CHAPTER FIFTY-THREE

2011 SPECIAL ISSUES

18 January 2011.



Children's Pets / Year of the Rabbit.



This issue was originally announced for 11 January release and the promotional material included a message promoting responsible pet ownership. The rabbits on the 60s. stamp and the miniature sheet were oblique references to Chinese New Year - Year of the Rabbit.

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

Counter sheets:

The 35mm square counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.: Boy and Rabbit; 80s.: Girl and Cat; RM1: Girl and Dog.

They were printed in sheets of 20 by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Quantities printed were: 60s.: 350,000 stamps, 80s.: 130,000; RM1: 100,000. Each sheet had a different format with an imperforate, horizontal gutter containing the issue title: 60s.: 4 x 2 above 4 x 3; 80s.: 4 x 3 above 4 x 2; \$1: block 4 x 4 above a strip of 4. Sheet markings were colour dots (x4) above R1/1, to right of R1/4, to left of R5/1 and below R5/4, 1A (x4) to left of R1/1, above R1/4, below R5/1 and to right of R5/4, Pos emblem below

R5/3. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenishwhite fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green afterglow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.2. All margins

were perforated through.

Miniature sheet:

The 95mm diameter circular RM5 miniature sheet contained a 35mm square RM5 stamp showing a rabbit. 30,000 were printed. The sheet border was red, blocked in gold. Paper, perforation and watermark were as for the counter sheets.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a pair of rabbits.

The special first day postmark included a house, boy, rabbit and cat.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Min	t Used
11.1.1	1752	1426	60s.		
11.1.2	1753	1427	80s.		
11.1.3	1754	1428	RM1.		
11.1.4	MS1755	MC-422M	RM5 miniature sheet.		
11.1.5	-	MFDC-422	First day cover (1-3).	-	
11.1.6	-	MFDC-422M	- (4).		

Indipex 2011 exhibition miniature sheet (12 February 2011):

Indipex 2011 was held at New Delhi from 12 to 18 February 2011. The Indipex exhibition miniature sheet was based on the Pets sheet but with the Indipex emblem added at the top left of the stamp. Technical details were as for the counter sheets.

Of the 26,000 Indipex versions printed, sheets exist in both perforated and imperforate forms, of which approximately 16,000 perforated and 10,000 imperforate examples were reported to have been printed. ¹

Variety:

A number of sheets had gold omitted at the left, as if the press was partially obstructed by a sheet of paper, affecting the left edge of the leftmost three patterns.

The PSM found that nine of the 200 imperforate copies that it purchased for members had an additional fluorescent security marking of the Pos emblem over the stamp. It is not known how many

were produced in this form. It has been reported on first day cover. ²



First day facilities:

A "12-18 February" cancellation featuring a rabbit was used to cancel items during the exhibition. 6000 sheets are reported to have been taken to the exhibition, of which about 2400 were sold. The imperforate version was only offered to SODA subscribers as a pair with the normal at RM10. No official covers were produced for sale, but a special opening day cachet was briefly available for cancelling covers for exhibition visitors. ³

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.2.1	MS1755a	MC-423M	RM5 miniature sheet. Perforated.		
11.2.2	MS1755aa	MC-423Mi	- Imperforate.		
11.2.2a	=	=	additional security marking.		

21 February 2011.

Highland Tourist Spots (I).









This issue promotes the use of Malaysia's highlands holiday resorts for the traditional purpose of "change of air" for both locals and foreigners.

Designed by World Communications Network Resources (M) Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised four counter sheets and four postcards.

Counter sheets:

The 50mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

50s.: 1979-type cable railcar, Penang Hill Railway, Bukit Bendera, Penang (830m above sea level);

60s.: Tea plantation, Cameron Highlands, Pahang (1500m above sea level);

90s.: Aerial cableway station, Gunung Mat Cincang, Pulau Langkawi, Kedah (710m above sea level);

RM1: Cabbage-growing, Kundasang, Sabah (and Mount Kinabalu).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (two panes 5 x 2 with central horizontal imperforate gutter) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Quantities printed were: 50s.: 130,000 stamps, 60s.: 350,000; 90s.: 100,000; RM1: 100,000. Sheet markings were issue title and views from the resort in the gutter, 1A (x4)above and below columns 1 and 5,



colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 4, 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 13.7 x 13.4. All margins were perforated through.

Unstamped postcards:









Unstamped post cards with related designs, for use as Maxicards, were sold mint at 80s. each. 20,000 of each design were printed:

Card (A): Penang Hill Railway, Bukit Bendara, Penang;

Card (B): Tea plantation, Cameron Highlands, Pahang;

Card (C): Sky Bridge, Gunung Mat Cincang, Pulau Langkawi, Kedah;

Card (D): Dairy farm, Kuandasang, Sabah.

The address side included a map showing the location of the resort, the flag of the state, the issue title and the Pos emblem.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the Borneo Highlands, Sarawak.

The special first day postmark included hills, a tree and butterflies.

The postcards were also sold serviced with the relevant stamps and first day postmark.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.3.1	1756	1429	50s.		
11.3.2	1757	1430	60s.		
11.3.3	1758	1431	90s.		
11.3.4	1759	1432	RM1		
11.3.5	-	MFDC-424	First day cover (1-4).		
11.3.6	-	MPC-424 ⁴	Card (A).		
11.3.6a	-	-	- First day postmark (1).		
11.3.7	=.	-	Card (B).		
11.3.7a	-	-	- First day postmark (2).		
11.3.8	-	-	Card (C).		
11.3.8a	=.	-	- First day postmark (3).		
11.3.9	-	-	Card (D).		
11.3.9a	-	-	- First day postmark (4).		

28 February 2011.

AFF Suzuki Cup 2010 Champions.





31 December 2010 was declared a public holiday in Malaysia to celebrate its team's victory over Indonesia in the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) Suzuki Cup 2010 football championship, the final of which was held in two legs on 26 December at Bukit Jalil Stadium, Kuala Lumpur (won 3-0) and on 29 December at Gelora Bung Karno Stadium, Jakarta (Malaysia lost 1-2, giving 4-2 win on aggregate).

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised two counter sheetlets.

Counter sheetlets:

The counter sheetlet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Suzuki Cup (31mm x 50mm);

60s.(B): Champions Medal and Malaysian Football Association (Persatuan Bolasepak Malaysia) emblem (35mm square).

They were printed by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. 400,000 stamps of each design were printed. Design A was in circular sheets of 8 (4 x 2) on a football background. Design B was in rectangular sheets of 10 (5 x 2) on a background of a football pitch and supporters. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below the left and right columns and colour dots (x4) to left and right of both rows. The phosphorcoated 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: 60s.(A): 13.4 x 13.6, the right-hand edge being closed by a single line perforation; 60s.(B): 13.2.



First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a ball and event emblems.

The special first day postmark included a ball.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.4.1	1761	1433	60s.(A).		
11.4.2	1760	1434	60s.(B).		
11.4.3	-	MFDC-425	First day cover (1-2).		

28 March 2011. Spices.







Spices have been used in cooking for some 7000 years, but are believed to have been brought to Malaysia by Indian traders and Western navigators. As well as influencing flavour, spices have medicinal properties. The "four spice siblings", cinnamon, star anise, cardamom and cloves, form an essential part of Malay cuisine, while the Chinese use "five spice", star anise, cloves, Sichuan pepper, cinnamon and fennel. Indian dishes use up to a dozen spices in a single recipe, with cumin, coriander and cinnamon as key ingredients.

Counter sheets:

Designed by Penumbra Communications (M) Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised three counter sheets, a miniature sheet and a booklet.

The 35mm square counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Cinnamon bark (Cinnamomum zeylanicum);

90s.: Star Anise fruit (Illicium verum);

RM1: Cardamom pods (*Elettaria cardomomum*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 5 x 4) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Quantities printed were: 60s.: 400,000 stamps, 90s.: 100,000; RM1: 100,000. Sheet markings were issue title and Pos emblem in broad right 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 inverted. The comb perforations measured 13.3. Only the left margin was perforated through. The rest were imperforate.

Miniature sheet:

The 120mm x 80mm RM3 miniature sheet showed a traditional "batu giling" grindstone and contained two 50mm x 60mm stamps:

RM1: Grinding roller, dried chillies, candlenut, coriander, fennel seeds, cloves;

RM2: Cinnamon, star anise, pepper seeds, fresh turmeric root.

35,000 sheets were printed. The sheet had watermark sideways reading down. The perforations were created by two E-shaped combs, one from the top and one from the bottom, creating a compound perforation 13.8/14.1 x 13.8+14.1.





Booklet:

The RM6 selvedge booklet followed the example of last year's food issue by having a block of ten stamps with matched top and bottom stamps, attached to the right-hand cover, each pair forming a composite design of a different dish of spice.

60s.(B): Ground fennel, fennel seeds (*Foeniculum vulgare*), and candlenuts (*Aleurites moluccanus*) (text at top);

60s.(C): Ground turmeric, turmeric root (*Curcuma domestica*), and pepper corns (text at top);

60s.(D): Ground chilli, dried chillies (*Capiscum annuum*), cinnamon and cloves (*Syzygium aromaticum*) (text at top);



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60s.(F): Ground white pepper, skinned pepper corns (Piper nigrum), and star anise (text at top);

(Note: White pepper is obtained by removing the skin of the black pepper seed before grinding);

60s.(G-K): As (B-F) respectively but text at bottom.

40,000 booklets were printed. The pane has watermark sideways reading up or down in equal numbers. The pane was perforated 13.2.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the issue title spelt out in spices.

The special first day postmark included a star anise.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.5.1	1772	1435	60s.(A).		
11.5.2	1762w	-	60s.(B) Wmk. SU. (from booklet).		
11.5.2a	1762	-	- Wmk. SD. (from booklet).		
11.5.3	1763w	-	60s.(C) Wmk. SU. (from booklet).		
11.5.3a	1763	-	- Wmk. SD. (from booklet).		
11.5.4	1764w	-	60s.(D) Wmk. SU. (from booklet).		
11.5.4a	1764	-	- Wmk. SD. (from booklet).		
11.5.5	1765w	-	60s.(E) Wmk. SU. (from booklet).		
11.5.5a	1765	-	- Wmk. SD. (from booklet).		
11.5.6	1766w	-	60s.(F) Wmk. SU. (from booklet).		
11.5.6a	1766	-	- Wmk. SD. (from booklet).		
11.5.7	1767w	-	60s.(G) Wmk. SU. (from booklet).		
11.5.7a	1767	-	- Wmk. SD. (from booklet).		
11.5.8	1768w	-	60s.(H) Wmk. SU. (from booklet).		
11.5.8a	1768	-	- Wmk. SD. (from booklet).		
11.5.9	1769w	-	60s.(I) Wmk. SU. (from booklet).		
11.5.9a	1769	-	- Wmk. SD. (from booklet).		
11.5.10	1770w	-	60s.(J) Wmk. SU. (from booklet).		
11.5.10a	1770	-	- Wmk. SD. (from booklet).		
11.5.11	1771w	-	60s.(K) Wmk. SU. (from booklet).		
11.5.11a	1771	-	- Wmk. SD. (from booklet).		
11.5.12	1773	1436	90s.		
11.5.13	1774	1437	RM1.		
11.5.14	MS1775	MC-426M	RM3 miniature sheet.		
11.5.15	SB27a ⁵	SB110	Booklet. Wmk. SU (2-11).		

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.5.15a	SB27 ⁶	-	- Wmk. SD (2a-11a).		
11.5.16	-	MFDC-426	First day cover (1, 12-13).		
11.5.17	-	MFDC-426M	- (14).		

11 April 2011.

Artefacts of National Heritage.



(illustrations reduced by 16%)

This issue features ten objects owned by the Malaysian Department of Museums that were added to the National Heritage Register on 14 February 2009 under Section 23 of the National Heritage Act 2005.

Designed by Kawan Kreatif Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised two counter sheets with se-tenant strips of stamps.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

Sheet A:

- 60s.(A): Royal Trengganu Tobacco Box (c. 18th Century AD);
- 60s.(B): Gold Coin of Sultan Alau'uddin Riayat Shah of Johore (1527-1564 AD);
- 60s.(C): Vietnamese Dong S'on Bronze Bell found at Kampung Pencu, Muar, Johore (Funan Empire, 15th Century AD);
- 60s.(D): Gold Coin of Sultan Zainal Abidin II of Trengganu (1793-1808 AD);
- 60s.(E): Bronze Hindu-Buddhist Statue of Avalokitesvara found at Anglo-Oriental tin mine, Bidor, Perak in 1936 (7th-12th Century AD);

Sheet B:

- 60s.(F): Malay Belt Buckle;
- 60s.(G): Gold Coin showing a deer on one side and "Malik Al Adil" in Jawi on the other (c.16th Century AD);
- 60s.(H): Gold-plated silver Sireh (Betel) Set once owned by Sultan Abdul Samad of Selangor;
- 60s.(I): Gold Coin of Sultan Muzaffar Shah of Johore (1564-1570 AD);
- 60s.(J): Terracotta Arch of Sitting Buddha from Pengkalan Bujang, Kedah (c. 1000-1100 AD).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (strip x 4) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography under Local Purchase Order No. 1092 and packed into parcels of 500 sheets. 750,000 stamps of each design were printed. A surviving parcel cover card shows that the parcel in question was shipped on 1 April. Sheet markings were issue title in broad top margin, 1A (x4) below columns 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 4, Pos emblem above column 3. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM inverted (sheet A) or upright (sheet B). The comb perforations measured 12.5 x 12.7. The top margin was imperforate, the rest perforated through.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a circular floral pattern.

The special first day postmark included a jar.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.6.1	1776	1443	60s.(A).		
11.6.2	1777	1444	60s.(B).		
11.6.3	1778	1445	60s.(C).		
11.6.4	1779	1446	60s.(D).		
11.6.5	1780	1447	60s.(E).		
11.6.6	1776a	-	- Strip (1-5)		
11.6.7	1781	1438	60s.(F).		
11.6.8	1782	1439	60s.(G).		
11.6.9	1783	1440	60s.(H).		

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.6.10	1784	1441	60s.(I).		
11.6.11	1785	1442	60s.(J).		
11.6.12	1781a	-	- Strip (7-11)		
11.6.13	-	MFDC-427	First day cover (6, 12).		
11.6.13a	-	-	- (6).	-	
11.6.13b	-	-	- (12).	-	

13 June 2011. Virtues.



The government's "Nilai-nilai Murni" (Pure Values) Campaign has been integrated into the Malaysian school curriculum.

Designed by Pictureworks (M) Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised a single counter sheet with se-tenant stamps.

Counter sheet:

The 30mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Love (hands forming heart shape) (R1/1, R3/1);

60s.(B): Hardworking (Bee and honeycomb) (R1/2, R3/2);

60s.(C): Courtesy (smiling mouth) (R1/3, R3/3);

60s.(D): Mutual Respect (man bowing and doffing his hat) (R1/4, R3/4);

60s.(E): Independence (mountaineer on peak) (R1/5, R3/5);

60s.(F): Awareness (ribbon cross) (R2/1, R4/1);

60s.(G): Kind Heartedness (hand helping elderly hand with stick) (R2/2, R4/2);

60s.(H): Thankfulness ("Thank You" in various languages and scripts) (R2/3, R4/3);

60s.(I): Living in Harmony (two open hands with smiling fingernails) (R2/4, R4/4);

60s.(J): Integrity (open hand) (R2/5, R4/5).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 5 x 4) forming two se-tenant blocks of ten by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Officially, 1.2 million blocks of 10 were printed, but it is not known where this includes the reprint (see below). Sheet markings were the title in the top margin, Pos emblem below R4/5, Ministry of Information, Communications & Culture emblem below R4/1 and Campaign for Kindness, Language & Pure Values emblem below R4/2. 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 12.7 x 12.5.

Revised text (18 July 2011):

Design H caused consternation in the Indian community as Hindi was used instead of Tamil, which is more common among Malayan Indians. The sheet was quickly withdrawn (having already sold out in many places) and reissued on 18 July 2011 with design H modified to replace the Hindi script (second line) with the correct Tamil one. The Hindi text was reinserted in a blank space towards the bottom of the stamp.



First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the campaign emblem (a smiling heart). The revised design H exists on (back-dated) first day covers and first day CTO stamps supplied to at least one major UK new issues dealer.

The special first day postmark included the campaign emblem.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.7.1	1790	1453	60s.(A).		
11.7.2	1791	1454	60s.(B).		
11.7.3	1792	1455	60s.(C).		
11.7.4	1793	1456	60s.(D).		
11.7.5	1794	1457	60s.(E).		
11.7.6	1795	1458	60s.(F).		
11.7.7	1796	1459	60s.(G).		
11.7.8	1797	1460	60s.(H). Original text.		
11.7.8a	1797a	-	- Revised text.		
11.7.9	1798	1461	60s.(I).		
11.7.10	1799	1462	60s.(J).		
11.7.11	1790a	MC-429	Se-tenant block (1-10).		
11.7.11a	_	MC-432	- (1-7, 8a, 9-10).		
11.7.12	-	MFDC-429	First day cover (11).		
11.7.12a	-	-	- (11a).	-	

7 July 2011.







Centenary of Aviation in Malaysia.

In 1898, a balloonist jumped from the top of a government building in Batu Road and crashed on the edge of the Padang, but the first successful flight was by G. P. Fuller, who landed his Antoinette monoplane on Ampang race course in 1911. This issue was reported to have sold out in a matter of hours. The Ministry of Civil Aviation is reported to have requisitioned 42,000 of the 100,000 RM1 values printed. ⁷

Counter sheets:

Designed by the Department of Civil Aviation, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.: Bleriot monoplane (1911) (not Antoinette as stated on the stamp);

80s.: Malayan Airways Douglas DC3 (1947);

RM1: Airbus A380 demonstrator F-WWOW at Kuala Lumpur (17 November 2005). MAS expected to take delivery of its first A380 in June 2012.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (5 x 4) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-off-set lithography. Quantities printed were: 60s.: 350,000 stamps, 80s.: 100,000; RM1: 100,000. Sheet markings were the issue title and aircraft in the top margin, Pos emblem below R4/2-3 and the DCA emblem below R4/3-4, 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 afterglow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright or inverted (a 2:1 ratio in favour of upright was reported). ⁸ The comb perforations measured 12.6. The left and right margins were perforated through; the top and bottom were imperforate.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured KLIA control tower and an executive jet.

The special first day postmark included a two-engined jet airliner.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Min	t Used
11.8.1	1800	1463	60s. Wmk. U.		
11.8.1a	1800w	-	- Wmk. I.		
11.8.2	1801	1464	80s. Wmk. U.		
11.8.2a	1801w	-	- Wmk. I.		
11.8.3	1802	1465	RM1. Wmk. U.		
11.8.3a	1802w	_	- Wmk. I.		
11.8.4	-	MFDC-430	First day cover (1-3).		

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.8.4a	_	-	- (1a, 2-3).	-	
11 8 4h	_	_	$-(1 \ 2a \ 3)$	_	

18 July 2011. Royal Palaces.



Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised one counter sheetlet with se-tenant stamps.

Counter sheetlet:

The 32mm x 28mm counter sheet stamps showed:

RM1 (A): R1/1: Istana Negara, Kuala Lumpur;

RM1 (B): R1/2: Istana Besar Seri Menanti, Negri Sembilan (built 1931);

RM1 (C): R1/3: Istana Alam Shah, Klang, Selangor (1960), built on site of Istana Mahkota (demolished 1958);

RM1 (D): R1/4: Istana Arau, Perlis (1905-1945);

RM1 (E): R1/5: Istana Maziah, Kuala Trengganu, Trengganu;

RM1 (F): R2/1: Istana Anak Bukit, Kedah (2007);

RM1 (G): R2/2: Istana Balai Besar, Kelantan (1840);

RM1 (H): R2/3: Istana Abu Bakar, Pekan, Pahang (1965-1974);

RM1 (I): R2/4: Istana Besar, Johore;

RM1 (J): R2/5: Istana Iskandariah, Bukit Chandan, Kuala Kangsar, Perak (1933).

The designs included the coat of arms and outline map of the state concerned.

They were printed in 185mm x 160mm sheetlets of 10 (5 x 2) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. 1.2 million sheets were printed. Sheet markings with issue title in top margin, Pos emblem below R2/3 plus and the gates of the Istana Negara in the 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 down. The sheet was perforated in three operations. There are two strikes of a 13.8 x 14.1 comb, closed at the bottom by a line of 14.3. All three pass through the left and right margins. Thus, row 1 is 13.8 x 14.1 and row 2 13.8/14.3 x 14.1.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the Istana Melawati, Putrajaya.

The special first day postmark included a palace.



Prestige Stamp Booklet:

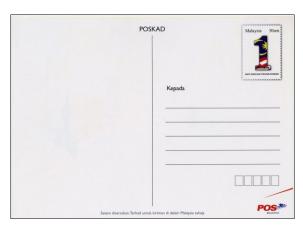
A 170mm x 90mm RM25 book of 20 stamps (RM5 over face value), was issued. The cover showed the Istana Melawati, Putrajaya. It had ten panes of two stamps, one for each palace, and the booklet was sewn at the left. The paper had watermark sideways reading down. Perforation was 14.5/13.8 x 14.9. 10,000 were printed by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.9.1	1803	1466	RM1 (A). P.13.8 x 14.1.		
11.9.1a	-	-	- 14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (from booklet).		
11.9.2	1804	1467	RM1 (B). P.13.8 x 14.1.		
11.9.2a	-	-	- 14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (from booklet).		
11.9.3	1805	1468	RM1 (C). P.13.8 x 14.1.		
11.9.3a	-	=	- 14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (from booklet).		
11.9.4	1806	1469	RM1 (D). P.13.8 x 14.1.		
11.9.4a	-	-	- 14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (from booklet).		
11.9.5	1807	1470	RM1 (E). P.13.8 x 14.1.		
11.9.5a	-	=	- 14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (from booklet).		
11.9.6	1808	1471	RM1 (F). P.13.8/14.3 x 14.1.		
11.9.6a	-	=	- 14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (from booklet).		
11.9.7	1809	1472	RM1 (G). P.13.8/14.3 x 14.1.		
11.9.7a	-	=	- 14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (from booklet).		
11.9.8	1810	1473	RM1 (H). P.13.8/14.3 x 14.1.		
11.9.8a	-	=	- 14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (from booklet).		
11.9.9	1811	1474	RM1 (I). P.13.8/14.3 x 14.1.		
11.9.9a	-	=	- 14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (from booklet).		
11.9.10	1812	1475	RM1 (J). P.13.8/14.3 x 14.1.		
11.9.10a	-	=	- 14.5/13.8 x 14.9 (from booklet).		
11.9.11	1803a	MC-431	Sheetlet (1-10).		
11.9.12	-	MFDC-431	First day cover (pane from 11).		
11.9.13	SP1	MCB-431 or SB111	Booklet.		

August? 2011.

Postcards - Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

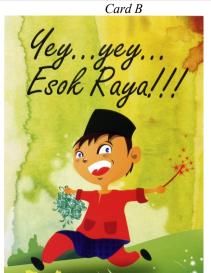












Card L

Hari Raya Aidilfitri is a moveable feast depending on observation of the Moon by Islamic authorities, but was celebrated on 30 August 2011. A set of four celebratory postal stationery cards were sold in a pack for RM5. The address side included a printed 30s. "1" stamp PPI. The picture side showed:

Card A: "Salam Aidilfitri maaf zahir & batin". Two children and a firework (147mm x 105mm);

Card B: "Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri". Dome, diamond pattern, candles and handshake (147mm x 105mm);

Card C: "Run for Your Life!". Chickens in panic (147mm x 105mm);

Card D: "Yey...yey...Esok Raya!!!". Boy with sparkler (105mm x 147mm).

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.10.1	-	-	Card A.		
11.10.2	-	-	Card B.		
11.10.3	-	-	Card C.		
11.10.4	-	=	Card D.		

8 August 2011. Indonesia joint issue.



Designed by Peter Chuah for Orient Communications, this issue comprised a single counter sheetlet with a block of setenant stamps in corresponding pairs, one for each country.

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

90s.(A): National Monument, Kuala Lumpur;

90s.(B): Proclamation Monument, Jakarta;

90s.(C): Malaya and British Borneo One Dollar note;

90s.(D): Indonesian 5 cent note;

90s.(E): 1957 Independence stamp;

90s.(F): 1949 Surakarta Military stamp;

90s.(G): Red Jungle Fowl (Ayam Hutan Merah, *Gallus*

90s.(H): Green Jungle Fowl (Ayam Hutan Hijau, *Gallus varius*).

Counter sheetlets:

They were printed in sheetlets of 8 (2) x 4) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour offset lithography. 1 million sheets were printed. Sheet markings were limited to the issue title and Pos emblem in the 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 upright. The comb perforations measured 12.6 x The sheet was also issued 12.7. imperforate at face value (200,000 printed).

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured flags and coats of arms of Malaysia and Indonesia.

The special first day postmark included the flags.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.11.1	1814	1476	90s.(A). Perf.		
11.11.1a	footnote	-	- Imperf.		
11.11.2	1815	1477	90s.(B). Perf.		
11.11.2a	-	=	- Imperf.		
11.11.3	1816	1478	90s.(C). Perf.		
11.11.3a	-	-	- Imperf.		
11.11.4	1817	1479	90s.(D). Perf.		
11.11.4a	-	-	- Imperf.		
11.11.5	1818	1480	90s.(E). Perf.		

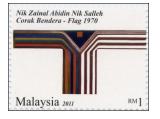
No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.11.5a	-	-	- Imperf.		
11.11.6	1819	1481	90s.(F). Perf.		
11.11.6a	-	-	- Imperf.		
11.11.7	1820	1482	90s.(G). Perf.		
11.11.7a	-	-	- Imperf.		
11.11.8	1821	1483	90s.(H). Perf.		
11.11.8a	-	-	- Imperf.		
11.11.9	1814a	MC-434SH	Sheetlet (1-8).		
11.11.9a	-	MC-434SHi	- (1a-8a).		
11.11.10	-	MFDC-434	First day cover (pane from 9).		

19 September 2011.

Treasures of the Nation's Visual Arts (II).







The National Art Gallery Malaysia (Balai Sena Lukis Negara) was founded in 1958 and, by 2011, had about 3,926 pieces to display. Two of the featured artists had previously designed stamps.

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

Counter sheets:

The counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.: "Bajau Horseman, North Borneo" by Datuk Mohd Hoessein Enas, 1963 (30mm x 40mm);

90s.: "Ayam Jantan" (cockerel sculpture) by Anthony Lau, 1963 (40mm x 30mm);

RM1: "Corak Bendera - Flag" by Nik Zainal Abidin Nik Salleh, 1970 (40mm x 30mm).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 5 x 4) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Quantities printed were: 60s: 350,000 stamps; 90s.: 100,000; RM1: 100,000. Sheet markings were "1A" (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5 (60s) or to left and right of rows 1 and 4 (rest), colour dots (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 4 (60s) or above and below columns 1 and 5 (rest), issue title in bottom margin, Gallery emblem above R1/2-4, R4/2 and R4/4, 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 normally had watermark Multiple SPM, sideways reading down (60s.), inverted (90s.) or upright (RM1). The RM1 also exists with inverted watermark. The comb perforations measured 12.7 x 12.5 (60s.) or 12.5 x 12.7 (rest).

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured "Gerak Tempur 5" by Raja Shahriman Raja Aziddin, 1994.

The special first day postmark included an eye emblem.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.12.1	1822	1484	60s. Wmk. SD.		
11.12.2	1823	1485	90s. Wmk. I.		
11.12.3	1824	1486	RM1. Wmk. U.		
11.12.3a	1824w	-	- Wmk. I.		
11.12.4	-	MFDC-435	First day cover (1-3).		

10 October 2011. Stamp Week - Post Boxes.



This issue was originally scheduled for 9 October, UPU World Stamp Day.

Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised a counter sheet with se-tenant stamps and a miniature sheet.

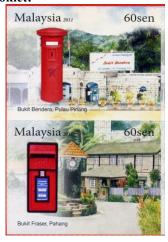
Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 50mm counter sheet stamps showed boxes with local background scenes in grey:

- RM1 (A): VR cypher and pillar box from Bukit Bendera, Penang;
- RM1 (B): Federation arms and wall box from Bukit Fraser, Pahang;
- RM1 (C): Pos octagonal emblem and wallbox from Melaka Bandaraya Bersejarah;
- RM1 (D): Pos Malaysia emblem and pillar box from Seremban, Negri Sembilan;
- RM1 (E): Current Pos emblem and double post box from Pejabat Pos Besar (GPO), Kuala Lumpur.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 5 x 4) by Enschedé using standard four-colour off-set lithography with Spot UV and embossing. 300,000 sheets were printed. The sheet was cut to the shape of a pillar box. Each stamp received the cloth-pattern yellow-green phosphor overprint that first appeared on the Currency issue. The emblem and box were then embossed and varnished. The only sheet markings were the issue title and box emblems in the top margin. The OBA-free 102gsm paper gave no reaction under ultra-violet light. The paper had no watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.5×14.0 .

Booklet:









animated postbox.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

The RM6 booklet contained ten 40mm x 30mm 60s. stamps, printed by off-set lithography. 50,000 booklets were printed. The five designs are alternative views of the same five pillar boxes shown on the counter sheets with added local background in colour. The OBA-Free Self-adhesive 246gsm paper gave no reaction under ultra-violet light, but the same phosphor overprint was applied. The five designs appeared in horizontal pairs in a block of four (A-B) or six (C-E). The booklet measured 95mm x 237mm (open), 132mm (closed), and showed a King Edward VII cypher pillar box from Georgetown, Penang on the cover. The stamps were die-cut 13.1 x 12.8. The booklet cover was die-cut for hanging up in shop display racks.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the Ipoh Railway Station pillar box retaining the Tudor Crown but without cypher. It also bears the UPU emblem.

The special first day postmark included a postman being chased by a dog. In addition, a Stamp Week cachet and seven day postmarks were used at Sunway Pyramid Selangor during Stamp Week, each showing a different

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.13.1	1825	-	60s.(A).		
11.13.2	1826	-	60s.(B).		
11.13.3	1827	-	60s.(C).		
11.13.4	1828	-	60s.(D).		
11.13.5	1829	-	60s.(E).		
11.13.6	SB28 9	SB112	RM6 booklet (two 1-5).		
11.13.7	1830	1487	RM1 (A).		
11.13.8	1831	1488	RM1 (B).		
11.13.9	1832	1489	RM1 (C).		
11.13.10	1833	1490	RM1 (D).		
11.13.11	1834	1491	RM1 (E).		
11.13.12	1830a	MC-436	Se-tenant strip (7-11).		
11.13.13	-	MFDC-436	First day cover (12).		

[11 November 2011].

Installation of Sultan of Kelantan.

In view of the controversy surrounding the throne of Kelantan, it is perhaps unsurprising that the planned issue did not appear.

21 November 2011.





Underground Engineering Excellence.



This issue marked the centenary on 9 May 2011 of Malaysian infrastructure and utilities company MMC Corporation Berhad and publicised the award-winning Stormwater Management And Road Tunnel (SMART) completed under Kuala Lumpur in May 2007. The 9.7km tunnel has two 3km two-lane road decks and the bottom section is used as a floodwater relief channel capable of holding $1000 \, \mathrm{m}^3$ of water. It has proved successful in reducing flooding in the section of Sungei Klang between its confluences with Sungei Ampang and Sungei Gombak, particularly in the vicinity of the low Jalan Tun Perak bridge. It is used by 30,000 cars a day. As well as being Malaysia's largest civil engineering contractor, MMC owns, *inter-alia*, Johor Port, Tanjung Pelapas Port, Senai Airport, Gas Malaysia and Malakoff

Designed by MMC Corporation Berhad, this issue comprised a counter sheet with three se-tenant pairs and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 45mm x 28mm counter sheet stamps, in se-tenant vertical pairs, showed:

60s.(A): Lower road deck (incorrectly described in literature as the upper deck);

60s.(B): Cross-section of tunnel;

60s.(C): 13.2m diameter tunnel boring machine (TBM) "Tuah" below Kuala Lumpur, this was used on the 5.2km northwards drive;

60s.(D): TBM after breakthrough from a tunnel drive;

60s.(E): TBM "Gemilang" was used on the 4.5km southwards drive and is shown at breakthrough;

60s.(F): Construction gallery used to build the road decks as the tunnel drive progressed.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (two panes 5 x 2 with horizontal gutter) by Enschedé using [standard four-colour] off-set lithography. 1.2 million of each design were printed. The only sheet markings were the issue title and Smart, MMC and Pos emblems in the gutter margin. The paper gave no fluorescent reaction but had a fluorescent yellow-green phosphor "woven"-pattern overprint horizontally over the centre of each stamp. It appeared to have been applied under the colour inks. The paper had no watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 14.3 with an elliptical perforation at each side. The left and right margins were perforated through and the top margin imperforate. The bottom margin was to be confirmed at the time of writing.

Miniature sheet:

The 80mm x 90mm RM5 self-adhesive miniature sheet contained two 40mm x 35mm stamps with micro-lenticular (changing) images, a RM2 showing designs C, E and F and a RM3 showing designs A, B and D. The sheet background showed the upper road deck prior to opening. The sheet gave no fluorescent reaction had a vertical band of "woven"-pattern phosphor at the right-hand side. The die-cut perforations measured 12.0 x 12.6. 30,000 were printed.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured a TBM receiving attention prior to launch.

The special first day postmark included a section through the tunnel.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.14.1	1839	1492	60s.(A).		
11.14.2	1840	1493	60s.(B).		
11.14.3	1839a	-	Se-tenant pair (1, 2).		
11.14.4	1835	1494	60s.(C).		
11.14.5	1836	1495	60s.(D).		
11.14.6	1835a	-	Se-tenant pair (4, 5).		
11.14.7	1837	1496	60s.(E).		
11.14.8	1838	1497	60s.(E).		
11.14.9	1837a	-	Se-tenant pair (7, 8).		
11.14.10	-	$MC-437M^{10}$	RM2 (from miniature sheet).		
11.14.11	-	-	RM3 (from miniature sheet).		
11.14.12	MS1841	-	RM5 miniature sheet.		
11.14.13	-	MFDC-437	First day cover (3, 6, 9).		
11.14.14	-	MFDC-437M	- (12).	-	

12 December 2011. Royal Institution.







It was originally intended to release an issue of "Aromatic Plants", which was postponed to May 2012. This replacement issue was intended to highlight the constitutional nature of the Malaysian monarchy and illustrated royal regalia. The first two items were gazetted as National Heritage on 16 March 2009.

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

Counter sheets:

The 50mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.: The Royal Tiara (Gandik Diraja). The Queen's tiara is made of platinum and diamonds;

80s.: The Royal Waist Buckle (Pending Diraja). Worn by the King, this is made of 24-carat gold and rubies;

90s.: The Throne (Singgahsana). Twin thrones were provided for the King and Queen

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 5 x 4) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Quantities printed were: 60s: 350,000 stamps; 80s.: 100,000; 90s.: 100,000. Sheet markings were the issue title in the top margin, 1A (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R4/5, colour dots (x4) to right of R1/5 and left of R4/1, 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 sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 14.1; the top margin being imperforate and the rest perforated through.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the Malaysian coat of arms on a cloth background.

The special first day postmark included the Pending Diraja.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
11.15.1	1842	1498	60s.		
11.15.2	1843	1499	80s.		
11.15.3	1844	1500	90s.		
11.15.4	-	MFDC-438	First day cover (1-3).		

NOTES

C. Wong e-mail March 2012.

² C. Wong e-mail March 2012.

³ C Wong e-mail March 2012.

⁴ Number refers to set of four cards.

⁵ S.G. listed the booklet pane as 1762wa.

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⁷ C. Wong e-mail March 2012.

⁸ C. Wong e-mail March 2012.

⁹ S.G. listed booklet pane as 1825a.

Number refers to pair of miniature sheets.