

CHAPTER FIFTY-SEVEN

2015 SPECIAL ISSUES

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



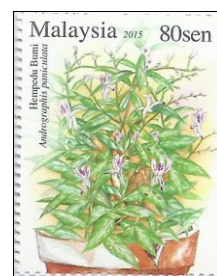
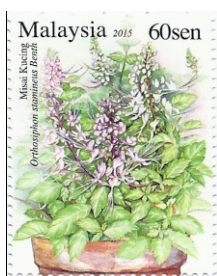
1 January 2015.

New Pos Malaysia emblem.

With effect from the February stamp issue, Pos Malaysia used a new emblem. This new branding is believed to have been launched for all other purposes from the start of 2015.

20 January 2015.

Medicinal Plants (III).



This issue was originally planned for 7 July 2014, then 24 November 2014.

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

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.: Cat’s Whiskers (Misai Kucing, *Orthosiphon stamineus Benth*), source of Java Tea;

70s.: Roselle (*Hibiscus sabdariffa L.*);

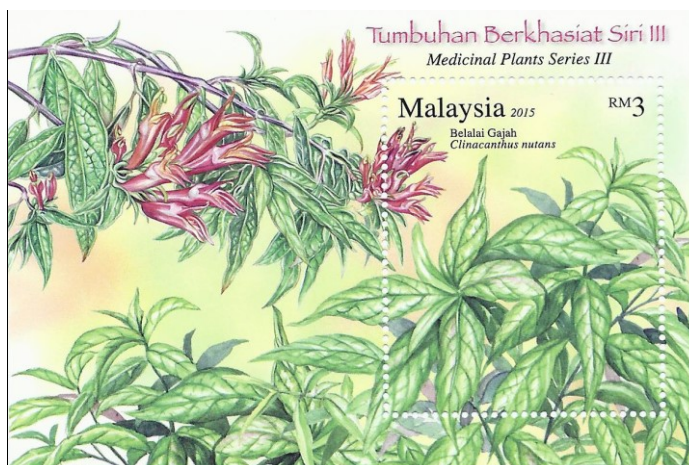
80s.: Green Chiretta (Hempedu Bumi, *Andrographis paniculata*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (5 x 4) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in top margin, 1A (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R4/5, colour dots 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 13.4 x 13.6, the top margin being imperforate and the rest perforated through.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet with a 40mm x 50mm RM3 stamp showed Sabah Snake Grass (Belalai Gajah, *Clinacanthus nutans*). The paper had watermark Multiple SPM inverted, but was otherwise as for the counter sheets. It was perforated 14.1.

The sheet was also sold imperforate.



First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured plants (including Ivy) and pots into which to plant the stamps. Although shown in publicity material, the issue title was omitted from the first day covers in error.

The special first day postmark included flower buds.

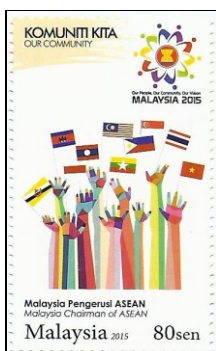
The folder was sold at RM6.

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| 15.1.1 | 2055    | -      | 60s.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.1.2 | 2056    | -      | 70c.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.1.3 | 2057    | -      | 80c.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.1.4 | MS2058  | -      | RM3 miniature sheet. Perforated. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.1.5 | MS2058a | -      | - Imperforate.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.1.6 | -       | -      | First day cover (1-3).           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 15.1.7 | -    | - (4). | -    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

27 January 2015.

ASEAN Chairmanship 2015.



Malaysia held the Chairmanship of ASEAN for 2015. This issue was a late added-starter. Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

**Counter sheets:**



The 30mm x 50mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.: Our people (girls in national dress of the 10 countries);

80s.: Our community (raised hands with flags of the countries);

RM1.20: Our vision (ten-leafed seedling and mountain tops with flags of the countries).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (8 x 3, with R2/3-6 replaced by label) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title and Pos emblem on label, 1A (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R3/8, colour dots (x4) to right of R1/8 and left of R3/1, national flags in left and right margins. 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 on rows 1 and 3. The sides of the four stamps from row 2 were finished with a 14.1 short line perforator, so they were 13.4 x 14.1. All four margins were perforated through.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured ring of ten people holding hands around the event emblem.

The special first day postmark included event emblem (ring of ten people).

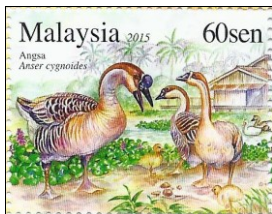
The folder was sold at RM6.

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| 15.2.1  | 2059  | - 60s. P. 13.4 x 13.6. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.2.1a | 2059a | - P. 13.4 x 14.1.      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.2.2  | 2060  | - 80c. P. 13.4 x 13.6. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| No.     | S.G.  | I.S.C. | Mint                        | Used                     |                          |
|---------|-------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.2.2a | 2060a | -      | - P. 13.4 x 14.1.           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.2.3  | 2061  | -      | RM1.20. P. 13.4 x 13.6.     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.2.3a | 2061a | -      | - P. 13.4 x 14.1.           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.2.4  | -     | -      | First day cover (1, 2a, 3). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.2.4a | -     | -      | -(1a, 2, 3).                | -                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

16 February 2015.

Farm Animals (Year of the Goat).



The annual Chinese New Year issue marks the Year of the Goat on the miniature sheet.

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

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.: Swan Goose (Angsa, *Anser cygnoides*);

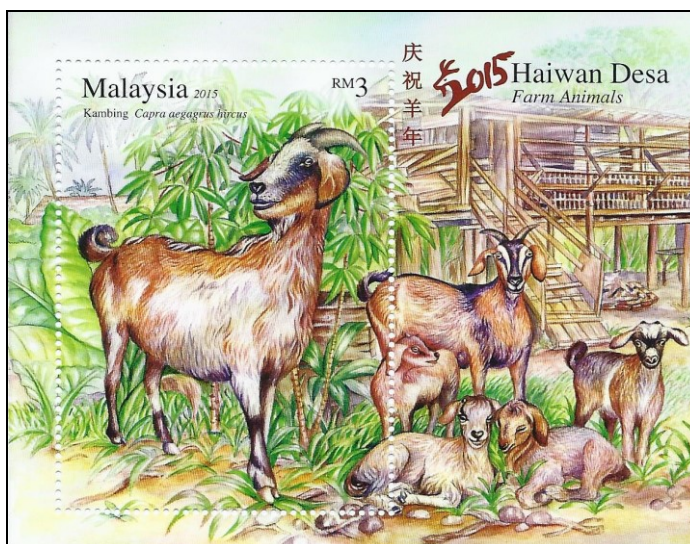
80s.: Water buffalo (Kerbau, *Bubalus bubalis*);

RM1.20: Chicken (Ayam, *Gallus domesticus*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (4 x 5) by Cartor using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were the issue title and Pos emblem in top margin, colour blocks (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, 1A (x4) to right of R1/4 and left of R5/1. The unwatermarked, phosphor-coated security stamp paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.0 x 13.4.

Miniature sheets:

The 100mm x 80mm miniature sheet contains a 48mm x 66mm RM3 stamp. It shows Goats (Kambing, *Capra hircus*). The paper was as for the counter sheet. It was perforated 14.2 x 14.6.



It also exists in a self-adhesive RM15 version, printed in sepia and red on wood and die-cut 7.5.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured a goat.

The special first day postmark included "2015" in the shape of a goat.

The folder was sold at RM6.



| No.    | S.G.    | I.S.C. |                        | Mint                     | Used                     |
|--------|---------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.3.1 | 2062    | -      | 60s.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.3.2 | 2063    | -      | 80c.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.3.3 | 2064    | -      | RM1.20.                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.3.4 | MS2065  | -      | RM3 miniature sheet.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.3.5 | MS2065a | -      | RM15 miniature sheet.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.3.6 | -       | -      | First day cover (1-3). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.3.7 | -       | -      | - (4).                 | -                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

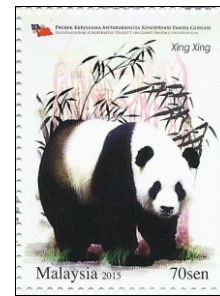
**16 February 2015.**

**The Baba & Nyonya Heritage (III).**

See issue 13.17.

**25 February 2015.**

**International Co-operative Project on Giant Panda Conservation.**



A joint venture project between Malaysia and China saw two pandas, both born on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2006 in China and used as icons for the Beijing Olympics of 2008, come to Malaysia's Zoo Negara for ten years from April 2012. This was originally announced for 4 November 2014 as "Endangered Species", then postponed to 22 December.

Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised two counter sheets, one for each panda.

**Counter sheets:**

The 30mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps showed:

70s.(A): Panda "Liang Liang" (beauty), a female previously named Feng Yi;

70s.(B): Panda "Xing Xing" (wealth); a male previously named Fu Wa.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (4 x 5) by Cartor using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title and illustration in right margin, colour dots (x4) to left of R1/1, Pos emblem to left of R3/1, pane number (x4; 1B seen for both sheets) to left of R5/1. The phosphor-coated security stamp paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had no watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.0.

**Miniature sheets:**



The 80mm x 90mm miniature sheet contained two 28mm x 45mm RM4 stamps:

RM4 (A): Panda “Liang Liang”;

RM4 (B): Panda “Xing Xing”.

It was printed on a flocked granite paper with security fibres and yellow-green phosphor, which had a furry texture. This texture repeats at a pitch of about 185mm, slightly longer than the height of the finished “uncut” double sheets, so it moves relative to the design from sheet to sheet and it is doubtful that two identical sheets will be found easily, if at all. It was perforated 13.6 x 13.3.

The 100mm x 181mm “Uncut”, but perforated, pairs of miniature sheets with a small plain border were sold at a premium.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the pandas.

The special first day postmark included a panda.

The folder was sold at RM6.

**Exhibition sheet - Singapore 2015 (14 August 2015):**

The Singapore 2015 World Stamp exhibition was held from 14 to 19 August 2015 at the Marina Sands Conference and Exposition Centre.

A special version of this sheet was produced for the exhibition with the exhibition emblem incorporated in the stamps and the sheet background. It was sold in a cardboard folder. for RM9 (face value plus GST). Technical details were as for the normal sheet. The example seen was cut off-square, suggesting that Cartor had problems producing these sheets.



| No.    | S.G. | I.S.C.              | Mint                     | Used                     |
|--------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.4.1 | 2066 | - 70s.(A).          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.4.2 | 2067 | - 70s.(B).          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.4.3 | -    | - RM4 (A) (from 5). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.4.4 | -    | - RM4 (B) (from 5). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| No.     | S.G.     | I.S.C. |                                       | Mint                     | Used                     |
|---------|----------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.4.5  | MS2068   | -      | RM8 miniature sheet.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.4.6  | -        | -      | Uncut pair of miniature sheets.       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.4.7  | -        | -      | First day cover (1-2).                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.4.8  | -        | -      | - (5).                                | -                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.4.9  | -        | -      | RM4 (C) (from 11).                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.4.10 | -        | -      | RM4 (D) (from 11).                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.4.11 | footnote | -      | RM8 miniature sheet – Singapore 2015. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

17 March 2015.

Envelope - LIMA '15 13<sup>th</sup> Langkawi International Maritime & Aerospace Exhibition.

This exhibition, held from 17-21 March, was marked by a commemorative postal stationery envelope sowing a parachute, an aircraft carrier and five aerobatic display jet fighters. The RM2 postage paid imprint showed silhouettes of an attack helicopter, two airliners, two fighters and an aircraft carrier and had simulated perforation 14.0.

**First day facilities:**

The special postmark showed the event emblem. The example seen was precancelled; it is not known if it exists uncanceled.

| No.    | S.G. | I.S.C. |                       | Mint                     | Used                     |
|--------|------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.5.1 | -    | -      | Cover                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.5.2 | -    | -      | - First day postmark. | -                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

23 March 2015.

Coronation of Sultan Ibrahim of Johore.



Under the Johore Constitution of 1895, the Sultan is elected and proclaimed. A coronation is an optional extra. The new Sultan Ibrahim was proclaimed on 23 January 2010 and crowned on 23 March 2015.

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

**Counter sheets:**

The 40mm x 52mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s: Sultan in military uniform facing right.

80s.: Sultan in military uniform facing left.

RM1: Sultan in state uniform.

They were printed in sheets of 16 (4 x 4) by Cartor using standard four-colour lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in top margin, pane numbers (x4) to left of R2/1, below R4/1 and right of R4/4 (1B seen for 60s., 1A for 80s. and RM1), colour dots (x4) to right of R2/4, left of R4/1 and below R4/4, new Pos emblem below R4/2-3. The remaining sheet margin positions were occupied by items of royal regalia, etc. The unwatermarked, phosphor-coated paper gave a

greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.1. The top margin was imperforate; the rest perforated through.

**Miniature sheet:**

The 100mm x 85mm miniature sheet contained a 40mm x 52mm RM5 stamp showing the Sultan and Sultana Raja Zarith Sofiah in the Istana Besar throne room. The “IS” crest above their thrones is picked out with clear glass varnish. Paper and perforation were as for the counter sheets.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the Sultan in military uniform.

The special first day postmark included his royal “IS” crest.

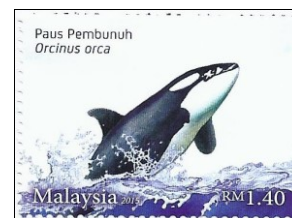
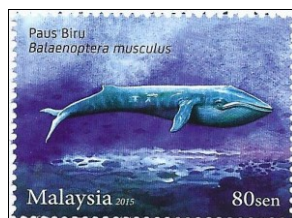
The folder was sold at RM6.



| No.    | S.G.   | I.S.C. |                        | Mint                     | Used                     |
|--------|--------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.6.1 | 2069   | -      | 60s.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.6.2 | 2070   | -      | 80c.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.6.3 | 2071   | -      | RM1.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.6.4 | MS2072 | -      | RM5 miniature sheet.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.6.5 | -      | -      | First day cover (1-3). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.6.6 | -      | -      | - (4).                 | -                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**13 April 2015.**

**Endangered Marine Life.**



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

**Counter sheets:**

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.: Knifetooth Swordfish (Ikan Pari Gergaji Jarang, *Anoxypristis cuspidata*);

80s.: Blue Whale (Paus Biru, *Balaenoptera musculus*);

RM1.40: Killer whale (Paus Pembunuh, *Orcinus orca*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (4 x 5) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour lithography. Sheet markings were the issue title and Pos emblem in the right margin, pane number (x4) above R1/1 and below R5/4 and colour dots (x4) incorporating SCP initials above R1/4 and below R5/1. The unwatermarked Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow/Green Phosphor phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.7 x 13.4. The right margin was imperforate and the rest perforated through.

**Miniature sheet:**

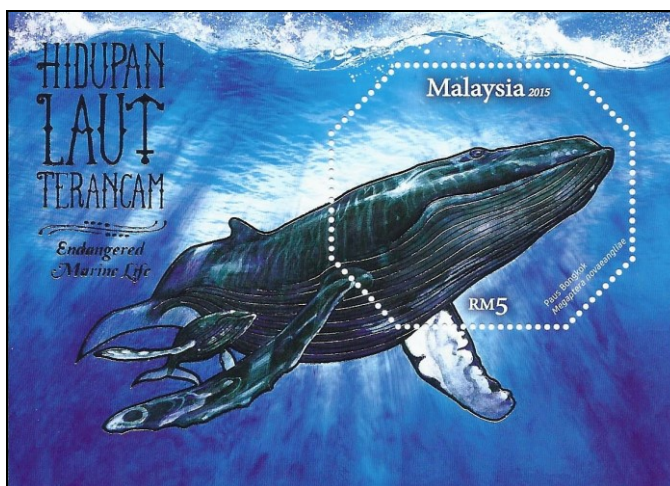
The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet showed a Humpback Whale (*Paus Bongkok*, *Megaptera novaeangliae*) and contained a 45mm x 38mm octagonal RM5 stamp. It had the wording and details of the design picked out with not-stamped silver foil. The harrow perforations measured 14.5.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured a Finless Porpoise (Porpois Ambu, *Neophocaenas phocaenoides*).

The special first day postmark included a Killer Whale.

The folder was sold at RM6.



| No.    | S.G.   | I.S.C. |                        | Mint                     | Used                     |
|--------|--------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.7.1 | 2073   | -      | 60s.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.7.2 | 2074   | -      | 80c.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.7.3 | 2075   | -      | RM1.40.                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.7.4 | MS2076 | -      | RM5 miniature sheet.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.7.5 | -      | -      | First day cover (1-3). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.7.6 | -      | -      | - (4).                 | -                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**30 April 2015.****175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Penny Black.**

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised a single miniature sheet.

**Miniature sheet:**

The 100mm x 80mm miniature sheet showed Rowland Hill, the Wyon Medal and the Maltese Cross postmark and contained a 50mm x 40mm RM3 stamp showing the Penny Black and Two Pence Blue:

They were printed by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using offset lithography. [Printing colours]. 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 harrow perforations measured 14.1.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured East India Co., FMS 1c., Merdeka 10c. and 1963 Malaysia set.

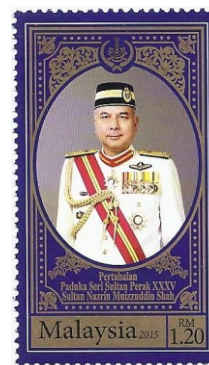
The special first day postmark included the Maltese Cross postmark.

There was no folder.

| No.    | S.G.   | I.S.C. |                      | Mint                     | Used                     |
|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.8.1 | MS2077 | -      | RM3 miniature sheet. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.8.2 | -      | -      | First day cover (1). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



6 May 2015.

**Installation of Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah of Perak.**

Sultan Nazrin is the 35<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Perak, in succession to his father, Sultan Azlan, who died on 28 May 2014. Although the official issue date was 6 May (the date of his installation), the stamps were not put on sale to the public until 7 May.

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

**Counter sheets:**

The 30mm x 51mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.: Sultan in ceremonial robes;

80s.: Sultan and Raja Permaisuri Zara;

RM1.20: Sultan in military uniform.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (two panes 5 x 2 with illustrated horizontal gutter) by Cartor using five-colour (standard plus gold) offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in gutter, colour rectangles (x5) to left of R1/1 and right of R4/5, pane numbers (x5) to right of R1/5 and left of R4/1 (1B seen for 60s., 1A for rest), Pos emblem below R4/3. The Yellow Green Phosphor paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had no watermark. The comb perforations measured 13.4. The left and right margins were perforated through; top, bottom and gutter imperforate.

**Miniature sheet:**

The 100mm x 80mm miniature sheet, with the Istana in the background, contained a 42mm x 70mm RM5 stamp showing the Sultan and Raja Permaisuri Zara in evening dress, enhanced by varnish. It was perforated 13.3 x 13.5.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the same portrait as the 80s.

The special first day postmark included the Perak coat of arms.

The folder was sold at RM6.



**Premium miniature sheet (12 August 2015):**

A “premium miniature sheet” was issued on 12 August 2015 (although the folder and other sources indicated a 6 May issue date) and sold at RM12, including the cost of a protective folder. The 150mm x 145mm sheet contained two stamps:

RM5 (B): The three issued stamp designs (96mm x 60mm);

RM5 (C): The Sultan and Raja Permaisuri Zara in evening dress (full length) on sheet background (42mm x 70mm).

The sheet background was pale grey with a decorative varnish overlay. The sheets were numbered (06283 seen). It was printed by Cartor. The paper (as used for the counter sheets) had no watermark. Perforations were 13.3 x 13.4.

| No.     | S.G.     | I.S.C.                                 | Mint                     | Used                     |
|---------|----------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.9.1  | 2078     | - 60s.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.9.2  | 2079     | - 80c.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.9.3  | 2080     | - RM1.20.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.9.4  | -        | - RM5 (A) (from RM5 miniature sheet).  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.9.5  | -        | - RM5 (B) (from RM10 miniature sheet). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.9.6  | -        | - RM5 (C) (from RM10 miniature sheet). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.9.7  | MS2081   | - RM5 miniature sheet (4).             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.9.8  | footnote | - RM10 miniature sheet (5-6).          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.9.9  | -        | - First day cover (1-3).               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.9.10 | -        | - (4).                                 | -                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

17 May 2015.

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ITU.



17 May 2015 was World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the International Telegraph Union in 1865, which later became the International Telecommunications Union and subsequently became a specialised agency of the United Nations. The Federation of Malaya joined ITU in 1958.

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

**Counter sheets:**

The 35mm square counter sheet stamps showed:

- 60s.: Telephones;
- 70s.: Microphone, telephone, transmitting tower and radio;
- 80s.: Satellite, Earth, earth station and mobile telephone.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (6 x 4, with central four replaced by a label containing the issue title) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title and Pos emblem on central label, 1A (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R4/6, colour dots (x4) to right of R1/6 and left of R4/1. 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 13.2. All margins were perforated through. The stamps to left and right of the central label were perforated in a central operation by T-shaped perforator, the perforations not always aligning with the rows above and below.

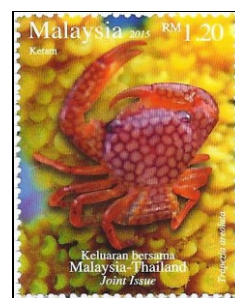
**First day facilities:**

- The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured symbols of telecommunications and the ITU 150 emblem.
- The special first day postmark included the ITU 150 emblem.
- The folder was sold at RM6.

| No.     | S.G. | I.S.C. |                        | Mint                     | Used                     |
|---------|------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.10.1 | 2082 | -      | 60s.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.10.2 | 2083 | -      | 70c.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.10.3 | 2084 | -      | 80c.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.10.4 | -    | -      | First day cover (1-3). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

8 June 2015.

Malaysia – Thailand Joint issue – Marine Creatures.



Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised two counter sheets with different stamps in the top and bottom pane. The 60s. sheet featured Malaysia creatures and the RM1.20 Thai ones.

**Counter sheets:**

- The 30mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps showed:  
 60s.(A): White-spotted Jellyfish (Obor-obor, *Phyllorhiza punctata*) (top pane);  
 60s.(B): Nudibranch (Nudibranch, *Hypselodoris bullockii*) (bottom pane);  
 RM1.20 (A): Harlequin Shrimp (Udang, *Hymenocera picta*) (top pane);  
 RM1.20 (B): Coral Guard Crab (Ketam, *Trapezia areolata*) (bottom pane).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (two panes 5 x 2) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title and Pos emblem in top margin, pane number (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R4/5 (1D seen for 60s., 1A for RM1.20), colour dots (x4) to right of R1/5 and left of R4/1. The unwatermarked 103gsm Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow/Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.6. The left and right margins adjacent to the stamps were perforated through; top, bottom and gutter imperforate.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured a reef.

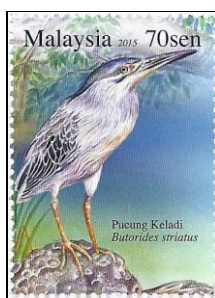
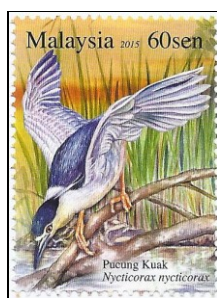
The special first day postmark included a jellyfish.

The folder was sold at RM6.



| No.     | S.G. | I.S.C. |                             | Mint                     | Used                     |
|---------|------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.11.1 | 2085 | -      | 60s.(A).                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.11.2 | 2086 | -      | 60s.(B).                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.11.3 | -    | -      | Gutter pair (1-2).          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.11.4 | 2088 | -      | RM1.20 (A).                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.11.5 | 2087 | -      | RM1.20 (B).                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.11.6 | -    | -      | Gutter pair (4-5).          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.11.7 | -    | -      | First day cover (1-2, 4-5). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

25 June 2015.

**Hérons & Bitterns.**

19 of the world's 64 species of *Ardeidae* can be found in Malaysia.

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

**Counter sheets:**

The counter sheet stamps showed:

- 60s.: Black-crowned Night Heron (Pucung Kuak, *Nycticorax nycticorax*) (30mm x 40mm);  
 70s.: Little Heron (Pucung Keladi, *Butorides striatus*) (30mm x 40mm);  
 80s.: Grey Heron (Pucung Seriap, *Ardea cinerea*) (40mm x 30mm).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (5 x 4 [60s., 70s.] or 4 x 5 [80s.]) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title and Pos emblem in illustrated right margin, pane number (x4) above R1/1 and below R4/5 (80s. R4/5) (1A seen for 70s., 80s., 1B and 1C for 60s., 1F for 80s.), colour dots (x4) above R1/5 (80s.: R1/4) and below R4/1 (80s.: R5/1). The unwatermarked 103gsm Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow/Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-

violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.5 x 13.3 (60s., 70s.) or 13.3 x 13.5 (80s.). The right margin was imperforate; the rest perforated through.

**Miniature sheet:**

The 110mm x 80mm miniature sheet contained a RM5 stamp showing Cinnamon Bittern (Pucung Bendang, *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*) and was cut to follow the outline of the background bird. It is perforated 14.5 x 14.0.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the Grey Heron, Cinnamon Bittern and Little Heron.

The special first day postmark included a Grey Heron

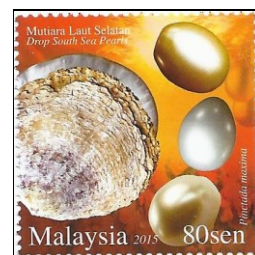
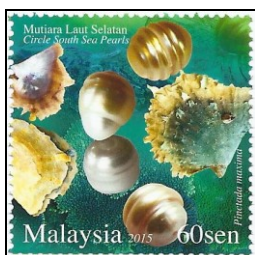
The folder was sold at RM6.



| No.     | S.G.   | I.S.C.                   | Mint                     | Used                     |
|---------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.12.1 | 2089   | - 60s.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.12.2 | 2090   | - 70c.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.12.3 | 2091   | - 80c.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.12.4 | MS2092 | - RM5 miniature sheet.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.12.5 | -      | - First day cover (1-3). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.12.6 | -      | - (4).                   | -                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**29 July 2015.**

**Pearls.**



Fishing for South Sea Pearls (the world’s largest and most valuable variety) (grown within *Pinctada maxima*) is a major industry of Sabah. Threatened to near extinction by over-exploitation and pollution, the development of oyster cultivation in Semporna since the 1980s has revived the industry. Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised three counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

**Counter sheets:**

The 35mm square counter sheet stamps showed *Pinctada maxima* shells and various shapes of pearl:

- 60s.: Circle pearls;
- 70s.: Baroque pearls;
- 80s.: Drop pearls.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (6 x 4 with R2-3/3-4 replaced by the issue title) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were pane number (x4 1A seen for all values, 1B for 60s.) to left of R1/1 and right of R4/6, colour dots to right of R1/6 and left of R4/1. The 103gsm Tullis Russell High reading Yellow/Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had no watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.0 x 14.4. All margins were perforated through.

**Miniature sheet:**

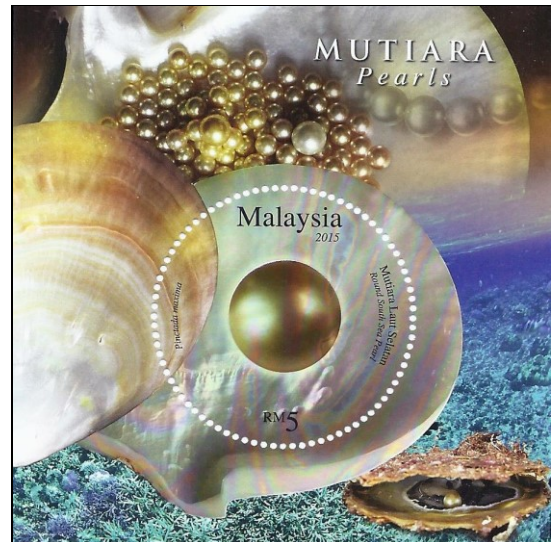
The 80mm square miniature sheet contained a 38mm circular RM5 stamp featuring a Round pearl. The pearl, and the oyster shell in which it rests, was overprinted with a Mother-of-Pearl-effect varnish coating. The pearl was embossed. Paper was as for the counter sheet. Perforation was 14.0 (approximately)

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured a pearl in an oyster.

The special first day postmark included an oyster.

The folder was sold at RM6.



| No.     | S.G.   | I.S.C. |                        | Mint                     | Used                     |
|---------|--------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.13.1 | 2093   | -      | 60s.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.13.2 | 2094   | -      | 70c.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.13.3 | 2095   | -      | 80c.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.13.4 | MS2096 | -      | RM5 miniature sheet.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.13.5 | -      | -      | First day cover (1-3). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.13.6 | -      | -      | - (4).                 | -                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**8 August 2015.**

**ASEAN Joint Issue.**



A single international postcard rate stamp with this design was issued by all ASEAN member countries, promoting the theme "One Vision, One Identity, One Community".

Designed by Ms Vu Kim Lien of Vietnam with local graphics by Reign Associates, this issue comprised one counter sheet.

**Counter sheet:**

The 35mm square 50s. counter sheet stamp showed the ASEAN members' flags in the form of a five-petal flower symbolising Unity, with doves of Peace, handshake of Friendship and rice field of Agriculture and Growth.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (6 x 4 with R2-3/3-4 replaced by the issue title) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R4/6, colour dots to right of R1/6 and left of R4/1. 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 13.3 x 13.2. All margins were perforated through.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 50s.(the cover stated 50s., but the insert said 55c.), featured the flags of ASEAN and the member countries.

The special first day postmark, designed by Nguyen Du of Vietnam, included the ASEAN emblem and a rice stalk.

The folder was sold at RM6.

| No.     | S.G. | I.S.C. |                      | Mint                     | Used                     |
|---------|------|--------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.14.1 | 2097 | -      | 50s.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.14.2 | -    | -      | First day cover (1). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

27 August 2015.

Mosques.



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

**Counter sheet:**

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

70s.: Zahir Mosque (Masjid Zahir), Alor Star, Kedah (built 1912);

80s.: Kota Kinabalu City Mosque (Masjid Bandaraya, Kota Kinabalu), Sabah (built 2000);

RM1: National Mosque (Masjid Negara), Kuala Lumpur (built 1965).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (4 x 5) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in top margin, colour dots to left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, pane number (x4) to right of R1/4 and left of R5/1 (1B seen for 70s; 1A for the rest), Pos emblem below R5/4. The unwatermarked 103gsm Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow/Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4. The top margin was imperforate; the rest perforated through.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured the Kapitan Keling Mosque, Penang and Kampung Laut Mosque, Nilam Puri, Kelantan.

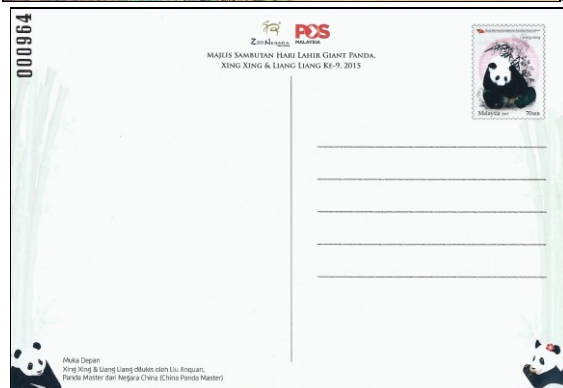
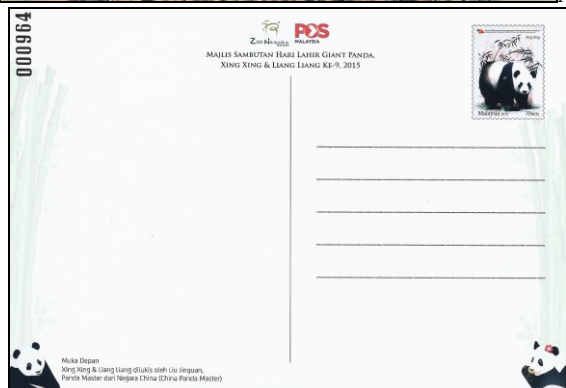
The special first day postmark included stylised Islamic text. A special postmark was used for the National Mosque.

The folder was sold at RM6.35.

| No.     | S.G. | I.S.C. |                        | Mint                     | Used                     |
|---------|------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.15.1 | 2098 | -      | 70s.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.15.2 | 2099 | -      | 80s.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.15.3 | 2100 | -      | RM1.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.15.4 | -    | -      | First day cover (1-3). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

8 September 2015.

Postcards - Pandas' 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



A, B back

C, D, E back



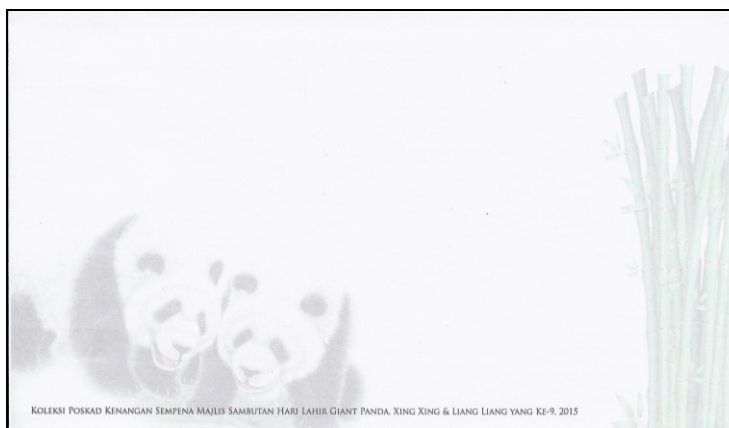
C



D



E



Envelope

Despite the release date, these were not sent out to Bureau account holders until after 26 November (as evidenced by postmarks on CTO stamps sent as postage receipts), hence the lack of detail in the last issue. The ninth birthdays of the recently-acquired Giant Pandas were marked by the issue of a set of five postal stationery postcards, issued jointly by Pos Malaysia and Zoo Negara. 10,000 numbered copies of each design were printed and sold at RM8.50 per set, at the thirteen state head post offices only, together with a 191mm x 110mm faintly-illustrated unstampable envelope.

#### Postcards:

Based on paintings by Liu Jinqun, the Chinese State Panda Master, the 148mm x 105mm cards showed:

70s.(A): Panda sitting on platform;

70s.(B): Two pandas standing cheek-to-cheek;

70s.(C): Panda sitting on platform eating bamboo leaves;

70s.(D): Two pandas looking at their reflections in a stream below a waterfall;

70s.(E): Two pandas on platform, one seated, one standing.

The 70s. PPI shows a standing panda (A-B) or a seated panda (C-E) based on the February 2015 issue, but smaller (19mm x 26mm).

#### First day facilities:

The special first day postmark included a seated family group of two adult pandas with a cub and was incorrectly dated "03.09.2015" on the example seen.

| No.     | S.G. | I.S.C. |                       | Mint                     | Used                     |
|---------|------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.16.1 | -    | -      | 70s.(A).              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.16.2 | -    | -      | 70s.(B).              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.16.3 | -    | -      | 70s.(C).              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.16.4 | -    | -      | 70s.(D).              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.16.5 | -    | -      | 70s.(E).              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.16.6 | -    | -      | Unstampable envelope. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



15 September 2015.

National Day 2015 - #sehatisejiwa.



This fashionable “hash tag” was translated as “One heart, one soul” and was the theme for National Day 2015. Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised two counter sheets containing se-tenant pairs and a miniature sheet.

**Counter sheet:**

The counter sheet stamps showed:

- 60s.(A): Hunter, musicians and dancer (60mm x 25mm);
- 60s.(B): Malaysia map in shape of a heart (30mm x 25mm);
- 70s.(A): Stilt walker and games players (60mm x 25mm);
- 70s.(B): Children carrying flag (30mm x 25mm).

All stamps incorporated the silhouette of Tunjku Abdul Rahman declaring Merdeka. They were printed in sheets of 20 (2 pairs x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title and Pos emblem in broad bottom margin, 1A (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, colour dots to right of R1/4 and left of R5/1. 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. <sup>1</sup> The comb perforations measured 14.1 x 13.6. The bottom margin was imperforate, the rest perforated through.

**Miniature sheet:**

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet, sold at RM3.20 (including GST), contained a single 70mm x 45mm RM3 stamp showing children raising the Malaysian flag and the silhouette of Tunjku Abdul Rahman declaring Merdeka. The paper was as for the counter sheets but with watermark sideways reading down. It was perforated 13.2 x 13.9.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured a mountain rescue team and helicopter.

The special first day postmark included the map-in-heart symbol.

The folder was sold at RM6 plus 35s. GST.



| No.      | S.G.   | I.S.C. | Mint                     | Used                     |
|----------|--------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.17.1  | 2101   | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.17.1a | 2102w  | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.17.2  | 2102   | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.17.2a | 2102w  | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.17.3  | 2101a  | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.17.3a | 2101wa | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.17.4  | 2103   | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.17.5  | 2104   | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.17.6  | 2103a  | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.17.7  | MS2105 | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.17.8  | -      | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.17.9  | -      | -      | -                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**9 October 2015.****World Post Day.**

A late added-starter marked is annual UPU event.

Designed by World Communications Network Resources (M) Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised a single counter sheet.

**Counter sheet:**

The 35mm square 60s. counter sheet stamp showed a stylised letter morphing into a dove, the UPU emblem for World Post Day 2015.

It was printed in sheets of 20 (5 x 4) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in broad top margin, colour dots (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R4/5, 1A (x4) to right of R1/5 and left of R4/1, Pos emblem below R 4/3. 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 13.1. The top margin was imperforate; the rest perforated through.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured doves and the event emblem.

The special first day postmark included the UPU emblem.

The folder was sold at RM6 plus 35s. GST.

| No.     | S.G. | I.S.C. |                      | Mint                     | Used                     |
|---------|------|--------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.18.1 | 2106 | -      | 60c.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.18.2 |      | -      | First day cover (1). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**27 October 2015.****Stamp Week 2015.**

Originally scheduled for 7 October, this issue was postponed twenty days. It marked the launch of a new Pos-Malaysia-sponsored Stamp and Philately Club entitled "OMG KEMBARA SETEM".

Designed by World Communications Network Resources (M) Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised one counter sheet.

**Counter sheet:**

The 35mm square 60s. counter sheet stamps showed three children looking at a collection.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (5 x 4) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in top margin, colour dots (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R4/5, 1A (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 stamp also exists with watermark sideways reading up. The comb perforations measured 13.3 x 13.1. The top margin was imperforate; the rest perforated through.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured the "Proclamation of Malaysia" text through a magnifying glass.

The special first day postmark included a magnifying glass.

The folder was sold at RM6.35.

Special Setemku sheets were also issued (q.v.).

| No.      | S.G.  | I.S.C. |                      | Mint                     | Used                     |
|----------|-------|--------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.19.1  | 2107  | -      | 60c. Wmk. SD.        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.19.1a | 2107a | -      | - Wmk. SU.           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.19.2  | -     | -      | First day cover (1). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

17 November 2015.

**Islands & Beaches (III).**



This issue highlights islands that form the centres of Marine Parks, areas designated for tourism, especially scuba divers. Originally planned for 24 September.

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

**Counter sheets:**

The 50mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

- 70s.(A): Pulau Tenggol Marine Park, Trengganu;
- 70s.(B): Pulau Tinggi Marine Park, Johore,
- 80s.(A): Pulau Sembilang Marine Park, Pahang;
- 80s.(B): Pulau Satang Marine Park, Sarawak.

Each stamp included a map, a view from the sea and an underwater reef photograph.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (4 x 5) by Cartor using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were limited to the issue title and Pos emblem in the top margin. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had no watermark. The narrow perforations measured 14.1. All margins were imperforate.

**Miniature sheet:**

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet contained a single 50mm x 30mm RM3 stamp showing Pulau Matakang Marine Park, Sabah. Sold at RM3.20 including GST. The paper and perforation were as used for the counter sheets.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured Pulau Perak Marine Park, Kedah.

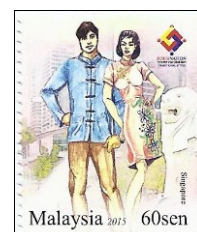
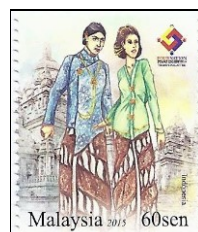
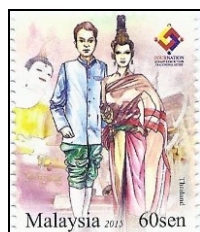
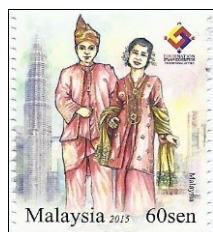
The special first day postmark included an island with palm trees.

The folder was sold at RM6.



| No.     | S.G.   | I.S.C. |                         | Mint                     | Used                     |
|---------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.20.1 | 2108   | -      | 70s.(A).                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.20.2 | 2109   | -      | 70s.(B).                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.20.3 | 2108a  | -      | 70s. se-tenant pair.    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.20.4 | 2110   | -      | 80s.(A).                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.20.5 | 2111   | -      | 80s.(B).                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.20.6 | 2110a  | -      | 80s. se-tenant pair.    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.20.7 | MS2112 | -      | RM3 miniature sheet.    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.20.8 | -      | -      | First day cover (3, 6). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| No.     | S.G. | I.S.C. | Mint | Used                     |
|---------|------|--------|------|--------------------------|
| 15.20.9 | -    | - (7). | -    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**4 December 2015.****Four Nations Stamp Exhibition – Traditional Attire.**

The Four Nation Stamp Exhibition was held in Malacca from 4-6 December 2015. The issue was originally planned for 27 October with five 60s. stamps and a miniature sheet.

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

**Counter sheets:**

The 27mm x 32mm counter sheet stamps showed traditional male and female dress of the participant countries:

60s.(A): Malaysia;

60s.(B): Thailand;

60s.(C): Indonesia;

60s.(D): Singapore.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (4 x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings included issue title in wide right margin, colour dots (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, 1A (x4) to right of R1/4 and left of R5.1. 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 inverted (sheets B and D exist upright). The comb perforations measured 14.1 x 13.8.

**Miniature sheet:**

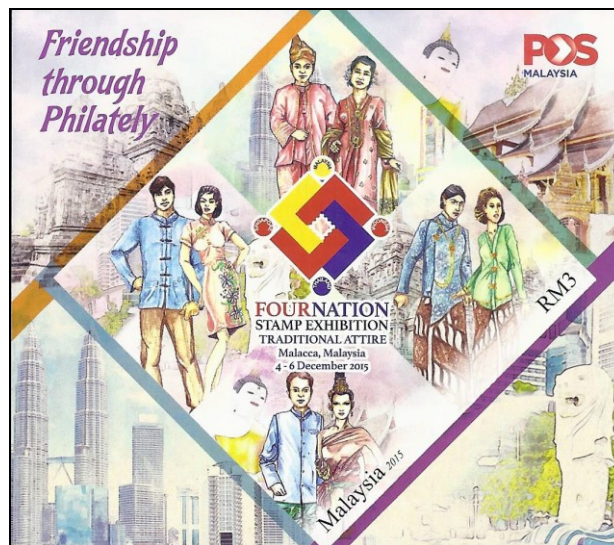
The 90mm x 80mm miniature sheet was imperforate, with a diamond-shaped RM3 “stamp” incorporating the four designs in diamond format with buildings of the four countries. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright, but was otherwise as for the counter sheets. It was sold at RM3.20 at the event only.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured the event emblem.

The special first day postmark included architectural icons of the four countries.

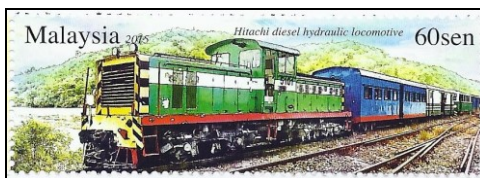
The folder was sold at RM6.35.



| No.      | S.G.   | I.S.C. | Mint                     | Used                     |
|----------|--------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.21.1  | 2113   | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.21.2  | 2116   | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.21.2a | 2116w  | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.21.3  | 2114   | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.21.4  | 2115   | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.21.4a | 2115w  | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.21.5  | MS2117 | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.21.6  | -      | -      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.21.7  | -      | -      | -                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

28 December 2015.

Trains in Sabah.



This issue belatedly celebrates the reconstruction of the Keretapi Negeri Sabah, which was completed on 21 February 2011. This operates from a new terminus at Secretariat Sembulan in Kota Kinabalu to Tenom. In addition to the regular passenger trains (roughly three-a-day each way), the railway still operates the “North Borneo Railway” tourist steel trains over its northern section under contract to a tourist resort. The issue was originally scheduled for 21 December.

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

**Counter sheets:**

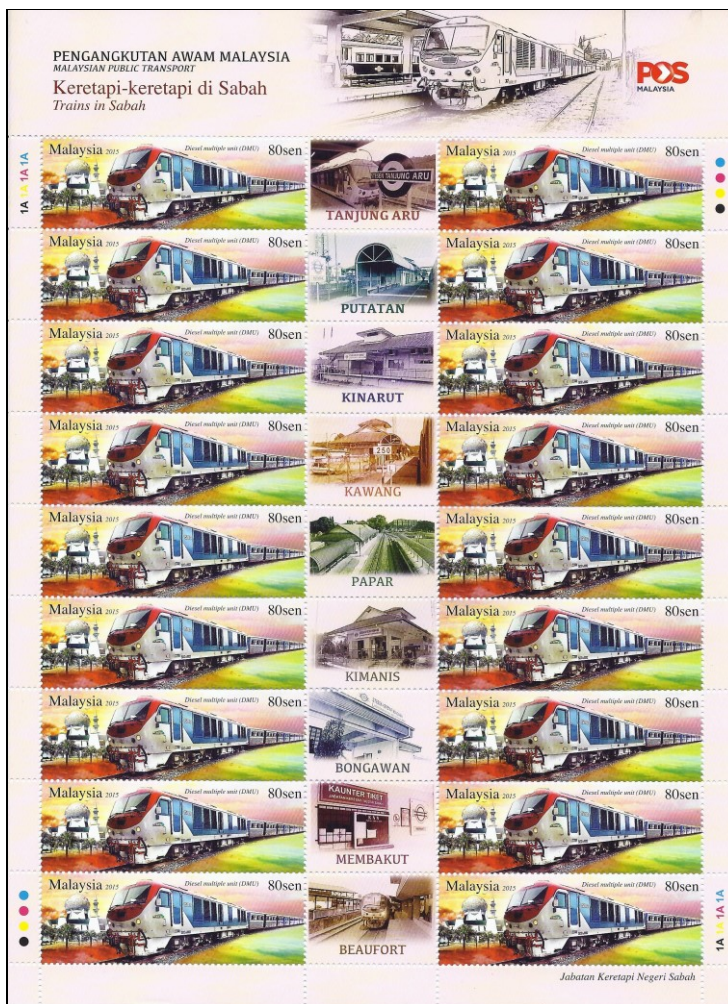
The 70mm x 25mm counter sheet stamps showed:

- 60s.: 5101 Hitachi B-B diesel-hydraulic locomotive 12975 of 1968;
- 70s.: 5001 Railbus built c.2015.
- 80s.: 15102 Chinese Co-Co diesel-electric locomotive, built 2010 (incorrectly described as diesel multiple unit).

Column 2 of the sheet contained 35mm x 25mm labels showing stations or trains on the railway. The full list, reading down was: 60s: Halogilat station, Rayoh station, Pangi station, Tenom station, Pangi track, trolley 22 at Rayoh, 5101 at Halogilat, coach at Rayoh, bridge at Pangi; 70s: axle and portico at Beaufort, train in platform at Saliwangan, train in platform at Halogilat, covered bridge at Saliwangan, 5001 at Beaufort, platform shelter at Saliwangan, Halogilat station from train, train in platform at Saliwangan, Beaufort station; 80s:15102 at Tanjung Aru, Putatan station, Kinarut station, Kawang station, Papar station, Kimanis station, Bongawan station, Membakut ticket office, 15102 at Beaufort.

They were printed in sheets of 18 (two panes 1 x 9 with illustrated labels in centre gutter) by Cartor using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings included issue title and Pos emblem in top margin, pane number (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R9/2 (1B seen for 60s., 1A for rest), colour dots (x4) to right of R1/2 and left of R9/1, KNS title below R9/2.

The unwatermarked, phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.2.



**Miniature sheet:**

The 110mm x 70mm RM5 miniature sheet showed 2-6-2 steam locomotive 6-016 (Vulcan 6276 of 1955) crossing a girder bridge. The RM5 stamp was perforated 13.8 (14.1 at bottom) in the shape of a tunnel (semi-circular at the top). The paper was as for the counter sheets.

**First day facilities:**

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured one of the two tunnels on the line (probably Penotal) with diesel locomotive 6105 (Hitachi, 1992) approaching the far side.

The special first day postmark included 6-016 emerging from a tunnel.

The folder was sold at RM6.35.

| No.     | S.G.   | I.S.C. |                        | Mint                     | Used                     |
|---------|--------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.22.1 | 2118   | -      | 60s.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.22.2 | 2119   | -      | 70s.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.22.3 | 2120   | -      | 80s.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.22.4 | MS2121 | -      | RM5 miniature sheet.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.22.5 | -      | -      | First day cover (1-3). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15.22.6 | -      | -      | - (4).                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Exhibition sheet – Thailand 2016 (10 August 2016):**

15,000 miniature sheets were printed with additional text to mark the 22<sup>nd</sup> Asian International Stamp exhibition, Thailand 2016 stamp exhibition, held on 10-15 August 2016. In all other respects, the sheet was as for the original issue.



| No.     | S.G.   | I.S.C. |                           | Mint                     | Used                     |
|---------|--------|--------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.23.1 | MS2155 | -      | Thailand miniature sheet. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other issues planned for 2015, but not released included:

16 September 2015.

11 November 2015.

25 November 2015.

Malaysia Day – Founding Fathers.  
Community Postmen.  
Traditional Dance (2).

**NOTES**

<sup>1</sup> S.G. also list Wmk. SU as 2101w/2w, not seen by the author.