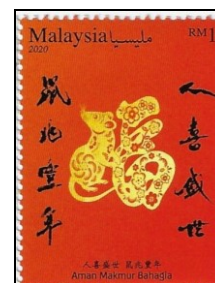
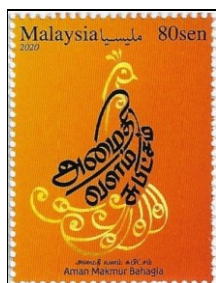


CHAPTER SIXTY-TWO
2020 SPECIAL ISSUES

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

6 February 2020.

Calligraphy (II).



This issue is themed on graphical expression of the words Peace, Prosperity and Happiness in the appropriate language. Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised three counter sheets, a process sheet and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

- The 30mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps showed:
- 60s.: Jawi Khat text in the form of a Hibiscus flower;
- 80s.: Tamil Calligraphy in the form of a peacock;
- RM1: Chinese Calligraphy and Rat.

They were printed in sheets of 10 (2 x 5) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings included colour dots (x4) to the left of R1/1, pane numbers (x4 - 1A seen) to the left of R2/1, Pos emblem and issue title in illustrated right-hand margin (over half of the width of the sheet!). The unwatermarked, 102gsm Tullis Russell TR8 OBA-free PVA-Gummed stamp paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light, but this is largely obscured by the dense printing ink. The comb perforations measured 13.5 x 13.7; imperforate at right, rest perforated through.

Process sheet:

A process sheet containing four se-tenant triplets (60s-80s-RM1) was used for making up pre-serviced first day covers. There were no sheet markings and all margins were perforated through. Sheets were released, to SODA account holders only, on 8 April 2022.

Miniature sheet:

The 90mm x 60mm miniature sheet had a single 84mm x 46mm RM3 stamp featuring the three stamp designs. Perforated 14.1 x 14.5. Paper was as for the counter sheets.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured calligraphic tools.

The special first day postmark included calligraphic tools.

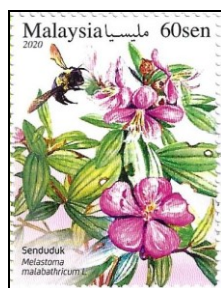
The folder was sold at RM6.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
20.1.1	-	-	60s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.1.2	-	-	80s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.1.3	-	-	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.1.4	-	-	Se-tenant strip (1-3, from 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.1.5	-	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.1.6	-	-	First day cover (4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.1.7	-	-	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 July 2020.

Wild Flowers (III).



Originally announced for 26 March, it was changed to 29 April in the 28 February programme, but COVID-19 intervened, and it was rescheduled for 9 July.

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.: Planter's or Singapore Rhododendron (Senduduk, *Melastoma malabathricum* L.);

RM1.30: Chinese Violet (Ara Songsang, *Asystasia gangetica*);

RM1.50: Tridax Daisy (Bunga Kancing Baju, *Tridax procumbens*).

They were printed in sheets of 10 (4 x 4 with R1-3/3-4 replaced by issue title and illustration) by Enschedé using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were colour dots (x4) to the left of R/1, pane numbers (x4. 1A seen) to the left of R4/1, Pos emblem below R4/1. The unwatermarked, 102gsm Tullis Russell TR8 OBA-free stamp paper gave no fluorescent reaction or after-glow under ultra-violet light, so the stamps were overprinted with a yellow-green fluorescent phosphor band at the left. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 14.1.

Process sheet:

A se-tenant process sheet, containing four horizontal strips of three (60-130-150), was used to produce pre-serviced first day covers. Sheet markings were pane numbers (x4 - 1D seen) to left of R1/1 and right of R4/3, colour dots (x4) to right of R1/3 and left of R4/1. All margins were perforated through. Sheets were released, to SODA account holders only, on 8 April 2022

Miniature sheet:

The flower-shaped, 80mm x 100mm miniature sheet showed Shrubby Simpoh (Simpoh Air, *Dillenia suffruticosa*) and contained a hexagonal 35mm x 40mm RM5 stamp. The flower in the stamp was highlighted by varnish. It was perforated 14.0.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured Big-sage (Lantana, *Lantana camara*).

The special first day postmark included a Dandelion seed head.

The folder was sold at RM6.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
20.2.1	-	-	60s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.2.2	-	-	RM1.30.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.2.3	-	-	RM1.50.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.2.4	-	-	Se-tenant strip (1-3, from 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.2.5	-	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.2.6	-	-	First day cover (4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.2.7	-	-	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

18 August 2020.

50th Anniversary of Rukun Negara.



The Code of Good Citizenship (Rukun Negara) was established on 31 August 1970 in the wake of the unrest of 1969. This was a new entry in the 12 June post-COVID-19 programme. It was originally announced for 31 August but was not to be available in offices until 1 September.

Designed by Pos Malaysia, this issue comprised a se-tenant counter sheet and miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps have a common design of the event emblem (50 and elements of the Malaysian flag) and a hibiscus, with different background colours:

- 60s.(A): Green;
- 60s.(B): Yellow;
- 60s.(C): Cyan;
- 60s.(D): Magenta;
- 60s.(E): Orange.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (two panes of two strips each) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in wide centre gutter, state and federal flags in all margins except R3, 1A (x4) to the left of R3/1, colour dots (x4) to the right of R3/5. The unwatermarked, phosphor-coated, Tullis Russel TR8 102gsm OBA-free, PVA-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, with all margins perforated through.

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 90mm miniature sheet contained a 61mm x 58mm RM5 stamp showing the event emblem and a gold hot foil stamped map of Malaysia. The sheet was die-cut to simulate perforation 4.1. The stamp itself is perforated 14.4.

First day facilities:

- The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the Malaysian flag.
- The special first day postmark included the event emblem.
- The folder was sold at RM6.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
20.3.1	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.3.2	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.3.3	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.3.4	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.3.5	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.3.6	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.3.7	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.3.8	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.3.9	-	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

29 August 2020.

Unique Architecture - Iconic Buildings of Putrajaya.



This issue marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of Putrajaya as Malaysia's federal capital. Originally announced for 2 December, it was changed to 29 August in the 28 February programme. The date for sale in all states was set for 10 September in 18 August programme, but changed to 22 September in 25 September list.

Designed by Pos Malaysia, this issue comprised a single se-tenant counter sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

RM1.30(A): Seri Gemilang Bridge;

RM1.30(B): Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Mosque;

RM1.30(C): Perdana Putra (Prime Minister's offices);

RM1.30(D): Perbadanan Putrajaya (Putrajaya Corporation offices);

RM1.30(E): Palace of Justice (Istana Kenakiman).

They were printed in sheets of 10 (two strips of five with a wide gutter) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in wide gutter, pane number 1A (x4) to the left of R1/1, colour dots (x4) to the right of R2/5, Pos emblem below R5/1, sheet number below R5/5. The phosphor-coated, 102gsm 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 13.6 x 13.4; all margins perforated through except at the central gutter.

First day facilities:

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

The special first day postmark included an elevation of the Perbadanan Putrajaya.

The folder was sold at RM6.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
20.4.1	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.4.2	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.4.3	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.4.4	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.4.5	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.4.6	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.4.7	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16 September 2020

Malaysia Day.



This marks the anniversary of the founding of Malaysia. This issue was not to appear in post offices until 17 September as 16 September was a public holiday, but the October 2020 list stated that it would not be in offices until 27 October.

Designed by World Communications Network Resources, this issue comprised one se-tenant counter sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 50mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps showed:

RM1.30(A): Declaration of Malaysia in Stadium Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur;

RM1.30(B): Declaration of Malaysia in Padang Sentral (since renamed Padang Merdeka), Kuching;

RM1.30(C): Declaration of Malaysia in Padang Merdeka, Jesselton.

They were printed in sheets of 15 (five strips of three) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were an illustrated top border with issue title, colour dots (x4) to the left of R1/1 and R5/1, to the right of R3/3 and below R5/3, pane numbers (1A seen) to the right of R1/3 and R5/3, left of R3/1 and below R5/1, Pos emblem below R5/2. The 102gsm 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.

First day facilities:

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

The special first day postmark included a heart-shaped Malaysia flag.

The folder was sold at RM6.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
20.5.1	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.5.2	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.5.3	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.5.4	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.5.5	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 October 2020.

World Post Day - Pos Malaysia Innovations.



With the expansion of digital correspondence, parcels have overtaken letters as the principal source of revenue growth for Pos Malaysia. The October list stated that this issue would not appear in offices until 5 November, but the issue date is shown as 9 October on first day covers, etc.

Designed by Pos Malaysia, this issue comprised a single se-tenant sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

RM1.30(A): Mobile Post Office (26 currently in service);

RM1.30(B): PAM machine;

RM1.30(C): EziBox Parcel locker system.

They were printed in sheets of 15 (five strips of three) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in illustrated top margin, pane numbers (x4) to the left of R1/1 and right of R5/3, colour dots (x4) to the right of R1/3 and left of R5/1, Pos emblem to the left of R2/1, right of R4/3 and below R5/1, World Post Day emblem to the right of R2/3 and left of R4/1, UPU emblem to the left of right of R3. The phosphor-coated, 102gsm paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the Pos Malaysia Headquarters building in Kuala Lumpur.

The special first day postmark included the UPU emblem.

The folder was sold at RM6.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
20.6.1	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.6.2	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.6.3	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.6.4	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.6.5	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

29 December 2020.

The World's Tallest Tropical Tree.



A Yellow Meranti (*Shorea faguetiana*) tree, named “Menara” (Tower), in the Danum Valley of Sabah has been measured by climbers at 100.8m, claiming the title of the world’s tallest tropical tree and the world’s tallest flowering plant. It is estimated to weigh 61.5 tonnes. Originally announced for 27 August 2020, the issue date was changed to 29 September in the 28 February programme. It was cancelled as a result of COVID-19, but reinstated in the 16 July programme for 5 November, then in 25 September programme for 10 December. The October programme repositioned it to 30 November and it eventually emerged on 29 December!

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised a counter sheet, an unstamped postcard and miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 32mm square counter sheet stamps showed:

90c.: Yellow Meranti winged fruit and Menara.

They were printed in sheets of 20? by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings included colour dots (x4) in the right margin and a winged fruit in the left 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 13.8.

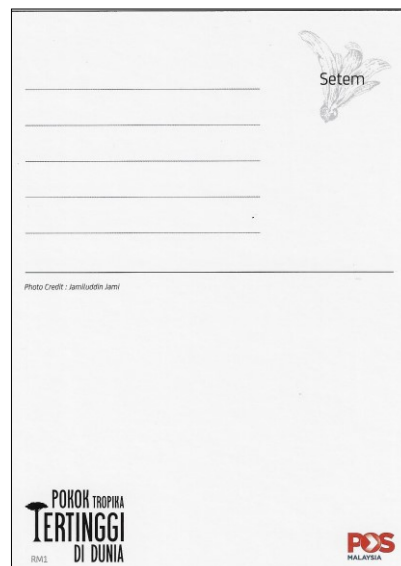
Miniature sheet:

The 84mm x 190mm miniature sheet depicted dipterocarp forest and the 35mm x 180mm RM8 stamp showed Menara. Perhaps they should have tried claiming the world’s tallest stamp! The tree was embossed with trunk and canopy texture. The paper was as for counter sheets. It was perforated 13.3 x 13.8.



Unstamped postcard:

The 105mm x 148mm postcard showed a photograph of Menara from near its base, making it suitable for use as a maximum card. It was sold at RM1.



First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured a forest. It was portrait-format to suit the miniature sheet.
 The special first day postmark included a winged fruit. The bureau handstamp was inscribed “Lahad Datu”.
 The folder was sold at RM6.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
20.7.1	-	-	90s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.7.2	-	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.7.3	-	-	First day cover 1).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.7.4	-	-	- (2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.7.5	-	-	Postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31 December 2020.

125th Anniversary of Johore State Constitution.



The Constitution of the State of Johore was promulgated on 14 April 1895, the first such state constitution in Malaya. It remains in force under Malaysia’s federal constitution. This issue was an added starter in the 16 July 2020 programme for issue on 14 September, then in the 18 August programme for 27 October, but deferred to 3 December in the 25 September programme and 9 December in the October programme. It was then revised to 31 December, but with a caveat that it was not to be sold in offices until 27 January 2021.

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised a se-tenant counter sheet and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps showed:
 RM1(A): Sultan Sir Abu Bakar, royal seal and title page;
 RM1(B): Constitution text in Jawi.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (2 panes of 5 se-tenant pairs with vertical gutter) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were the issue title in the centre gutter and in English, Bahasa and Jawi otherwise-free margins, 1A (x4) to the left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, colour dots (x4) to the right of R1/4 and left of R5/1, Johore crests in top margins, Pos emblem below gutter. The unwatermarked, phosphor-coated, Tullis Russel TR8 102gsm OBA-free, PVA-gummed Stamp Paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 14.1.

Miniature sheet:

The 105mm x 70mm miniature sheet showed the five constitutional Sultans (Sir Abu Bakar, Sir Ibrahim Al-Masyhur, Ismail, Iskandar and Ibrahim), the Sultan Ismail building in Kota Iskandar and the single RM5 stamp showed three editions of the Constitution from 1898, 1961 and 2008. The sheet was perforated 14.4 x 14.1.



First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the issue title in Jawi and the royal coat of arms.
 The special first day postmark included the issue title in Jawi and was dated 31 December 2020.
 The folder was sold at RM6.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
20.8.1	-	-	RM1(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.8.2	-	-	RM1(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.8.3	-	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.8.4	-	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.8.5	-	-	First day cover (3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.8.6	-	-	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cancelled issues:

The COVID-19 pandemic took a major toll of planned issues for 2020. Cancelled issues for 2020 were: 27 February 2020 - Visit Malaysia Year 2020; 20 May 2020 - APEC 2020; 28 July 2020 - Malaysian Street Art; 5 November 2020 - Valour Decorations (II); 27 November 2020 - Stamp Week, 2 December 2020 - Historical Literature - UNESCO; 3 December 2020 - Vanishing Trades; 29 December 2020 - Malaysia Pattern. In most cases, these issues had several announced issue dates, the one shown being the latest. Some may reappear at a later date.

NOTES