

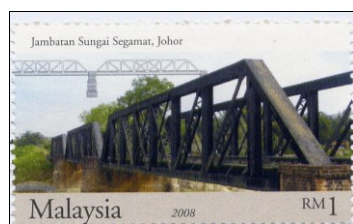
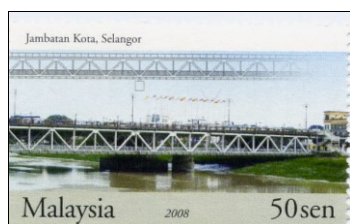
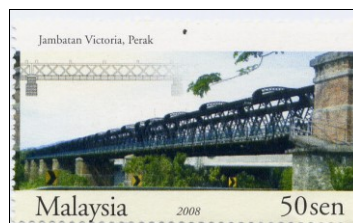
CHAPTER FIFTY

SPECIAL ISSUES 2008.

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

28 February 2008.

Historic Bridges.



Designed by Reign Associates Sdn. Bhd., this issue, showing photographs and line drawings of bridges built up to 1958, comprised four counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

- The 50mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:
- 30s.: Merdeka Bridge, Sungei Muda, Kedah (concrete truss girder road bridge, 1955);
- 50s.(A): Victoria Bridge, Karai, Perak (girder railway bridge over Sungei Perak, built 1897-1900, opened 21 March 1900);
- 50s.(B): Kota Bridge, Klang, Selangor (double deck road/pedestrian truss girder bridge over Sungei Klang, built 1958-1960, opened 1961, closed 1990s, first double deck bridge in Malaya);
- RM1: Sungei Segamat Bridge, Johor (steel Pratt girder bridge, 1933).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format Q) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in box at top left, 1A(x4) above and below columns 1 and 3, colour dots (x4) to left and right of R1 and R8, Pos Malaysia emblem below R8/2. 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 (50s.(A) also exists sideways reading up). The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4. The sheet was perforated in two parts - columns 1 and 2 in one operation and column 3 separately.

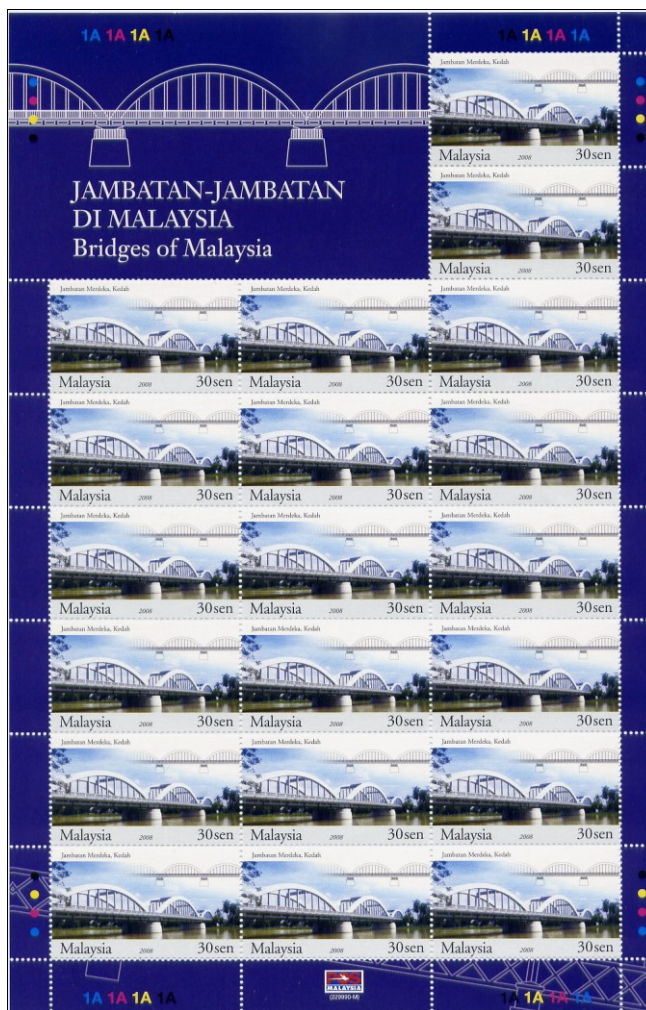
Varieties:

There was frequently a discontinuity between the two sets of perforations, resulting in variations in stamp size; most of these being too minor to list. For example, the 50s.(B) from column 2 was found with the right-hand perforation misplaced to the right, making the stamp 52mm wide. The same stamp exists 30.5mm high due to excessive vertical spacing.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured detail of an unidentified bridge.



20-Set Format Q

The special first day postmark includes the Penang Bridge (cable stayed road bridge, 1985).
The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.1.1	1470	1220	30s. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.1.2	1471	1221	50s.(A). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.1.2a	1471w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.1.3	1472	1222	50s.(B). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.1.4	1473	1223	RM1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.1.5	-	MFDC-376	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13 March 2008.

Nocturnal Animals.



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

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

30s.(A): Malayan or Javan Stink Badger (Teledu, *Mydaus javanensis*);

30s.(B): Moonrat (Tikus ambang bulan, *Echinorex gymnurus*);

50s.: Asian Golden Cat (Kucing tulap, *Catopuma temminckii*);

RM1: Malayan Flying Fox (Keluang, *Pteropus vampyrus*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format R) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title, moon, stars and relevant animal in imperforate gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 5, Pos Malaysia emblem below column 2, and "DESIGN A" (or B) below column 3 on 30s. only. All otherwise-blank side and top marginal positions contained pictures of the relevant animals. The phosphor-coated paper gave a bluish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The phosphor-coated paper normally had watermark

Multiple SPM sideways reading down; the 30s. with watermark reading up exists but was reported to be very scarce. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4.

Miniature sheet:

The 120mm x 70mm miniature sheet was sold at RM5 and contained two stamps:

RM3: Slow loris (Kongkan, *Nycticebus coucang*) (60mm x 40mm);

RM2: Tarsier (Kera hantu, *Tarsius bancanus*) (30mm x 40mm).



20-Set Format R



The animals shown on the sheet had extra yellow-fluorescent phosphor applied over their eyes to give a “glow in the dark” effect. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The sheet was perforated 12.8 x 12.6. The sheet also exists imperforate.

Proof material in the public domain:

An uncut sheet of ten imperforate miniature sheets came on the market in the summer of 2008. ¹

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured Leopard Cat (*Kucing batu*, *Prionailurus bengalensis*).

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a Common Barn Owl (Jampuk kubur, *Tyto alba*).

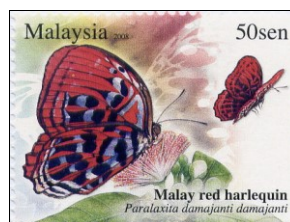
The special first day postmark includes a Moonrat.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.2.1	1474	1224	30s.(A). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.2.1a	1474w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.2.2	1475	1225	30s.(B). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.2.3	1476	1226	50s. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.2.4	1477	1227	RM1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.2.5	-	-	RM2. (from miniature sheet). Perf.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.2.5a	-	-	- Imperf.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.2.6	-	-	RM3. (from miniature sheet). Perf.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.2.6a	-	-	- Imperf.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.2.7	MS1478	MC-377M	RM5 miniature sheet (5-6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.2.8	footnote	MC-377Mi	- (5a-6a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.2.9	-	MFDC-377	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.2.10	-	MFDC-377M	- (7).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.2.11	-	-	Presentation pack (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24 April 2008.

Butterflies.



Malaysia had about 1000 species of butterflies.

Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised three counter sheets (one with se-tenant pairs), a miniature sheet and a booklet.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.(A): Smaller Wood Nymph (*Ideopsis gaura perakana*);

30s.(B): Malayan Lacewing (*Cethosia hypsea hypsina*);

50s.: Malayan Red Harlequin (*Paralaxita damajanti damajanti*);

RM1: Glorious Begum (*Agatasa calydonia calydonia*).

The two 30s. formed a composite design centred on a red Hibiscus flower. The English names were used in the Bahasa Malaysia text of the accompanying literature.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format O - see issue 07.2) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) to the left of R1 and right of R6/4, colour dots to the right of R1/4 and left of R6/1, Pos Malaysia emblem below R6/2, butterfly line drawings below R6/3, to left of R4/1 and R5/1 and to right of R2/4-R5/4. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down (stamps reported with watermark reading up were understood to come from booklets). The sheet was perforated in two operations, with columns 1 and 2 perforated with one comb, separately from columns 3 (including the central line) and 4 which were perforated with a second comb. Two versions of the sheet have been seen:

Type A: Columns 1 and 2 perforated 12.1; columns 3 (including central line) and 4 perforated 13.6 x 13.4. Thus column 1 (4 stamps) was perforated 12.1, column 2 (4 stamps) was 12.1 x 12.1/13.4 and columns 3 and 4 (12 stamps) were 13.6 x 13.4. (All values seen).

Type B: All stamps perforated 13.6 x 13.4; However, the left-hand side was perforated using small pins and the right-hand side was perforated using large pins. (50s. only seen).

Miniature sheet:

The 104mm x 66mm miniature sheet was in the shape of a butterfly. The incorporated RM5 stamp was 50mm x 39mm and showed the Five-bar Swordtail (*Graphium antiphates*). The paper and watermark (sideways reading down) were as for the counter sheets. The stamp was perforated 14.0. Three parts of each side margin were die-cut to make removable apertures in the butterfly's wings.

**Booklet:**

(booklet cover and pane reduced by 33%)

The RM3 booklet contained ten 30s. stamps and showed an unidentified blue birdwing butterfly on the cover. The 5 x 2 booklet pane was attached by its left selvedge and contained two each of the 30s. A and B designs plus three additional ones:

30s.(C): Common Rose (*Atrophaneura aristolochiae*);

30s.(D): Blue Glassy Tiger (*Ideopsis vulgaris*);

30s.(E): Green Dragontail (*Lamproptera meges*).

The booklet measured 115mm x 70mm (folded) or 215mm x 70mm (open). The pane was folded after columns 2 and 4.

The paper and watermark were as for the counter sheets, but booklets exist with the watermark sideways reading either up or down. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4. The comb "teeth" pointed down the sheet. Booklets exhibited various remnants of sheet markings. One had a block of 8 boxed colour dabs (4 pure colour and 4 mixed, each (except black) containing a letter. Reading down they were C, M, Y, CM, MY, CY, CMY, (Black). Another had a black "target" guillotining guide cross opposite row 2.

**First day facilities:**

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Orange Albatross (*Appias nero*).

The special first day postmark included a butterfly.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.3.1	1479	1228	30s.(A). P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD (from sheet or booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.1a	1479cw	-	- - Wmk. SU (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.1b	1479d	-	- P.12.1. Wmk. SD (from sheet). ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.3.2	1480	1229	30s.(B). P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD (from sheet or booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.2a	1480cw	-	- - Wmk. SU (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.2b	1479d	-	- P.12.1 x 12.1/13.4. Wmk. SD (from sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.3	1479a	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.3a	-	-	- (1a-2a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.3b	1479da	-	- (1b-2b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.4	1481	-	30s.(C). P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.4a	1481cw	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.5	1482	-	30s.(D). P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.5a	1482cw	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.6	1483	-	30s.(E). P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.6a	1483cw	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.7	-	-	Se-tenant strip (1-2, 4-6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.7a	-	-	- (1a-2a, 4a-6a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.8	1484	1230	50s. P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.8a	1484a	-	- P.12.1 x 12.1/13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.8b	1484b	-	- P.12.1 Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.9	-	-	Se-tenant triplet (8b, 8a, 8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.10	1485	1231	RM1. P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.10a	1485a	-	- P.12.1 x 12.1/13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.10b	1485b	-	- P.12.1 Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.11	-	-	Se-tenant triplet (10b, 10a, 10).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.12	MS1486	MC-378M	RM5 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.13	SB21 ³	SB104	RM3 booklet. Wmk. SD (two 7).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.13a	SB21a ⁴	-	- Wmk. SU (two 7a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.14	-	MFDC-378	First day cover (3, 8b, 10a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.14a	-	-	- (3, 8, 10b).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.3.15	-	MFDC-378M	- (12).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

Up to 19 first day cover combinations were likely to exist. Those listed above have been seen by the author.

23 October 2008.

Butterflies - Jakarta 2008 Stamp Exhibition.

An exhibition version of the miniature sheet from the April 2008 issue was produced for the Jakarta 2008 philatelic exhibition, held from 23 to 28 October 2008 at the Jakarta International Exhibition Centre. It incorporated the Jakarta 2008 emblem at the bottom right of the RM5 stamp. Other details were as for the normal sheet.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.4.1	MS1524a	MC-387M	RM5 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22 May 2008.

Centenary of St. John Ambulance.



The local branch of St. John Ambulance Association (SJAA) was founded in 1908 with the limited remit of assisting the army and railways. From 1938, St. John Ambulance Brigade (SJAB) divisions were established throughout Malaysia including in schools and government offices. During the Japanese occupation, individual SJAB members

took part in first aid, air defence exercises and formed part of the Medical Auxiliary Service (MAS). Following the surrender, SJAA and SJAB were reformed on 12 September 1945. From 1966, they mobilised ambulance teams on major highways during Chinese New Year and Hari Raya Aidilfitri in an effort to reduce the toll of accident victims. In 1971, the two organisations were merged throughout Malaysia and given legal status as St. John Ambulance of Malaysia (SJAM, later St. John Ambulans Malaysia) by Act 74 of Parliament (St. John Ambulance of Malaysia (Incorporation) Act, 1972) on 31 August 1972.

Designed by Hoo We Tak and Lai See Ming of St. John Ambulans Malaysia, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: Emergency Ambulance Service - loading a stretcher into an ambulance;

50s.: First Aid - two nurses attending a patient;

RM1: Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation - an ambulance and two members resuscitating a patient.

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) to left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, colour dots (x4) to right of R1/4 and left of R5/1, 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 13.6 x 13.4. The top margin was imperforate and the others perforated through.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

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

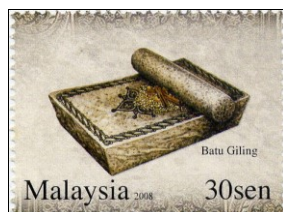
The special first day postmark included the St. John Ambulance emblem.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.5.1	1487	1232	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.5.2	1488	1233	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.5.3	1489	1234	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.5.4	-	MFDC-379	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10 June 2008.

Cultural Instruments and Artefacts (II).



Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised three counter sheets, one containing triangular stamps.

Counter sheets:

The stamps showed:

30s.: A stone spice grinder (Batu Giling) (40mm x 30mm rectangular);

50s.(A): A Sabah silver tobacco container (Supu) (40mm x 30mm rectangular);

50s.(B): A wooden coconut grater in the shape of a Pangolin (Kukur Kelapa) (64mm x 33mm triangular).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (4 x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography.

The 30s. and 50s.(A) sheets were arranged in a simple 4 x 5 block of 20 with a wide margin at the foot containing the issue title and a different artefact having a similar function:

30s.: Circular grindstone (Batu Pengisar)

50s.(A): Octagonal box (Celapa).

The 50s.(B) sheet was 20-set Format S - similar to the other two values but each row was formed of tête-bêche pairs of stamps (columns 1 and 3 upright, 2 and 4 inverted). The illustration was a flat grater (Parut Kelapa). Other sheet markings were 1A (x4) to the left of R1/1 and the right of R5/4, colour dots (x4) to the right of R1/4 and the left of R5/1, 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 up; the 30c. also exists with watermark sideways reading down. Because of its tête-bêche format, half of the 50s.(B) stamps had watermark sideways reading down. The comb perforations of the 30s. and 50c. (A) measured 13.6 x 13.4. The 50s.(B) measured 13.8 along the bottom, while the sides were 13.0 with two wide gaps between pins at the centre of each side.



20-Set Format S

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a wafer iron (Kapit) and a tin stacking food container (Mangkuk bertingkat).

The special first day postmark included a teapot.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.6.1	1490	1235	30s. Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.6.1a	1490w	-	- Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.6.2	1491	1236	50s.(A). Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.6.3	1492	1237	50s.(B). Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.6.3a	-	-	- Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.6.4	-	-	Tête-bêche pair (3, 3a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.6.5	-	MFDC-380	First day cover (1, 2, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.6.5a	-	-	- (1, 2, 3a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 July 2008.

All subsequent issues used a new unboxed Pos Malaysia emblem (*far right*), replacing the boxed emblem used hitherto (*right*). The new emblem appeared on all new issues of stamps and postal stationery, but did not appear on definitive reprints until mid-2009.



New Pos Malaysia Emblem.



15 July 2008.

Golden Jubilee of the Sultan of Kedah.



Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah celebrated his Golden Jubilee in 2008. 2008 had therefore been designated Visit Kedah Year for tourist publicity purposes.

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

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: Sultan circa 1959 in coronation dress, Gunung Jerai and paddy field (inset: the Zahir Mosque and Alor Star in the 1950s);

50s.: Sultan in military dress, Jalan Telok Wanjah water fountain (built 1983 to mark the Silver Jubilee) and old Office of the State Secretary of Kedah (Secretariat Building), Alor Star;

RM1: Sultan in ceremonial dress, Golden Jubilee emblem and recent aerial photograph of Alor Star.

They were printed in sheets of 22 (4 x 7, with rows 1 to 3 of columns 2 and 3 replaced by the appropriate portrait of the Sultan and the issue title) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Other sheet markings were 1A (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R7/4, colour dots to right of R1/4 and left of R7/1, the royal destar (headdress) to left and right of rows 2, 4 and 6, Kedah coat of arms to left and right of rows 3 and 5, and the Pos Malaysia emblem below R7/3.

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 for the bulk of the sheet, 13.6 x 13.4 for R1 and R2 and 13.6/12.1 x 13.4 for R3, for all values.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the Sultan in ceremonial dress.

The special first day postmark included the jubilee emblem.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
08.7.1	1493	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.7.1a	1493a	169	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.7.1b	1493b	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.7.2	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.7.3	1494	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.7.3a	1494a	170	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.7.3b	1494b	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.7.4	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.7.5	1495	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.7.5a	1495a	171	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.7.5b	1495b	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.7.6	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.7.7	-	FDC-KE23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Up to 27 combinations of stamp were theoretically possible on first day cover. Only the combination shown had been seen at the time of writing.

1 August 2008.

IDBF Club Crew World Championship.



Dragon boat racing originated in China and includes boats with crews of 12 of 20 persons. The first unofficial races in Penang were held in the harbour in 1934 and the first of the annual Penang International Dragon Boat Festival official events was held in 1979.

The 6th International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) Club Crew World Championship 2008, the 1st Asian Club Crew World Championships and the 8th Asian Dragon Boat Championships were held simultaneously in Penang on the fresh waters of the Teluk Bahang Dam from 31 July to 3 August.

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

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps with 30s. , 50s. and RM1 values all showed close-up views of boats racing.

They were printed in sheets of 20 by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The three sheets were each in a different format.

The 30s. had a broad, imperforate margin containing the issue title and an illustration of a dragon boat at the top with a simple 4 x 5 format block below.

The 50s. was in 20-Set Format R (see issue 08.2) with the issue title and illustration in the gutter.

The RM1 had a simple 4 x 5 format block at the top with a broad, imperforate margin with issue title and the same illustration at the bottom.

Other sheet markings were 1A (x4) to the left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, colour dots (x4) to right of R1/4 and left of R5/1, event emblem above and below columns 1 and 4 and to the left and right of R2, dragon prow to left and right of R3 and above R1/2, oar above R1/3 and to the left and right of R4, 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 (all values) or up (RM1). The RM1 with watermark sideways down was reported to be scarce in Malaysia. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4.

Miniature sheet:

The 120mm x 60mm miniature sheet showed a full side view of a boat at speed and contained a 80mm x 30mm RM2 stamp. The paper was as for the counter sheets. It had watermark Multiple SPM upright and perforation 13.6 x 13.4. The miniature sheet also exists imperforate.



Varieties:

The following varieties were recorded:

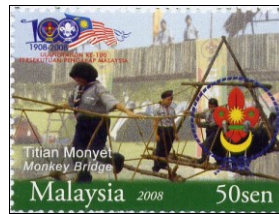
Value	No.	Position	Variety
50s.	v1	R1	R1 imperforate to margin (top row of perforations omitted). ⁵

First day facilities:

- There was no presentation pack.
- The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a boat.
- The special first day postmark included a dragon's head prow.
- The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.8.1	1496	1238	30s. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.8.2	1497	1239	50s. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.8.3	1498	1240	RM1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.8.3a	1498w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.8.4	MS1499	MC-381M	RM2 miniature sheet - Perf.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.8.5	footnote	MC-381Mi	- Imperf.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.8.6	-	MFDC-381	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.8.7	-	MFDC-381M	-(4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

14 August 2008.**Centenary of the Scouts Association of Malaysia.**

This issue marked the establishment of the first Malayan scout pack at Penang in 1908. For a history of Scouting in Malaya, see issue 74.4 in Volume 2.

Designed by Zonice Rovers, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

30s.: The Beginning of Scouting - Sir Robert Baden-Powell and early scouts reading a map;

50s.(A): Era of Growth (1957-1987) - Scouts crossing a monkey (rope) bridge;

50s.(B): Today's Scout Movement - Scouts in life jackets, canoes and a motor launch.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included a broad top margin incorporating issue title and event emblem, colour dots (x4) at both ends of the top margin and row 5, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, 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.

First day facilities:

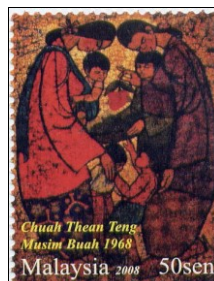
There was no presentation pack.

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

The special first day postmark included the Scout salute.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.9.1	1500	1241	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.9.2	1501	1242	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.9.3	1502	1243	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.9.4	-	MFDC-382	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

28 August 2008.**Treasures of the Nation's Visual Arts.**

This issue marked the 50th anniversary of the National Art Gallery of Malaysia, which, by 2008, held some 3700 works.

Designed by Balai Seni Lukis Negara (National Art Gallery), this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The counter sheet stamps were different sizes and showed:

30s.: "Semangat Ledang (Spirit of Ledang)" (2003) acrylic on canvas by Dato' Syed Ahmad Jamal (40mm x 30mm);

50s.: "Musim Buah (Fruits Season)" (1968) batik by Dato' Chuah Thean Teng (30mm x 40mm);

RM1: "Pago-Pago" (1965) oil on canvas by Abdul Latiff Mohidin (35mm square).

They were printed in sheets of 20 by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Each value had a different sheet format.

The 30s. had a simple 5 x 4 block above a broad bottom margin containing the issue title. Other sheet markings were 1A (x4) to left and right of R1 and R4, colour dots (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, National Art Gallery emblem above R1/2, R1/3 and R1/4, and Pos Malaysia emblem below R4/3.

The 50s. was similar, but adapted for portrait-format stamps.

The RM1 had a simple 4 x 5 block above a broad bottom margin containing the issue title. Other sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of R1 and R5, National Art Gallery emblem above R1/2 and R1/3 and Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/2.

The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper normally had watermark Multiple SPM upright on 30s.(which also exists with inverted watermark) or sideways reading up on the others. The comb perforations measured 12.5 x 12.7 (30s.), 12.7 x 12.5 (50s.), 13.2 (RM1).

Variety:

The following varieties were reported:

Value	No.	Position	Variety
50s.	v1	R1/1	Small ring flaw in centre of lower part of red skirt of left figure.
	v2	R3/1	Larger ring flaw in centre of lower part of red skirt of left figure.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

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

The special first day postmark included the gallery building.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.10.1	1503	1244	30s. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.10.1a	1503w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.10.2	1504	1245	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.10.3	1505	1246	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.10.4	-	MFDC-383	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16 September 2008.

Royal Headgear.



Lower pane (image reduced by 20%)

In Malay costume, the headgear that one wears establishes one's place in society and the correct headgear must be worn for a specific event or function. The Tengkolok or Destar (Deta in Negri Sembilan), or Malay Royal Headgear, takes the place occupied for Western royalty by the crown. The cloth was folded in different styles or "solek". First proposed for issue on 16 August 2005, it was next planned for 13 December 2007, then 29 January 2008, before finally appearing on 16 September.

Designed by Professor Dato' Raja Zahabuddin Raja Yaacob, this issue comprised a single counter sheet with two panes.

Counter sheets:

The 32mm x 27mm 50c. stamps showed:

50s.(A): (R1/1) Composite design of the nine headdresses;

- 50s.(B): (R1/2) The Federal King's coronation "Dendam Tak Sudah" (translation: Endless Longing) headdress (a style which originated in Negri Sembilan), made of black fabric with gold embroidery with platinum star and crescent;
- 50s.(C): (R1/3) The Sultan of Kedah's Dendam Tak Sudah, made of black and gold woven songket fabric with an emerald and diamond "Jata" or crest;
- 50s.(D): (R1/4) The Yang Di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan's Dendam Tak Sudah, made from yellow songket - Although folded the same as the previous two, it was worn differently;
- 50s.(E): (R1/5) The Sultan of Pahang's "Sekelungung Bunga" headdress was made of purple songket with gold embroidery;
- 50s.(F): (R2/1) The Sultan of Kelantan's "Ketam Budu" was intended to resemble a flower in bloom and was the only one to cover the whole head;
- 50s.(G): (R2/2) The Sultan of Perak's "Ayam Patah Kepak" white destar with silver embroidery;
- 50s.(H): (R2/3) The Raja of Perlis's Dendam Tak Sudah was light yellow with a 5-notched "Daun Palas" (palm leaf) fold;
- 50s.(I): (R2/4) The Sultan of Selangor's "Setanjak Balung Raja" was made from yellow songket and was adapted from the headdress of Perak;
- 50s.(J): (R2/5) The Sultan of Trengganu's "Belalai Gajah" was made from yellow embroidered songket.

They were printed in sheets of 20 with two panes and a central horizontal roulette, which divided the sheet into miniature sheets of 10 (5 x 2), by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Shade differences have been noted. Sheet markings differ on the two panes. On the upper pane, markings were issue title above R1/1, Perlis crest above R1/2, Perak crest above R1/3, Kedah crest above R1/4, Selangor crest above R1/5, 1A (x4) to left of R1/1, colour dots (x4) to right of R1/5, Pos Malaysia emblem below R2/3. On the lower pane, markings were issue title above R1/1, Kelantan crest above R1/2, Trengganu crest above R1/3, Pahang crest above R1/4, Negri Sembilan crest above R1/5, 1A (x4) to right of R2/5, colour dots (x4) to left of R2/1, Pos Malaysia emblem below R2/3. 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 upright, but the sheet exists with inverted watermark. The comb perforations were applied with the "teeth" of the comb pointing down with the two 14.5 x 14.9 strikes in the upper pane and three strikes 13.8 x 14.1 in the lower pane. As a third strike in the upper pane would impinge on the design at the top of the lower pane, the upper pane was finished with a single line of 13.8 at the bottom. The inter-panneau roulette measured 5.4.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the Federal star and crescent.

The special first day postmark included the Federal headdress.

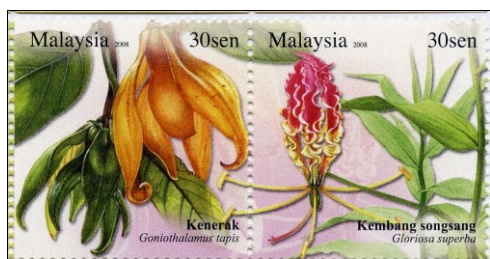
The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.11.1	1506	-	50s.(A). P.14.5 x 14.9 (Upper pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.1a	1506bw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.1b	1506c	1247	- P.13.8 x 14.1 (Lower pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.1c	1506cw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.2	1507	-	50s.(B). P.14.5 x 14.9 (Upper pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.2a	1507bw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.2b	1507c	1248	- P.13.8 x 14.1 (Lower pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.2c	1507cw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.3	1508	-	50s.(C). P.14.5 x 14.9 (Upper pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.3a	1508bw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.3b	1508c	1249	- P.13.8 x 14.1 (Lower pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.3c	1508cw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.4	1509	-	50s.(D). P.14.5 x 14.9 (Upper pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.4a	1509bw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.4b	1509c	1250	- P.13.8 x 14.1 (Lower pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.4c	1509cw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.5	1510	-	50s.(E). P.14.5 x 14.9 (Upper pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.5a	1510bw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.5b	1510c	1251	- P.13.8 x 14.1 (Lower pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.5c	1510w	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.6	1511	-	50s.(F). P.14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (Upper pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.6a	1511bw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.6b	1511c	1252	- P.13.8 x 14.1 (Lower pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.6c	1511w	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.7	1512	-	50s.(G). P.14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (Upper pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.7a	1512bw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.7b	1512c	1253	- P.13.8 x 14.1 (Lower pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.7c	1512w	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.11.8	1513	-	50s.(H). P.14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (Upper pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.8a	1513bw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.8b	1513c	1254	- P.13.8 x 14.1 (Lower pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.8c	1513w	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.9	1514	-	50s.(I). P.14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (Upper pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.9a	1514bw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.9b	1514c	1255	- P.13.8 x 14.1 (Lower pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.9c	1514w	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.10	1515	-	50s.(J). P.14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (Upper pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.10a	1515bw	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.10b	1515c	1256	- P.13.8 x 14.1 (Lower pane). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.10c	1515w	-	-- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.11	1506a	-	Pane (1-10).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.11a	1506bwa	-	- (1a-10a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.11b	1506ca	MC-384	- (1b-10b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.11c	1506cwa	-	- (1c-10c).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.12	-	-	Sheet of two panes (11, 11b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.12a	-	-	- (11a, 11c).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.13	-	-	First day cover (1-10).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.11.13a	-	MFDC-384	- (1b-10b).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 October 2008.

Unique Flowers.



This issue sought to highlight flowers that were said to be unique to Malaysia.

Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised two counter sheets, both with se-tenant pairs of stamps, and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

- The 35mm square counter sheet stamps showed:
- 30s.(A): Kenerak (*Goniothalamus tapis*);
- 30s.(B): Climbing Lily (Kembang songsang, *Gloriosa superba*)⁶;
- 50s.(A): Rangoon Creeper (Akar dani, *Quisqualis indica*);
- 50s.(B): Banana Shrub (Cempaka pisang, *Michelia figo*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format T - 4 x 6, with bottom right block of four replaced by issue title and an illustration of the two flowers) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Other sheet markings were 1A (x4) to left of R1 and right of R6, colour dots (x4) to the right of R1 and left of R6, flower line drawings above R1, to left and right of R2 and R3 and left of R4 and R5, and the Pos emblem 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 up. The comb perforations measured 13.2.



20-Set Format T

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm sheet included a 39mm x 50mm RM5 stamp showing Gooseneck Cactus (Bakawali, *Epiphyllum oxypetalum*). The sheet was printed by off-set lithography with spot varnish to highlight the main flower on the stamp. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The perforations measured 14.0.

**First day facilities:**

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured Laurel Clock Vine (Akar ketuau, *Thunbergia laurifolia*) on the front and Ceylon Ironwood (Penanga lilin, *Mesua ferrea*, incorrectly spelt *Mensua*) on the back.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Tuberose

(Sedap malam, *Polianthes tuberosa*) on the front and Coconut Magnolia (Cempaka telur, *Magnolia coco*) on the back.

The special first day postmark included Gooseneck Cactus flower.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.12.1	1516	1257	30s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.12.2	1517	1258	30s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.12.3	1516a	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.12.4	1518	1259	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.12.5	1519	1260	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.12.6	1518a	-	Se-tenant pair (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.12.7	MS1520	MC-385	RM5 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.12.8	-	MFDC-385	First day cover (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.12.9	-	MFDC-385M	- (7).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.12.10	-	-	Presentation pack (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21 October 2008.**Malaysia's First Astronaut.**

The National Space Agency (ANGKASA) of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovations selected two astronauts ("Angkasawan Negara") for training in Russia. The first Malaysian astronaut, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Syukor Al-Masrie went up to the International Space Station (ISS) on Soyuz TMA-11 on 10 October 2007 (launched at 9.21pm Malaysian time).

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

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 50mm counter sheet stamps showed the programme emblem and:

30s.: Soyuz TMA-11 on the launch pad at Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, with Russian, Kazakhstan and Malaysian flags on posts, with superimposed below a view of TMA-11 being assembled;

50s.(A): Astronaut Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Syukor Al-Masrie conducting experiments inside the ISS;

50s.(B): Soyuz approaching the ISS.

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. The sheet markings were the mission emblem and an appropriate illustration in the gutter:

30s.: Soyuz on the way to the launch pad on a train hauled by a Co-Co diesel locomotive;

50s.(A): The astronaut and the International Space Station;

50s.(B): Soyuz in flight and docking with the International Space Station;

plus margins decorated with a view of Earth from space and the Malaysian flag, 1A (x4) above and below rows 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 4, and Pos 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 upright. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.6. All margins were perforated through.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm RM2 miniature sheet had a background of Earth from space, with the mission emblem. It contained two 30mm x 50mm RM1 stamp stamps:

RM1 (A): Soyuz TMA-11 at blast-off;

RM1 (B): Soyuz TMA-11 in flight.

Paper, watermark and perforation were as for the counter sheets.



First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Soyuz TMA-11 ready for launch.

The special first day postmark included Soyuz and the Malaysian flag.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.13.1	1521	1261	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.13.2	1522	1262	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.13.3	1523	1263	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.13.4	-	-	RM1 (A) (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.13.5	-	-	RM1 (B) (from miniature sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.13.6	MS1524	MC-386M	RM2 miniature sheet (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.13.7	-	MFDC-386	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.13.8	-	MFDC-386M	- (6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

11 November 2008.

Sea Shells.



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

Counter sheets:

The 26mm x 23mm counter sheet stamps showed:

30s.(A): Hornet Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*);

30s.(B): Burnt Murex (*Chicoreus brunneus*);

50s.(A): Frog Shell (*Tutufa rubeta*);

50s.(B): Triton's Trumpet (*Charonia tritonis*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using off-set lithography. There were two sheet formats.

Both 30s. sheets had a simple 4 x 5 format with a broad margin at the bottom with a picture of the shell and the issue title. The top margin contained illustrations of four different shells. Other sheet margins were 1A (x4) to the left of the top margin and right of the bottom margin, colour dots (x4) to right of top and left of bottom margin, shells in left and right margins, and Pos emblem below R5/3.

20-Set Format V
(Format U had rows 3 and 4 transposed)



The 50s.(A) sheet had 20-Set Format U and 50s.(B) had mirror-image 20-Set Format V. Both sheets had a pane 4 x 6 with imperforate labels showing shells in place of part of rows 3 and 4 with a broad margin at the bottom with the relevant shell and the issue title. The top margin was without illustrations. Other sheet margins were 1A (x4) to the left of row 1 and right of the bottom margin, colour dots (x4) to the right of row 1 and left of bottom margin, shells in left and right margins, and Pos emblem below R6/2-3.

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 11.8.

Miniature sheet:

The 90mm x 60mm miniature sheet contained one 60mm x 40mm RM2 stamp and showed the Venus Comb Murex (*Murex pecten*) on a beach with other shells. The paper was as for the counter sheets, but had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. It was perforated 12.8 x 12.6.

The sheet also exists imperforate.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured Asian Moon Scallop (*Amusium pleuronectes* - misspelt *Amusim*), Black-lip Pearl Oyster (*Pinctada margaritifera*), Chambered Nautilus (*Nautilus pompilius* - misspelt *Nautilus*) and, on the back, the Glory of the Seas Cone (*Conus gloriamaris*).

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the Dog Conch (*Strombus canarium*), and, on the back, Carinate Rock-shell (*Cuma lacera*).

The special first day postmark included a Dog Conch.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.14.1	1525	1264	30s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.14.2	1526	1265	30s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.14.3	1527	1266	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.14.4	1528	1267	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.14.5	MS1529	MC-388M	RM2 miniature sheet. Perforated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.14.6	-	MC-388Mi	- Imperf.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.14.7	-	MFDC-388	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.14.8	-	MFDC-388M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.14.9	-	-	Presentation pack (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Stamp Week (XI) - Malaysian Cartoons (I).



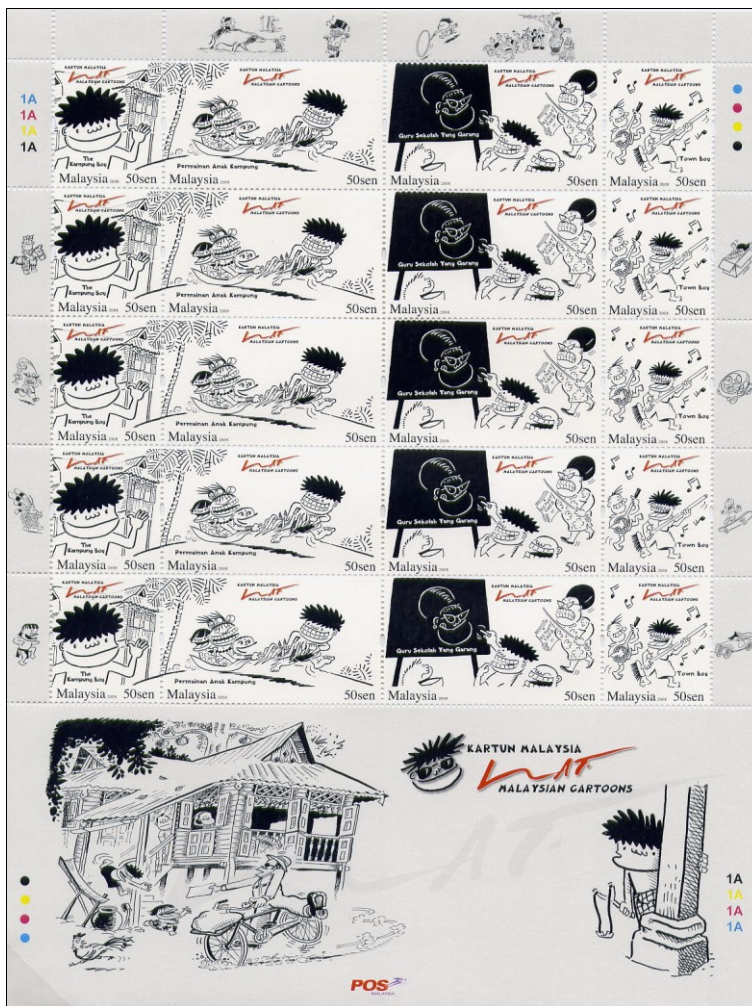
The 2008 Stamp Week issue was the first of a planned series celebrating Malaysian cartoonists. The first was "Lat", also known as Dato' Mohammed Nor bin Khalid.

Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised a single counter sheet, with a se-tenant strip of four stamps, and a booklet.

Counter sheet:

- The counter sheet stamps showed
- 50s.(A): The Kampung Boy (the artist) (29mm x 34mm);
- 50s.(B): Home-Made Games - riding the upih pinang (pinang frond) (58mm x 34mm);
- 50s.(C): The Fierce Teacher (Mrs Hew) (58mm x 34mm);
- 50s.(D): Town Boy (Mat and Frankie playing “air guitar”) (29mm x 34mm).

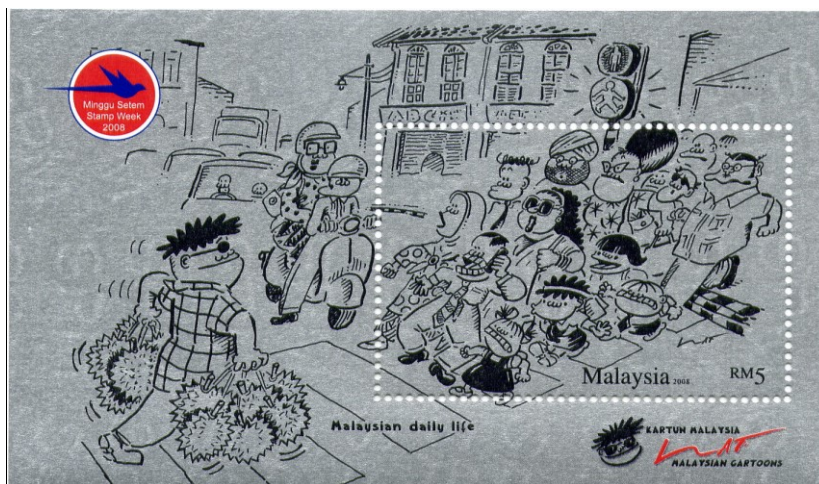
They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format W) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The broad bottom margin contained the issue title and cartoon of a postman on a bicycle making a delivery and Kampung Boy with a catapult. Other sheet markings included 1A (x4) to left of R1 and right of bottom margin, colour dots (x4) to right of R1 and left of bottom margin, additional cartoons in top and side margins, and Pos emblem in bottom margin. 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 13.8 x 14.2 with an elliptical perforation in the middle of the stamp sides.



20-Set Format W

Miniature sheet:

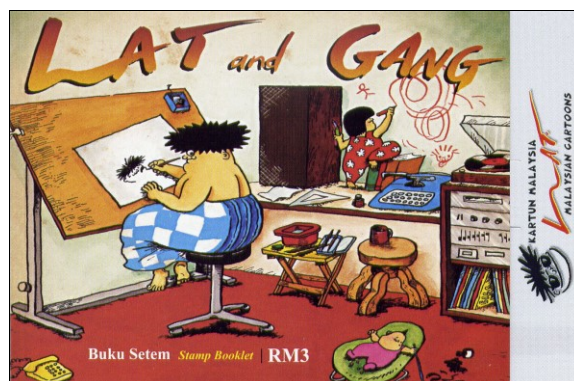
The 120mm x 70mm sheet contained a 60mm x 40mm RM5 stamp. The sheet featured a cartoon entitled “Malaysian daily life” showing a crowd of all races on a pedestrian crossing covering in horror at the approach of a man carrying a dozen durians! It was printed in black on silver with colour for the Stamp Week emblem and the artist’s signature. The paper (otherwise as above) had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. It was perforated 12.8 x 12.6.



Pos Malaysia also issued a **Cinderella miniature sheet** containing eight unpriced labels showing, on R1/1, the Pos emblem and, at the other positions, small cartoons of individual characters. All eight include the Stamp Week emblem.

Booklet:

The RM3 booklet contained a block of 10 (5 x 2) 30s. stamps. The cover was entitled “Lat and Gang” and showed a cartoon of a cartoonist at work. The stamps in columns 1 to 4 were the same as the 50s. sheet stamps but with a red band at the bottom (30s.(A)-(D)). Column 5 had an additional 29mm x 34mm design (30s.(E)) showing a child artist at work. The paper was as used for counter sheets with watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. Perforations were as for the counter sheets.



(Illustrations reduced by 33% (cover) or 50% (pane)

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured children carrying a large board and a dismayed motor cycle postman. This was optimised for the miniature sheet but also used for stamps.

The special first day postmark included Kampung Boy.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

For Stamp Week, special day postmarks were used from 1 to 7 December at the event at Berjaya Times Square, Kuala Lumpur, showing cartoon characters:

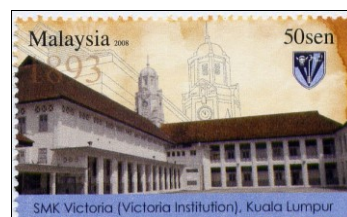
1 December	As first day postmark.	5 December	Sikh athlete.
2 December	Teacher.	6 December	Person with a package on a pole.
3 December	Boy on tricycle with a mailbag.	7 December	Kampung Boy on a bicycle.
4 December	Boy with hoop.		



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.15.1	1530	-	30s.(A) (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.2	1531	-	30s.(B) (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.3	1532	-	30s.(C) (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.4	1533	-	30s.(D) (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.5	1534	-	30s.(E) (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.6	-	-	Se-tenant strip of five (1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.7	SB22 ⁷	SB105	Booklet of 10 (two 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.8	1535	1268	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.9	1536	1269	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.10	1537	1270	50s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.11	1538	1271	50s.(D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.12	1535a	MC-389	Se-tenant strip of four (8-11).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.13	MS1539	MC-389M	RM5 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.14	-	MFDC-389	First day cover (12).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.15.15	-	MFDC-389M	- (13).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

16 December 2008.

Premier Schools.



“Premier Schools” were defined as institutions that were over 100 years old and which had been selected and awarded because of their academic and other achievements.

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

Counter sheets:

The four 50mm x 30mm 50s. stamps showed:

50s.(A): SMK St. Thomas, Kuching, Sarawak (founded 1848);

50s.(B): SMK Victoria [formerly the Victoria Institution], Kuala Lumpur (founded 14 August 1893);

50s.(C): SMK Convent Bukit Nanas [formerly the Convent of The Sisters of The Holy Infant Jesus], Kuala Lumpur (founded 1899);

50s.(D): SM All Saints [formerly the King Edward VII School], Kota Kinabalu, Sabah (founded 22 December 1903).

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 alternative view of the school in a broad bottom margin, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 4. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading up. Design C exists with sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured corridors in the four schools.

The special first day postmark included a quill pen.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
08.16.1	1540	1272	50s.(A). Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.16.2	1541	1273	50s.(B). Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.16.3	1542	1274	50s.(C). Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.16.3a	1542w	-	- Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.16.4	1543	1275	50s.(D). Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08.16.5	-	-	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTES

- 1 Offered in Spink London auction 12 November 2008.
- 2 Listed by S.G. in error as SU.
- 3 S.G. listed the booklet pane as 1479b.
- 4 S.G. listed the booklet pane as 1479cwa.
- 5 Shown by "Singapore Philatelist" on Singapore Philately Facebook site 26 August 2013.
- 6 Far from being unique to Malaysia, this was the National Flower of Zimbabwe! Many of the other flower displayed in this issue were not native or not restricted to Malaysia or even the Far East.
- 7 S.G. listed the booklet pane as 1530a.