosphor.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4 containing just the counter sheet stamps. The envelope of the presentation pack featured Mount Kinabalu, Porta da Santiago (Malacca), Petronas Twin Towers, dancers and beach with bathers and sharks.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured dancers, fireworks, Petronas Twin Towers and the Ferris wheel.

The special first day postmark included the hibiscus part of the event emblem.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.4.1	1378	1158	30s.(A). P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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07.4.2	1379	1159	30s.(B). P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.2a	1379b	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.3	1378a	-	Se-tenant pair (1, 2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.3a	1378ba	-	- (1a, 2a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.4	1380	1160	50s.(A). P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.4a	1380b	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.5	1381	1161	50s.(B). P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.5a	1381b	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.6	1380a	-	Se-tenant pair (4, 5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.6a	1380ba	-	- (4a, 5a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.7	MS1382	MC-361M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.8	1383	-	30s.(C). P.13.6 x 13.4 (from booklet). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.8a	1383w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.9	1384	-	30s.(D). P.13.6 x 13.4 (from booklet). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.9a	1384w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.10	1385	-	30s.(E). P.13.6 x 13.4 (from booklet). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.10a	1385w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.11	1386	-	30s.(F). P.13.6 x 13.4 (from booklet). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.11a	1386w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.12	1387	-	30s.(G). P.13.6 x 13.4 (from booklet). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.12a	1387w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.13	1388	-	30s.(H). P.13.6 x 13.4 (from booklet). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.13a	1388w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.14	1389	-	30s.(I). P.13.6 x 13.4 (from booklet). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.14a	1389w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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07.4.15a	1390w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.16	1391	-	30s.(K). P.13.6 x 13.4 (from booklet). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.16a	1391w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.17	1392	-	30s.(L). P.13.6 x 13.4 (from booklet). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.17a	1392w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.18	SB18 ²	SB101	RM3 booklet (8-17).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.18a	SB18a ³	-	- (8a-17a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.19	-	MFDC-361	First day cover (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.19a	-	-	- (3a, 6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.19b	-	-	- (3a, 6a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.20	-	MFDC-361M	- (7).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.21	-	-	Presentation pack (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.4.22	-	-	50s. Postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26 April 2007.**Installation of 13th King.**

Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin of Trengganu was elected King on 13 December 2006 and installed on 26 April 2007. This issue was originally proposed for 5 April 2007.

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

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm stamps showed:

30s.: The King in civilian uniform in front of the coat of arms;

50s.: The King in military uniform in front of the Istana Negara;

RM1: The King in civilian uniform in front of the throne.

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 and illustration in broad top margin, colour dots (x4) to the left and right of rows 1 and 4, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, and Pos Malaysia emblem below R4/3. The phosphor-coated 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 sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 12.7 x 12.5. Left, right and bottom margins were perforated through, but the top margin was not.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the pair of maces.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the Istana Negara (built 1928 for Chan Wing, a Chinese millionaire, used as the Japanese Army Officers' Mess in World War Two, then bought by the Selangor Government for the Sultan and became the King's palace in 1957).

The special first day postmark included an elevation of the Istana.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.5.1	1393	1162	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.5.2	1394	1163	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.5.3	1395	1164	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.5.4	-	MFDC-362	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.5.5	-	-	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 May 2007.

Frog Species.



This issue was originally proposed for 26 June 2004. The original issue having been cancelled, it was then proposed for 28 February 2007, then 3 May, then 5 April, then 3 May again!

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

Counter sheets:

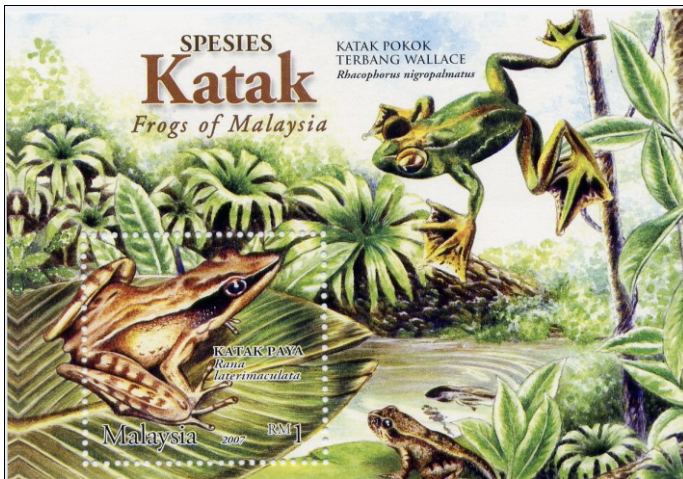
The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: Brown Tree Toad (Kodok Pokok, *Pedostibes hosii*);

50s.(A): Spotted Tree Frog (Katak Perang, *Nyctixalus pictus*);

50s.(B): Long-nosed or Malayan Horned Frog (Katak Tanduk, *Megophrys nasuta*).

They were printed in separate 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 enlarged top margin, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to the left and right of top margin 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 sideways reading down. The 30s. exists with watermark reading up. The comb perforations measured 12.1 or 13.6 x 13.4 for all stamps, the latter being reported to be "more difficult" by local sources. Left, right and bottom margins were perforated through, but the top margin was not.



The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured frogs.
The special first day postmark included a frog.
The folder was sold at RM5.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm sheet featured Lesser Swamp Frog (Katak Paya, *Rana laterimaculata*) on the 35mm x 34mm RM1 stamp and Wallace's Flying Frog (Katak Pokok Terbang Wallace, *Rhacophorus nigropalmatus*) on the background. It was on the same paper as the counter sheets and was perforated 13.3, the bottom in-fill line being irregular. The sheet existed with "Katak" in a lighter brown. It was reported that only one example was found in a pack of 100 sheets and it was probably the result of inking variation.

First day facilities:

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

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.6.1	1396aw	1165	30s. P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.6.1a	1396a	-	-- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.6.1b	1396	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.6.2	1398a	-	50s.(A). P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.6.2a	1398	1167	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.6.3	1397a	1166	50s.(B). P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.6.3a	1397	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.6.4	MS1399	MC-363M	RM1 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.6.5	-	MFDC-363	First day cover (1, 2, 3a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.6.5a	-	-	- (1, 2a, 3a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.6.6	-	MFDC-363M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.6.7	-	-	Presentation pack (1, 2a, 3a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24 May 2007.

Air Transportation.



This issue marked the 60th Anniversary of post-war civil air services in Malaya, between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. It was originally proposed for 27 March 2007. The actual anniversary was 1 May.

Designed by Bates Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., it comprises three counter sheets, a miniature sheet and an aerogramme.

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: Short SC.7 Skyvan utility transport;

50s.(A): GAF N22 Nomad utility transport;

50s.(B): De Havilland Canada DHC-7-110 Dash 7 short take-off and landing (STOL) airliner.

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 broad top margin, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to the 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 12.1. Left, right and bottom margins were perforated through and the top margin was imperforate.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm RM1 miniature sheet contained a se-tenant pair of 40mm x 30mm stamps showing:

RM1 (A): Airtspeed Consul 5-seat airliner as used on first flight in 1947;

RM1 (B): Douglas DC3 21-seat airliner, also used in 1947.

The background of the sheet showed line drawings of the Consul. The paper was as used for the counter sheets. The stamps were perforated 13.6 x 13.4.



Aerogramme:

The 50s. aerogramme measured 231mm x 308mm unfolded, 196mm x 105mm folded. In Format B (see Section 10 of Chapter 3 in Volume 1), it had an overall background of feint clouds with a Consul front elevation over the front and a Skyvan underside plan view on the other two panels. The front panel had four lines for address. The 80mm x 30mm 50c. "stamp" showed Skyvan, Nomad and Dash 7 and had simulated perforation 12.1. The back had bilingual descriptive text and five address lines. The paper had very little fluorescence and no phosphor markings. The sheet was embossed at the fold lines to assist folding. It was sold at face value.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a Consul.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a Dash 7 and a Skyvan.

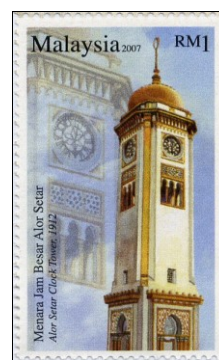
The first day postmark included a front elevation of a Consul.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.7.1	1400	1168	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.7.2	1402	1170	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.7.3	1401	1169	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.7.4	-	-	RM1 (A) (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.7.5	-	-	RM1 (B) (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.7.6	MS1403	MC-364M	RM2 miniature sheet (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.7.7	-	MFDC-364	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.7.8	-	MFDC-364M	- (6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.7.9	-	-	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.7.10	-	-	Aerogramme.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.7.10a	-	-	- First day postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

6 June 2007.

Historic Clock Towers (II).



This issue was originally proposed for 24 May 2007.

Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised three counter sheets and a postal stationery postcard.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 50mm stamps showed:

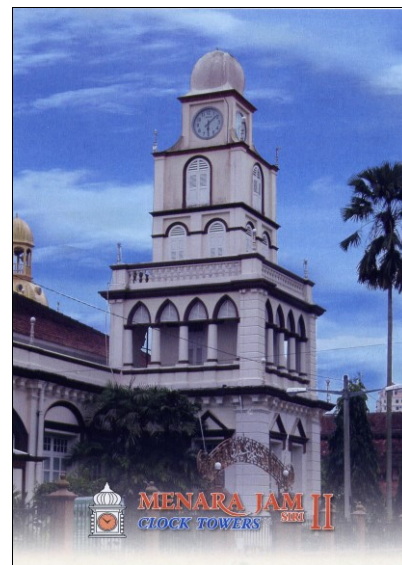
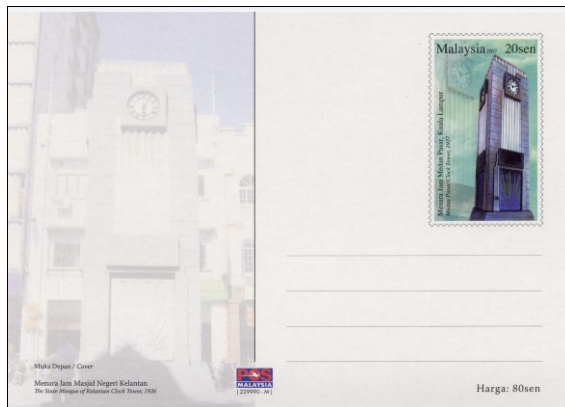
30s.: The Birch Memorial Clock Tower, Ipoh (erected 1909 in memory of J W W Birch, the assassinated first Resident; The tower has, above its base, a frieze showing the “History of Civilisation”, including a controversial picture of the Prophet Mohammed which was “modified” in the 1970s);

50s.: The Atkinson Clock Tower, Kota Kinabalu (erected 1905 in memory of Francis George Atkinson, first Resident, who died of malaria aged 28);

RM1: The Big Clock Tower, Alor Star (erected 1912 near Masjid Zahir).

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, enlarged picture of the relevant tower and Pos Malaysia emblem in gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to the left and right of rows 1 and 5. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading up. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.6, but the row of perforations to the left of the gutter was 14.0, meaning that column 2 (one-in-four stamps) was 13.4 x 13.6/14.0. All margins were perforated through.

Postcard:



The 148mm x 104mm postcard was sold at 80s. The picture side of the card showed the Kelantan State Mosque Clock Tower, Kota Bharu, whilst the 20s. “stamp” showed the Medan Pasar Clock Tower, Kuala Lumpur (erected 1937 to mark the Coronation of King George VI). A photograph of this tower appeared in feint at the left of the card front. The card was slightly fluorescent, without phosphor. The “stamp” had simulated perforation 13.4 x 13.8/13.6.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured Kota Bharu Clock Tower.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Fraser’s Hill Clock Tower, Pahang.

The special first day postmark included a Moorish clock tower.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.8.1	1404	1171	30s. P.13.4 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.8.1a	1404a	-	- P.13.4 x 13.6/14.0.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.8.2	1405	1172	50s. P.13.4 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.8.2a	1405a	-	- P.13.4 x 13.6/14.0.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.8.3	1406	1173	RM1. P.13.4 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.8.3a	1406a	-	- P.13.4 x 13.6/14.0.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.8.4	-	MFDC-365	First day cover (1, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.8.4a	-	-	- (1a, 2a, 3a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.8.5	-	-	Presentation pack (1a, 2a, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.8.5a	-	-	- (1a, 2a, 3a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.8.6	-	-	Postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.8.6a	-	-	- First day postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

26 June 2007.

Traditional Children’s Folk Tales.



Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised a counter sheet containing a se-tenant strip of four, a miniature sheet and a booklet.

Counter sheet:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed events from the following folk tales:

- 50s.(A): Bawang Putih Bawang Merah (a Malaysian equivalent of Cinderella);
- 50s.(B): Badang (a fisherman who spares a poacher and becomes a strong warrior);
- 50s.(C): Sang Kancil and the Crocodile (How the mouse deer tricked the crocodiles to form stepping stones by claiming the Sultan Sulaiman had ordered him to count them);
- 50s.(D): Sang Kancil helps Kerbau (How the mouse deer saved a buffalo trapped by an ungrateful crocodile).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (1 strip x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography, giving one column per design. Sheet markings were issue title in broad top margin, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to the 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 13.6 x 13.4. The top margin was imperforate and the rest perforated through.

Booklet:

The booklet measured 115mm x 65mm folded and contained ten 30s. stamps in a se-tenant pane of five designs. The cover showed Raja Bersiung (synopsis not available). Four of the five designs were as 50s.(A)-(D) above. The 30s.(E) showed Mat Jenin (a day-dreamer). The stamps were arranged in the pane as shown. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading either up or down. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4. The stamp pane was folded between columns 2/3 and 4/5.



(Cover illustration reduced 33%.
Pane illustration reduced 50%)



Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet with 50mm x 38mm RM5 stamp showed Si Tanggang (a seafarer who disowned his aged parents and brought disaster upon himself and his ship). Si Tanggang’s coat was embossed and picked out in hot-pressed silver. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 14.1.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured Mat Jenin.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Mat Jenin.

The first day postmark included Sang Kancil.
The folder was sold at RM5.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.9.1	1407	-	30s.(A). Wmk SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.1a	1407w	-	- Wmk SU (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.2	1408	-	30s.(B). Wmk SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.2a	1408w	-	- Wmk SU (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.3	1409	-	30s.(C). Wmk SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.3a	1409w	-	- Wmk SU (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.4	1410	-	30s.(D). Wmk SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.4a	1410w	-	- Wmk SU (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.5	1411	-	30s.(E). Wmk SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.5a	1411w	-	- Wmk SU (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.6	1412	1174	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.7	1413	1175	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.8	1414	1176	50s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.9	1415	1177	50s.(D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.10	1412a	MC-366	Se-tenant strip of four (6-9).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.11	MS1416	MC-366M	RM5 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.12	SB19 ⁴	SB102	RM3 booklet (1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.12a	SB19a ⁵	-	- (1a-5a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.13	-	MFDC-366	First day cover (10).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.14	-	MFDC-366M	- (11).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.9.15	-	-	Presentation pack (10).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7 July 2007.

Insects (IV).



This issue was inscribed "Insects Series III", but this title had previously been used for the Dragonflies issue of 2000 (see issue 00.29), so it was actually Series IV. It was originally proposed for 26 April, then 10 July.

Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised two counter sheets, containing se-tenant pairs of 30s. and 50s. stamps respectively, and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm stamps showed:

30s.(A): Fiery-beaked Lantern Bug (Serangga Tanglung, *Fulgora pyrorhyncha*);

30s.(B): Fruit Bug (Pianggalang Perosak Buah, *Dysdercus cingulatus*);

50s.(A): Short-horned Grasshopper (Belalang Kunyit, *Valanga nigricornis*);

50s.(B): Indonesian Longicorn (Kumbang Sesungut Panjang, *Rhapsipodus hopei*).

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 the issue title in the gutter with Pos Malaysia emblem below, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots to the left and right of rows 1 and 5. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 12.7 x 12.5.

Miniature sheet:

The 120mm x 70mm sheet showed a variety of insects, including the Atlas Moth (Rama-rama Atlas, *Attacus atlas*) and the world’s longest stick insect, *Phobaeticus kirbyi*, and larvae, and contained a 50mm x 40mm RM5 stamp with male and female Emperor Moths (Rama-rama Emperor, *Antheraea helpferi*) picked out by transparent diffraction foil to simulate the iridescent patterns of the insect wings. The positioning of the markings on the diffraction foil patterns appeared random. All those seen were significantly different. The sheet had watermark upright. The perforations measured 14.1.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured *Heteropteryx dilatata* (incorrectly shown as *Heteroptera dilatata*) and *Chrysochroa buqueti*.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the female Emperor Moth and a beetle.

The special first day postmark included a moth.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.10.1	1417	1178	30s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.10.2	1418	1179	30s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.10.3	1417a	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.10.4	1419	1180	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.10.5	1420	1181	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.10.6	1419a	-	Se-tenant pair (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.10.7	MS1421	MC-367M	RM5 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.10.8	-	MFDC-367	First day cover (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.10.9	-	MFDC-367M	- (7).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.10.10	-	-	Presentation pack (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bangkok 2007 Stamp Exhibition (3 August 2007):

A further miniature sheet was released on 3 August 2007 only at Bangkok 2007, the 20th Asian International Stamp Exhibition, held from 3 to 12 August 2007 at Siam Paragon Hall Exhibition and Conference Centre. This differed from the normal issued sheet by having the Bangkok 2007 emblem above “RM5”.

Technical details were as for the normal sheet. So far as is known, this sheet has been generally issued in Malaysia. Only 5,000 were printed, of which 3,000 were taken to Bangkok and completely sold out at the Exhibition. The balance of 2,000 was “reserved for the archives”, but 500 were subsequently sold to a Thai dealer, who had placed an order at the Exhibition, to the annoyance of local dealers and collectors. ⁸ The balance may be offered for sale later, as Pos Malaysia offered miniature sheets dating from 2004 to 2007, some previously unseen, to subscribers in late 2008.

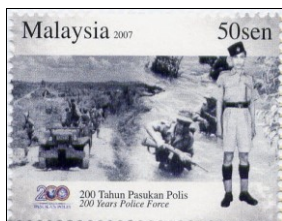
An example, presumably a proof, has been seen numbered “P 000000” to the left of the Bangkok emblem.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.11.1	footnote	MC-369M	RM5 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24 July 2007.

200th Anniversary of Police Di-Raja Malaysia.



The first recorded legal provisions for policing in Malaya dated from the Malacca Sultanate, pre-1511. This issue commemorated the First Penang Charter of Justice, signed by King George III on 25 March 1807, which separated the Judicial and Legal branches of law enforcement in Penang, paving the way for the creation of the first separate Police service. It also marked the founding on the same day of the Penang Police, which was additionally responsible for providing the fire service.

The Second Charter of Justice of 9 August 1827 established the rule of law in Singapore and the Straits Settlements Police came into being around this time. Johore created its police service in 1882. The FMS Police (later Malay States Police) was founded in 1896, and Kedah, Kelantan, Perlis and Trengganu police forces in 1909.

The police service played a major part in countering the first (1948-1960) and second (1968-1990) Communist insurgencies. The second, less well known, insurgency ended with the “laying down of arms” of the Malayan Communist Party on 2 December 1989 and of the North Kalimantan Communist Party on 17 October 1990. In 1948, a “Flying Squad” was established to fight Communist insurgents. This was later renamed the Jungle Squad, then the Jungle Company, the Police Field Force and, in 1997 to reflect its post-insurgency role, the General Operation Force.

The Federation of Malaya Police absorbed the separate state services circa 1948, and became the Royal Federation of Malaya Police Force on 24 July 1958. It was reorganised as the Royal Malaysian Police Force on 16 September 1963 to incorporate those of Sabah and (until 1965) Singapore together with the Sarawak Constabulary.

This issue was a late addition to the programme, originally planned for May-June 2007. Designed by Hazel Design, it comprised three counter sheets (one 30s. and two different 50s.).

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

- 30s.: Hutton Lane Police Station, Penang (1880), Penang Fire Brigade (1883) and a Penang Peon (constable);
- 50s.(A): Flying Squad (1948) and Royal Federation of Malaya Police Force uniform of 1958;
- 50s.(B): Putrajaya District Police Headquarters, Proton police car, motor cycles and male and female officers (2007).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (new 20-Set Format P) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The central label showed the issue title and an additional illustration (30s.: early police station; 50s.(A): parade, 50s.(B): badge). Other sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to the left and right of rows 1 and 6, Pos Malaysia emblem below R6/3, and “Design 1” on the 50s.(A) or “Design 2” on the 50s.(B) below R6/2. 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.

20-Set Format P.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured radio operator, machine gunner and officer triggering a fire alarm circa 1948.

The special first day postmark included a Police badge.

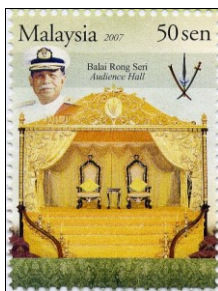
The folder was sold at RM5.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.12.1	1422	1182	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.12.2	1423	1183	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.12.3	1424	1184	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.12.4	-	MFDC-368	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 August 2007.

Negri Sembilan Royal Heritage.



This issue celebrated the Minangkabau (Sumatran) dynasty cultural heritage, from which the present royal house of Biduanda descends. It also happens to be the 40th year of the reign of Yang Di-Pertuan Besar Tuanku Ja'afar. This issue was originally announced as "Visual Arts Heritage" for release on 26 July 2007.

Designed by Reign Associates, the issue comprises three counter sheets and a miniature sheet

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm stamps showed:

30s.: The eight ceremonial long kris (which originated at Pagar Ruyung, Sumatra) and the Head of State in army uniform;

50s.: State thrones in the Balai Rong Seri (audience chamber) of the Istana Besar Seri Menanti, Kuala Pilah (built 1931), and the Head of State in navy uniform;

RM1: The Head of State in state uniform and Sceptre of Regalia state emblem used since 1948 (9-pointed star, sword of state and its sheath and the Changgai Puteri staff).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 5 x 4 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The sheet had broad margins at top and bottom, the top one containing the issue title. Other sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots to the left and right of rows 1 and 4, Pos Malaysia emblem below R4/3. 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. The top margin was imperforate and the rest perforated through.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet contained a 30mm x 40mm RM2 stamp showing Yang Di-Pertuan Besar Tuanku Ja'afar and his consort Tuanku Najihah Binti Tuanku Besar Burhanudin. The sheet background included the Istana Lama Seri Menanti (Old Seri Menanti Palace, which was built in 1902-1908 and replaced by the new palace in 1931). Paper and perforations were as for the counter sheets.



First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

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

The first day postmark included the state emblem.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.13.1	1425	124	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.13.2	1426	125	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.13.3	1427	126	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.13.4	MS1428	NS-16M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.13.5	-	FDC-NS16	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.13.6	-	FDC-NS16M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

8 August 2007.

40th Anniversary of ASEAN.

Lower pane (illustration reduced 20%)

The anniversary was marked by an omnibus issue for all ten ASEAN states, comprising one stamp for each state in a miniature sheet format. This issue was originally proposed for 6 August 2007. It should be noted that all the other participating countries produced a sheetlet in the format 2 x 5 and that Malaysia cropped the pictures to a greater extent than any of the other participants. When, on 6 June 2008, ASEAN published a folder containing all 10 sheets, the Malaysian half-sheet had to be inserted sideways.

Designed by Reign Associates based on images by the photographer shown after the building in the list below, this issue comprises a counter sheet which could be sub-divided into two miniature sheets by tearing along inter-panneau perforations.

Counter sheets:

The 32mm x 27mm 50s stamps showed:

50s.(A) R1/1: Secretariat Building, Brunei (Pg. Hj. Mohd Yamin bin Pg. Seria Jaya bin Pg. Hj. Abdul Momin);

50s.(B) R1/2: National Museum of Cambodia (Om Sam Ath);

50s.(C) R1/3: Fatahillah Museum, Jakarta, Indonesia (Tim Kreatif Pos);

50s.(D) R1/4: Lao Typical House, Laos (Vongsavanh Damlongsouk);

50s.(E) R1/5: Malayan Railways (KTM) Headquarters Building, Kuala Lumpur (Reign Associates);

50s.(F) R2/1: Yangon Post Office, Myanmar (Zaw Htoo Aung);

50s.(G) R2/2: Malacañang Palace, Philippines (Richard Allen Baron and Randolph Siscar);

50s.(H) R2/3: National Museum of Singapore (Blue Apples Consultancy);

50s.(I) R2/4: Vimanmek Mansion, Bangkok, Thailand (Udoan Niyomthum);

50s.(J) R2/5: Presidential Palace, Hanoi, Vietnam (Hoang Thuy Lieu).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (two 5 x 2 miniature sheets perforated between) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were the issue title above each pane, Pos Malaysia emblem below each pane, 1A at left and right of top margin of top pane and bottom margin of bottom pane, colour dots (x4) to the left and right of each pane. The margins were decorated with flags of the member states and views of the KTM headquarters. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.8 x 14.1. The inter-panneau perforation measured 13.5. Top and bottom margins were imperforate with side margins perforated through.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a line drawing of the central entrance of the KTM headquarters.

The special first day postmark included the event emblem.

The folder was sold at RM5.

Folder (6 June 2008):

A folder containing the sheetlets issued by all ten ASEAN countries was issued on 6 June 2008 in a matching card slip case. It sold at (Singapore) \$48. As it lacks any publisher's imprint, it would appear to have been published by ASEAN itself. It was interesting that all the countries had complied with an apparent brief to produce a 2 x 5 sheetlet with

illustrations in alphabetical order of member state with the exception of Malaysia (5 x 2) and Laos (Laos illustration first). Malaysia had also cropped the pictures to a greater extent than the others.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.14.1	1429	1185	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.14.2	1430	1186	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.14.3	1431	1187	50s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.14.4	1432	1188	50s.(D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.14.5	1433	1189	50s.(E).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.14.6	1434	1190	50s.(F).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.14.7	1435	1191	50s.(G).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.14.8	1436	1192	50s.(H).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.14.9	1437	1193	50s.(I).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.14.10	1438	1194	50s.(J).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.14.11	1429a	-	Sheetlet of 10 (top).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.14.12	1429a	-	Sheetlet of 10 (bottom).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.14.13	-	MC-370	Sheet of 20.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.14.14	-	MFDC-370	First day cover (1-10).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16 August 2007.

Razaksat.

The Razaksat (originally known as MACSat) electro-optical Earth imaging satellite was scheduled for launch for Astronautic Technology (M) Sdn. Bhd. from Omelek Island in the Marshall Islands in 2006 or 2007 on the third flight of the private venture SpaceX Falcon 1 liquid-fuelled rocket. Unfortunately, flights 1 and 2 were failures, so the launch was cancelled, and with it an intended stamp issue.

It was eventually launched on Flight 5 on 16 July 2009.

31 August 2007.

Golden Jubilee of Independence.



This issue marked the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the Federation of Malaya in 1957.

Designed by Jari Seni Communication based on designs by Kementerian Kebudayaan Kesenian dan Warisan Malaysia (Ministry of Culture, Art & Heritage), this issue comprises two counter sheets with se-tenant pairs of stamps and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

- 30s.(A): 1957: Sultan Abdul Samad Building, Tunku Abdul Rahman, National Monument and Parliament Building;
- 30s.(B): 2007: Petronas Twin Towers, KL Tower, Prime Minister’s Complex Building (Putrajaya), Proton car and Penang Bridge.
- 50s.(A): Tuanku Abdul Rahman signing the Declaration of Independence;
- 50s.(B): Golden Jubilee emblem

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Design A appeared in columns 1 and 3, B in 2 and 4. 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 right and left 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, but the 50s. exists reading up. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4. Bottom, left and right margins were perforated through. The top margin was imperforate.

Miniature Sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet had the “50” emblem hot-stamped in gold foil. It contained a 70mm x 34mm stamp RM5 showing the National Flag. The background showed the five Prime Ministers: Tunku Abdul Rahman (1957-1970), Tun Abdul Razak Hussein (1970-1976), Tun Hussein Onn (1976-1981), Tun Dr Mahatir Mohamad (1981-2003), Dato’ Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (2003-date). The paper was as used for counter sheets. The stamp was perforated 13.3.



Booklet:

The RM3 booklet showed the declaration of independence in 1957. It contained a se-tenant pane of ten 30s. stamps attached by the left selvedge.

The five designs appeared in successive columns in the pane and showed the leaders credited with moving Malaya towards independence:

- 30s.(C): Dato’ Onn Jaafar (founder of UMNO);
- 30s.(D): Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj;
- 30s.(E): Tun Abdul Razak;
- 30s.(F): Tun Tan Cheng Lock (founder of Malaysian Chinese Association);
- 30s.(G): Tun V. T. Sambanthan (President, Malaysian Indian Congress 1955-1973).

The same paper was used, but with watermark reading either up or down. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4. The booklet is reported ⁸ to have sold out within hours, with strong demand from members of the political parties whose leaders’ portraits appeared on the stamps.



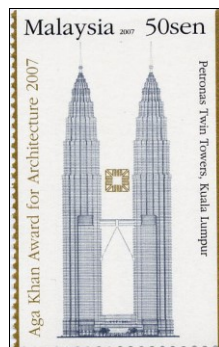
(cover illustration reduced 50%)

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured Dato’ Onn Jaafar. The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Tunku Abdul Rahman declaring independence. The first day postmark included “50”. The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.15.1	1439	1195	30s.(A). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.2	1440	1196	30s.(B). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.3	1439a	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.4	1441	1197	50s.(A). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.4a	1441w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.5	1442	1198	50s.(B). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.5a	1442w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.6	1441a	-	Se-tenant pair (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.6a	1441wa	-	- (4a-5a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.7	1443w	-	30s.(C). Wmk. SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.7a	1443	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.8	1444w	-	30s.(D). Wmk. SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.15.8a	1444	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.9	1445w	-	30s.(E). Wmk. SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.9a	1445	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.10	1446w	-	30s.(F). Wmk. SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.10a	1446	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.11	1447w	-	30s.(G). Wmk. SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.11a	1447	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.12	SB20 ⁶	SB103	RM3 booklet. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.12a	SB20a ⁷	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.13	MS1442b	MC-371M	RM5 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.14	-	MFDC-371	First day cover (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.15	-	MFDC-371M	- (13).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.15.16	-	-	Presentation pack (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4 September 2007.**10th Aga Khan Award for Architecture.**

The speed with which issues can be prepared today was exemplified by this issue, which was not foreseen on 17 August when the Bureau prepared the paperwork for the Independence issue! It marked the hosting of the 2007 Award ceremony at the Petronas Twin Towers on 4 September. The Aga Khan Awards for Architecture were established by the Aga Khan Foundation in 1977 and were presented every three years to building projects, whether new or restoration, that “successfully address the need and aspirations of Muslim societies”. The Petronas Twin Towers won a 2004 award.

Designed by Irma Boom, this issue comprised a single counter sheet.

Counter sheet:

The 30mm x 50mm 50s. stamp showed a line side-elevation drawing of the Petronas Twin Towers with the award emblem.

The sheets were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 5 x 4 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using five-colour off-set lithography in blue, red, grey, black and gold. In keeping with the design, the sheet margins were not decorated, except that the gold edge of the stamp was bled into the margins. Sheet markings were the issue title above R1/4-5, award emblem above R1/3, colour dots (x5) to the left of R1/1 and right of R4/5, 1A (x5) to the right of R1/5 and left of R4/1, the Pos Malaysia emblem below R4/3. 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. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.6.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the line drawing in a ground plan of one of the towers (eight-pointed star with semi-circles between the points).

The special first day postmark included the ground plan.

It was reported⁸ that these stamps sold out within hours, that only 100,000 stamps (5,000 sheets) were printed and that the bulk was reported to have been bought by the Aga Khan Foundation. Pos Malaysia is understood to have not anticipated such a demand as this issue was launched immediately after the Merdeka issue.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.16.1	1448	1199	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.16.2	-	MFDC-372	First day cover (1).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

25 September 2007.

State Emblems.



(illustration reduced 20%)

Designed by Prof. Dato' Raja Zahabuddin Raja Yaacob, this issue comprises a counter sheet containing two sheetlets of 14 different stamps. It was notable that the emblems of the three Federal Territories were not included.

Counter sheets:

The counter sheets contain two panes of two sheetlets rouletted between. The 25mm x 30mm 50s. stamps in each sheetlet showed the coats of arms of:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 50s.(A): (R1/1) Malaysia; | 50s.(H): (R2/1) Perlis; |
| 50s.(B): (R1/2) Kedah; | 50s.(I): (R2/2) Selangor; |
| 50s.(C): (R1/3) Negri Sembilan; | 50s.(J): (R2/3) Trengganu; |
| 50s.(D): (R1/4) Pahang; | 50s.(K): (R2/4) Sarawak; |
| 50s.(E): (R1/5) Kelantan; | 50s.(L): (R2/5) Penang; |
| 50s.(F): (R1/6) Johore; | 50s.(M): (R2/6) Sabah; |
| 50s.(G): (R1/7) Perak; | 50s.(N): (R2/7) Malacca. |

They were printed in sheets of two panes by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings include the issue title in the top margin in both panes, colour dots to the right of R1/7 in the upper pane and left of R2/1 in the lower pane, 1A (x4) to the left of R1/1 in the upper pane and to the right of R2/7 in the lower pane, Pos Malaysia emblem below R2/4 in both panes. The background image in the sheet margins were differently positioned (lower on lower pane than upper), so the position of individual marginal copies could be identified. 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 13.6 x 14.0. Upper and lower margins were imperforate and both side margins were perforated through. The panes division was rouletted 9.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

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

The special first day postmark included a laurel wreath and padi flower stalks.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.17.1	1449	1200	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.2	1450	1201	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.3	1451	1202	50s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.4	1452	1203	50s.(D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.5	1453	1204	50s.(E).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.6	1454	1205	50s.(F).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.7	1455	1206	50s.(G).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.8	1456	1207	50s.(H).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.9	1457	1208	50s.(I).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.10	1458	1209	50s.(J).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.11	1459	1210	50s.(K).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.12	1460	1211	50s.(L).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.13	1461	1212	50s.(M).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.14	1462	1213	50s.(N).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.15	1449a	-	Sheetlet (1-14) - upper pane.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
07.17.16	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.17	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.17.18	-	MFDC-373	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26 November 2007.

Stamp Week (X) - Rare Vegetables.



This issue was originally proposed for 25 October 2007 but postponed to 26 November.

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

Counter sheets:

The 29mm x 34mm counter sheet stamps showed:

50s.(A): Hairy-fruited Eggplant (Terung asam, *Solanum ferox*);

50s.(B): Torch Ginger (Kantan, *Etlingera elatior*);

50s.(C): Bitter Melon (Peria katak, *Momordica charantia*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format M - see issue 06.3) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in broad gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) to the left and right of R1 and R4, Pos Malaysia emblem below R4/3. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.8 x 13.6 and had an elongated elliptical perforation at the mid-point of their sides.

Miniature sheet:

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

RM1 (A): Loofah (Petola bantal, *Luffa aegyptiaca*);

RM1 (B): Winged bean (Kacang botor, *Psophocarpus tetragonolobus*);

RM1 (C): Vegetable Hummingbird (Turi, *Sesbania grandiflora*);

RM1 (D): Turkeyberry (Terung pipit or terung rebang, *Solanum torvum*).

Paper and perforations were as for the counter sheets.



First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Betel leaf (Kaduk, *Piper sarmentosum*).

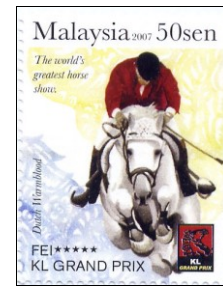
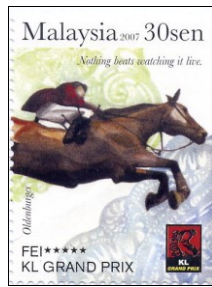
The special first day postmark included a Loofah.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
07.18.1	1463	1214	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.18.2	1464	1215	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.18.3	1465	1216	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.18.4	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.18.5	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.18.6	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.18.7	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.18.8	MS1466	MC-374M	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.18.9	-	MFDC-374	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.18.10	-	MFDC-374M	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

13 December 2007.

Kuala Lumpur Grand Prix International Horse Show.



The Kuala Lumpur Grand Prix was classified by the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) in its highest “5-Star” category and had been held annually since 2003 at the Stadium Putra, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur. It was the only such world-class event in the Asia-Pacific region. This was a late addition to the programme, initially due for issue on 1 November 2007, but it was postponed to 13 December 2007.

Designed by La Scheers Co. Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprises three counter sheets showing “Warmblood” show-jumping horse breeds.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps showed:

30s.: Oldenburger (first bred in Germany, 17th Century);

50s.(A): Hanoverian (Germany, 1735);

50s.(B): Dutch Warmblood (Netherlands, 1960s).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format M - see issue 06.3) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title on central gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) to the left and right of rows 1 and 4, “DESIGN A” (or B) below R4/2 on 50c. only. 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 13.4 x 13.6. The gutter was imperforate and all margins perforated through.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the handle of a cup.

The special first day postmark included a jumping horse.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
07.19.1	1467	1217	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.19.2	1468	1218	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.19.3	1469	1219	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07.19.4	-	MFDC-375	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Unissued stamps:

For additional “stamps” dated 2007, featuring a woodpecker, see the note under the 2005 Dancers issue.

NOTES

- ¹ There were six possible FDC combinations from counter sheets. Those listed were recorded by the author.
- ² S.G. listed the booklet pane as 1383a.
- ³ S.G. listed the booklet pane as 1383wb.
- ⁴ S.G. listed the booklet pane as 1407a.
- ⁵ S.G. listed the booklet pane as 1407wa.
- ⁶ S.G. listed the booklet pane as 1443a.
- ⁷ S.G. listed the booklet pane as 1443wa.
- ⁸ Reported by Mr. C. Wong.