

CHAPTER FORTY-ONE

SPECIAL ISSUES 1999.

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

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Aerogramme - New Technology (I) - Technology Park Malaysia



This was the first aerogramme in a “new technology” series featuring the Malaysian Government’s drive to promote Malaysia as a leading exponent of information and manufacturing technology. The Technology Park Malaysia (TPM) was sited in Putrajaya, near Kuala Lumpur.

Designed by Peter Chuah P. K., this aerogramme was printed by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography and sold for 50s. It showed a numerically controlled lathe, visual display unit, printed circuit board (front) and robot and aerial view of Phase One of TPM. The 37mm x 27mm “stamp” had a face value of 50s. and showed a building in the Park. The aerogramme was in format B⁶, measuring 235mm x 316mm unfolded, 205mm x 102mm folded. It was printed on white paper with a pale blue printed overlay on the outer sections. The paper gave a low-intensity blue-white fluorescent reaction but no after-glow under ultra-violet light. There was no watermark. The “stamp” had no simulated perforation.

First day facilities:

The special first day postmark included the Park emblem.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.1.1	-	AL27	50s. aerogramme.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.1.1a	-	-	- First day of issue postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

28 January 1999.

International Year of Older Persons.



This issue commemorated the United Nations General Assembly’s International Year of Older Persons 1999 (IYOP). Malaysia’s events were launched on 1 October 1998 with the theme “Caring Families for the Happiness of Older persons”, which slogan appeared in Bahasa on the stamps. The Crown Agents were unaware of the issue and had to announce it after the event in February 1999.

Designed by Bowline Communications Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprises two counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The two 38mm x 28mm stamps were both priced at RM1 and showed

RM1 (A): The IYOP emblem over a world map, itself imposed on a background of a crowd - Profiles of an older man and woman appeared at the right as if looking at the world;

RM1 (B): The IYOP emblem against a row of stylised persons with the same world map in the background, said to represent them “looking at the map of the world for a better tomorrow”.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The phosphor-coated paper gave a white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under

ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 14.3. The top and bottom margins were perforated through. Other margins were not recorded.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a grandparent holding a baby and pointing at a world map.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the IYOP emblem on the Earth with paper cut-out people of all colours (including green!) in the foreground.

The special first day postmark included the IYOP emblem on a globe.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.2.1	717	657	RM1 (A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.2.2	718	658	RM1 (B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.2.3	-	MFDC-231	First day cover (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.2.4	-	MPP-231	Presentation pack (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

27 February 1999.

Rare Fruits (II).



Designed by Peter Chua P. K., this issue comprised four counter sheets and a se-tenant sheetlet.

Counter sheets:

The four 35mm x 45mm showed rare cultivated fruits of Malaysia:

20s.: Malacca Apple (Jambu bol, *Syzygium malaccense*);

30s.: Button Mangosteen (Cerapu, *Garcinia prainiana*);

50s.: Malaysian Mango (Binjai, *Mangifera caesia*);

RM1: Edible-fruited Salak Palm (Salak, *Salacca glabrescens*).

They were printed in sheets of 50 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The sheet markings included 1A (x4) above and below the first and last columns and SPM emblems (x4) to left and right of the top and bottom rows. The Harrison phosphor-coated paper gave a blue-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light ("H paper"). The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down and a matt "bluish" gum. The comb perforations measured 12.2 and all four margins were perforated through.

Sheetlet:

A 193mm x 277mm 20-stamp sheetlet was sold at RM10 (face value). It contained four columns of five stamps, each column being a different value. The sheetlet margin contained the issue title at the top and coloured line drawings of the four fruits down the sides, each repeated twice in each margin. The watermark was upright instead of sideways and the phosphor-coated paper normally exhibited a brighter, whiter fluorescence, without the blue tinge of the sheet stamp. Stamps from the sheetlet were known with inverted watermark. This sheet exists on both the Harrison (H) paper used for the counter sheets and Tullis-Russell (TR) paper which gave a brighter greenish-white fluorescence.

There were two perforation variants.

A: Perforated by four strikes of a 12.6 x 12.5 comb, left to right, and a single, non-matching line 12.2 at the right, giving the RM1 a mixed perforation. This exists on both papers.

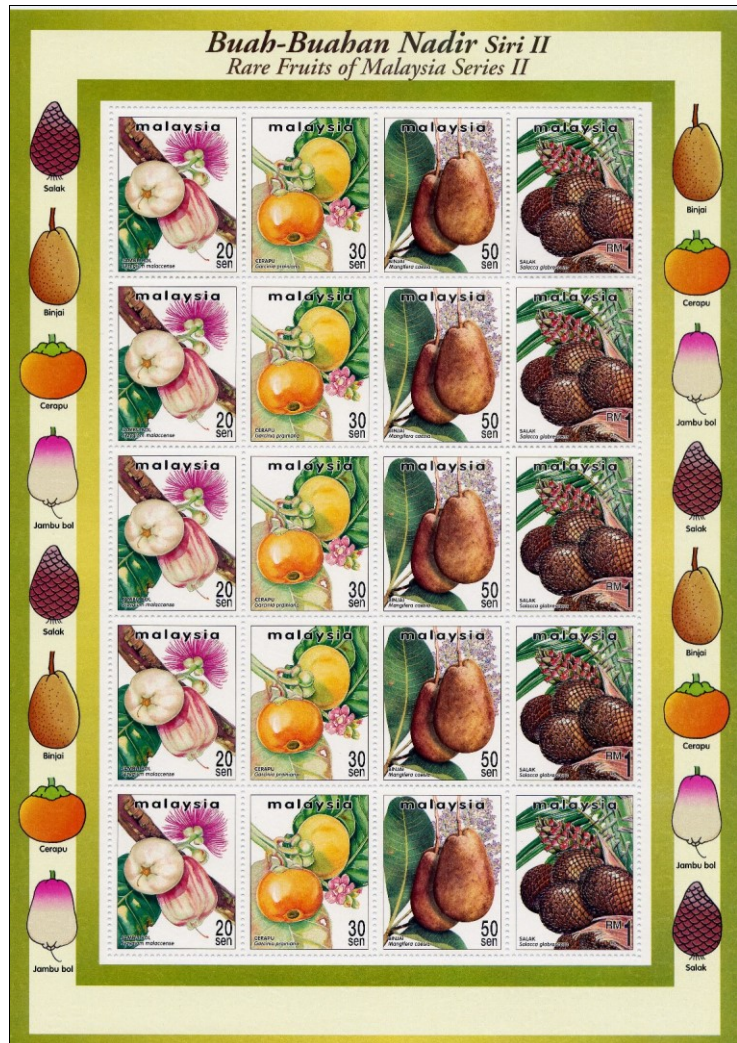
B: The second was perforated by five strikes of a 12.2 comb, top to bottom, and a single, matching line 12.2 at the bottom. This has so far only been reported on TR paper.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured three related trees.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured Johore Tree (Ceri Terengganu, *Lepisanthes alata*).

The special first day postmark included a section through a fruit.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Value, Perf.	Paper	Wmk.	Mint	Used
99.3.1	719	659	20s. P.12.2	H	SD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.1a	723c	-	20s. P.12.6 x 12.5 (from sheetlet).	TR	U	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.1b	723cw	-	20s. P.12.6 x 12.5 (from sheetlet).	TR	I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.1c	-	-	20s. P.12.6 x 12.5 (from sheetlet).	H	U	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.1d	723	-	20s. P.12.2 (from sheetlet).	TR	U ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.2	720	660	30s. P.12.2	H	SD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.2a	724c	-	30s. P.12.6 x 12.5 (from sheetlet).	TR	U	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.2b	724cw	-	30s. P.12.6 x 12.5 (from sheetlet).	TR	I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.2c	-	-	30s. P.12.6 x 12.5 (from sheetlet).	H	U	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.2d	724	-	30s. P.12.2 (from sheetlet).	TR	U ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.3	721	661	50s. P.12.2	H	SD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.3a	725c	-	50s. P.12.6 x 12.5 (from sheetlet).	TR	U	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.3b	725cw	-	50s. P.12.6 x 12.5 (from sheetlet).	TR	I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.3c	-	-	50s. P.12.6 x 12.5 (from sheetlet).	H	U	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.3d	725	-	50s. P.12.2 (from sheetlet).	TR	U ³	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.4	722	662	RM1 P.12.2	H	SD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.4a	726c	-	RM1 P.12.6 x 12.5/12.2 (from sheetlet).	TR	U	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.4b	726cw	-	RM1 P.12.6 x 12.5/12.2 (from sheetlet).	TR	I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.4c	-	-	RM1 P.12.6 x 12.5/12.2 (from sheetlet).	H	U	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.4d	726	-	RM1 P.12.2 (from sheetlet).	TR	U ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.5	723ca	-	Strip of 4 (1a, 2a, 3a, 4a) (from sheetlet).	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.5a	726cwa	-	Strip of 4 (1b, 2b, 3b, 4b) (from sheetlet).	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.5b	-	-	Strip of 4 (1c, 2c, 3c, 4c) (from sheetlet).	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.5c	723a	-	Strip of 4 (1d, 2d, 3d, 4d) (from sheetlet).	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.6	-	MC-232P	Sheetlet (five 5).	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.6a	-	-	Sheetlet (five 5a).	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.6b	-	-	Sheetlet (five 5b).	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.6c	-	-	Sheetlet (five 5c).	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.7	-	MFDC-232	First day cover (1-4).	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Value, Perf.	Paper	Wmk.	Mint	Used
99.3.7a	-	-	- (5).	-	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.3.8	-	-	Presentation pack (1-4).	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4 March 1999.

Trengganu - Installation of Sultan.



Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin ibni Almarhum Tuanku Al-Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah became Sultan of Trengganu on 15 May 1998 and was installed on 4 March 1999.

Designed by Peter Chua P. K., this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 38mm x 28mm designs showed Sultan Mizan and the Trengganu coat of arms against backgrounds containing:

30s.: 1999 view of the Istana Maziah palace (the official Sultan's residence, built in 1897 to replace the Istana Hijau, which had been destroyed by fire), Bukit Puteri, Kuala Trengganu;

50s.: 1903 view of the Istana Maziah;

RM1: The Tengku Tengah Zaharah Mosque (the state mosque), near Kuala Trengganu, built 1993-1995.

They were printed in sheets of 50 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The sheet margins featured a yellow and grey decorative border with gaps for the plate numbers and colour dabs. 1A (x4) appeared above and below the first and last columns. SPM emblems (x4) appeared to left and right of the top and bottom rows. The phosphor-coated paper gave a white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The comb perforations measured 14.3 (30s., 50s.) or 13.8 x 13.6 (all values) or 12.2 (50s.). The Perf. 12.2 varieties and 50c. Perf. 14.3 were particularly difficult to obtain, the latter appearing in the 1999 Year Album.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the coat of arms of Trengganu on a yellow background.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the same portrait as used on the stamps on a green floral background. Covers seen serviced by the Bureau at both Kuala Lumpur and Kuala Trengganu bore 30s. Perf. 14.3, 50s. Perf. 12.2 and RM1 Perf. 13.8 x 13.6.

The special first day postmark included the arms of Trengganu.

Miniature sheet (5 December 2015):

The original issue contained no miniature sheet. However, a 130mm x 80mm sheet, containing larger (40mm x 30mm) stamps, was prepared for issue in 2013 to mark the Sultan's Royal Philatelic Exhibition. This issue was cancelled. However, the sheets were, without prior announcement, issued towards the end of the World Youth Stamp Exhibition 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, on the evening of 5 December.⁵ The sheet showed the three stamps, *se-tenant*, on a yellow background.

They were issued both

perforated 13.6 x 13.4 and imperforate, with watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. No first day facilities were provided and it was not distributed by the Philatelic Bureau.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.4.1	142a	147	30s. P.14.3. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.4.1a	142	-	- P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.4.1b	-	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SR (from 4a.1).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.4.1c	-	-	- Imperf. Wmk. SR (from 4a.2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.4.2	143	148	50s. P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.4.2a	143a	-	- P.12.2. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.4.2b	143b	-	- P.14.3. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.4.2c	-	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SR (from 4a.1).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.4.2d	-	-	- Imperf. Wmk. SR (from 4a.2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.4.3	144	149	RM1. P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.4.3a	-	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SR (from 4a.1).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.4.3b	-	-	- Imperf. Wmk. SR (from 4a.2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.4.4	-	MFDC-TU19	First day cover (1, 2a, 3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.4.5	-	MPP-TU19	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.4a.1	MS159	-	Miniature sheet. Perforated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.4a.2	MS159a	-	- Imperf.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8 March 1999

Aerogramme - New Technology (II) - Multimedia Super Corridor

A 15km by 50km area south of Kuala Lumpur had been designated a "Multimedia Super Corridor" in which maximum use will be made of Information Technology, as a "global" test bed for new ideas in high-technology living and working.

Uncredited, but probably designed by Peter Chuah P. K., this aerogramme was sold at 50s. and showed the Corridor's emblem (based on a head-on silhouette of a Space Shuttle) and a number of the technologies being tested on a starfield background. The 35mm x 26mm "stamp" had a face value of 50s. and showed Measat-1 and the emblem.

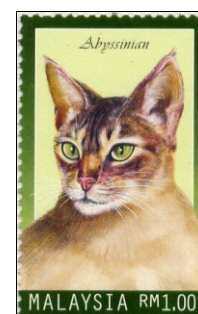
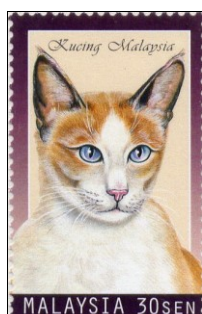
Printing details were not recorded, but it was printed using standard four-colour off-set lithography, probably by Security Printers (Malaysia). The aerogramme was in format B⁶, measuring 235mm x 315mm unfolded, 205mm x 102mm folded. It was printed on white paper with a pale blue printed overlay on the outer sections. The paper gave a blue-white fluorescent reaction but no after-glow under ultra-violet light. There was no watermark. The "stamp" had no simulated perforation.

First day facilities:

The special first day postmark included the Corridor emblem.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.5.1	-	AL28	50s. aerogramme.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.5.1a	-	-	- First day of issue postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 April 1999.

Cats.

The Malaysian Cat Club began a project in 1995 to develop a new breed of domestic cat, "Kucing Malaysia". They hoped to complete the project and have the breed registered by 2005. It was a ginger and white cat with long ears, the face of the Abyssinian and the build of a Siamese. This issue was originally planned for 3 April.

Designed by Peter Chuah P. K., this issue comprises three counter sheets and two miniature sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 45mm x 28mm stamps showed:

30s.: The Kucing Malaysia (Malaysian Cat);

50s.: Siamese cat;

RM1 (A): Abyssinian cat.

In most cases, English breed names are used in Bahasa Malaysia. The sheet stamps were printed in sheets of 50 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included 1A (x4) above and below the left and right columns and SPM emblems (x4) to left and right of the top and bottom rows. The light inner background colour appeared as a 5mm marginal border around the sheet. The phosphor-coated paper gave a blue-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The RM1 exists sideways reading up. The comb perforations measured 12.2.

Miniature sheets:



The backgrounds of the two 80mm x 90mm miniature sheets formed a composite design of the face of a cat with one blue eye (sheet A - left) and one brown eye (sheet B - right). Each sheet contains a pair of RM1 stamps of the same format as the other stamps. The left sheet showed a Birman (RM1 (B)) and a Persian (RM1 (C)), while the right sheet showed a British Shorthair (RM1 (D)) and a Scottish Fold (RM1 (E)). Paper and perforations were as for counter sheets. One of the two sheets is also known to exist with watermark sideways reading up. The other probably exists but remains unreported.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50 and contains just the three lower values. The 219mm x 111mm envelope of the presentation pack featured a striped cat, assumed to be Kucing Malaysia, looking intently at a butterfly.

The 214mm x 139mm first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a Kucing Malaysia with a Hibiscus flower. The "normal" bureau postmark was Seremban.

The special first day postmark included a sleeping cat.

A souvenir portfolio was sold at RM15 containing the stamps, miniature sheets and a special album.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.6.1	727	663	30s. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.2	728	664	50s. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.3	729	665	RM1 (A). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.3a	729w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.4	-	-	RM1 (B). Wmk. SD (from miniature sheet (A)).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.4a	-	-	- Wmk. SU (from miniature sheet (A)).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.5	-	-	RM1 (C). Wmk. SD (from miniature sheet (A)).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.5a	-	-	- Wmk. SU (from miniature sheet (A)).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.6	MS730b	MC-233M ⁷	RM2 Miniature sheet (A) (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.6.6a	MS730bw	-	- (4a-5a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.7	-	-	RM1 (D). Wmk. SD (from miniature sheet (B)).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.8	-	-	RM1 (E). Wmk. SD (from miniature sheet (B)).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.9	MS730a	-	RM2 Miniature sheet (B) (7-8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.10	-	MFDC-233	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.11	-	MFDC-233M	- (6, 9).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.12	-	-	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.6.13	-	-	Portfolio.	<input type="checkbox"/>	-

10 May 1999 ⁸**Envelope - International Red Cross and Red Crescent Millennium Year.**

By an uncredited designer, this cover was sold at RM1.50 mint and showed Malaysian Red Crescent Society personnel on parade, ambulances and paramedics on motorcycles. There were additional illustrations on the back of the cover. The cover was pre-printed with a 100mm x 59mm “miniature sheet”, showing a world map, ribbons, people celebrating and the number 2000. The left and right edges were “perforated” 14.7. The 41mm x 39mm RM1.50 “stamp” incorporates the Red Cross and Red Crescent emblems and text “the power of humanity” and was “perforated” 13.8.

Printing details were not recorded. It measured 218mm x 109mm. It was printed on white fluorescent paper without after-glow. There was no watermark.

First day facilities:

The special postmark featured the Red Cross and Red Crescent above “2000”.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.7.1	-	PE13	Cover.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.7.1a	-	-	- First day postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

28 May 1999.

Protected Mammals (I).

This was the first issue in a series that highlighted the plight of a number of large Malayan mammals whose environment was at risk and which were being protected in National Parks.

Designed by Peter Chuah P. K., this issue comprises four counter sheets, a miniature sheet and a se-tenant sheetlet.

Counter sheets:

The four 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

20s.: Sumatran Rhinoceros (Badak Sumatra, *Dicerorhinus sumatrensis*);

30s.: Black Panther (Harimau Bintang or Harimau Kumbang, *Panthera pardus*);

50s.: Sun Bear or Honey Bear (Beruang, *Helarctos malayanus*);

RM1: Asian Elephant (Gajah, *Elephas maximus*).

They were printed in sheets of 50 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. This was the first special stamp issue to make use of a new Tullis Russell phosphor-coated paper (“TR2 paper”) which gave a strong greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light.

It had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The comb perforations measured 12.6 x 12.8. The right margin was perforated through; Other margins were not recorded.

Miniature sheet:

The 119mm x 80mm sheet showed male and female Orang-utan (*Pongo pygmaeus*), the latter forming the basis for the 40mm x 30mm RM2 stamp. The TR2 paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The perforations normally measured 12.2 all-around, but the sheet also exists P.12.6 on three sides but 12.2 at right.



Sheetlet:

The 198mm x 276mm RM16 sheetlet contained a block of twenty stamps above an illustration of a Tapir (*Tapirus indicus*) and its young. The stamps comprised a row of four 20s., above rows of 30s., 50s., RM1 and RM2, the latter design taken from the miniature sheet. The TR2 paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down, thus creating an identifiable difference on single stamps up to RM1. The comb perforations measured 12.2.



Varieties:

The following varieties have been reported:

Item	No.	Variety
Sheetlet	R3	All perforations displaced upwards to pass through bottom edge of "sen"), ⁹

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the Gaur (*Bos gaurus*).

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured Corbett's Tiger (*Panthera tigris corbetti*) and comes in two forms, with flap at top or right. An example seen of the latter had bad colour registration.

The special first day postmark included a leaping panther.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.8.1	731	666	20s. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.1a	735	-	- Wmk. SD (from 8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.2	732	667	30s. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.2a	736	-	- Wmk. SD (from 8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.3	733	668	50s. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.3a	737	-	- Wmk. SD (from 8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.4	734	669	RM1. Wmk. U. ¹⁰	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.4a	738	-	- Wmk. SD (from 8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.5	739	-	RM2. Wmk. SD. P.12.2. (from 6 or 8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.5a	-	-	- - P.12.6 x 12.6/12.2. (from 6a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.6	MS740	MC-234M	RM2 miniature sheet (5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.6a	MS740b	-	- (5a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.7	735a	MC-234S	Se-tenant vertical strip (1a-4a, 5) (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.8	-	-	RM16 sheetlet (four 7).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.9	-	MFDC-234	First day cover - flap at right (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.10	-	MFDC-234M	- - (6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.11	-	-	- flap at top (6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.8.12	-	MPP-234	Presentation pack (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19 June 1999.

5th International Congress on Aids in Asia and the Pacific.



The fifth biennial International Congress on Aids in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) was held in Kuala Lumpur from 23 to 27 October 1999, bringing together scientists, health professionals, educators, counsellors and victims of Human Immune-deficiency Virus (HIV) and Auto-Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). These stamps were issued to publicise the need to be actively aware of HIV/AIDS and take appropriate action. The issue was pulled-ahead from its intended issue date of 23 October.

Designed by Grey Worldwide Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 38mm x 28mm designs incorporate the event emblem, a "knot" in the shape of a heart, derived from the emblem of the Malaysian AIDS Council. The 30s. showed nine hearts, representing compassion and caring. The 50s. metamorphoses the right-hand side of the event emblem into two stylised persons embracing, representing co-operation. The RM1 showed the ICAAP emblem and the full title of the event.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) using off-set lithography. Printing was credited to "Jamatrade Communication" but the technical details point to the stamps having actually been printed by Security Printers (Malaysia). Sheet markings were not recorded. 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 14.3 (30s.), 13.8 x 13.6 (50s., RM1). The bottom margin was perforated through on both perforations; other margins were not recorded.

Variety:

An example of the 50s. from column 1 exists with perforations displaced 1mm upwards and 0.5mm to the left, producing clear white borders at top and left which were not normally present.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured sixty red loops (the AIDS campaign symbol) superimposed on computer terminals.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the ICAAP emblem made up of small versions of the emblem.

The special first day postmark included the ICAAP emblem.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.9.1	741	670	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.9.2	742	671	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.9.3	743	672	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.9.4	-	MFDC-235	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.9.5	-	MPP-235	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

30 June 1999**Aerogramme - Kuala Lumpur International Airport**

This was the third aerogramme in the “new technology” series, featuring views of the new airport’s architecture.

Probably by the same designer as the previous two aerogrammes, this aerogramme was sold at 50s. and showed the emblem of Malaysia Airports Berhad (the semi-privatised national airports authority) with views of the control tower and of the interior and exterior of the building. The bottom panel had a view of the Aerotrain tracked transit system at bottom right. The 43mm x 29mm “stamp” had a face value of 50s. and showed the control tower at night with fireworks. The aerogramme was in format B ⁶, measuring 234mm x 309mm unfolded, 196mm x 105mm folded. It was printed on white paper with a cream printed overlay on the upper two sections. The paper gave a low blue-white fluorescent reaction but no after-glow under ultra-violet light. There was no watermark. The “stamp” had no simulated perforation.

First day facilities:

The special first day postmark included an aircraft.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.10.1	-	AL29	50s. aerogramme.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.10.1a	-	-	- First day of issue postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

17 July 1999**Aerogramme - Sport (I) - “Le Tour de Langkawi” Cycle Race**

This aerogramme was one of a number of issues in 1999 to promote sporting events.

By an uncredited designer, this aerogramme was sold at 50s. and showed two cyclists racing on the front. The centre panel showed cyclists starting from the Dataran Merdeka (Independence Plain) in Kuala Lumpur and three insets showed cyclists in Ipoh, Langkawi and crossing the Penang Bridge. The 53mm x 24mm “stamp” had a face value of 50s. and showed cyclists at Rompin. The aerogramme was in format B ⁶, measuring 234mm x 310mm unfolded, 197mm x 105mm folded. It was printed on white paper with a pale cream, printed overlay on the outer sections. The paper gave no significant reactions under ultra-violet light. There was no watermark. The “stamp” had no simulated perforation.

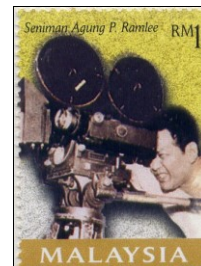
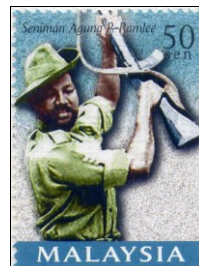
First day facilities:

The special first day postmark included a stylised racing cyclist.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.11.1	-	AL30	50s. aerogramme.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.11.1a	-	-	- First day of issue postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

24 July 1999.

P Ramlee - Artist Supreme.



The seventieth anniversary of the birth of Tan Sri Dr. P. Ramlee, P.S.M., A.M.N., was marked by an issue of stamps showing him in a variety of roles. Born Teuku Zakaria bin Teuku Nyak Puteh on 22 March 1929 in Penang, he was an actor (in 70 films between 1948 and 1972, mostly made at the Shaw Film Studios in Singapore), comedian, singer, composer, arranger, conductor, bandleader and film director. He performed on the trumpet, saxophone, lute, vibraphone, organ, guitar, accordion, violin and piano. In 1964, he moved to Kuala Lumpur and was actor/director of 18 films and wrote some 1000 songs and pieces of music, some 200 of which he performed on record. He died aged 44 of heart trouble on 29 May 1973. His "Tan Sri" title was awarded posthumously in the 1990s. Release had originally been planned for 22 March 1999.

Designed by Eka IPR Agensi Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised four counter sheets, two miniature sheets and a sheetlet.

Counter sheets:

The four 38mm x 28mm stamps showed him in the roles of:

20s.: Actor;

30s.(A): Musician/singer;

50s.: Acting the role of World War II Sergeant Hassan (from film "Sarjan Hassan" of 1955);

RM1: Director/cameraman.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included 1A (x4) above and below the left and right columns and SPM emblems (x4) to left and right of the top and bottom rows. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. It had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.8 (all values) or 14.3 (RM1). The left, right and bottom margins were perforated through; the top margin was not recorded.

Miniature sheets:

The two 100mm x 70mm sheets, each containing a single 28mm x 38mm stamp, showed:

(A): (Officially designated No.1) The actor in four roles (two being from "Sarjan Hassan") around the stamp, which showed him in full ceremonial dress having been awarded the A.M.N. (see Chapter 2 in Volume 1) on 27 September 1962;



(B): (No.2) Ramlee as film director, pianist (on the stamp), conductor and singer.

The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The perforations normally measured 14.3 x 14.3/13.8 and appeared to be applied by at least three separate operations. Both also exist with perforation 14.3 (all round) or 14.3 x 13.8/14.3.



Sheetlet:

Apart from the Pos Malaysia emblem in the top left corner, the 193mm x 250mm sheetlet was in shades of brown, but was printed using standard four-colour off-set lithography. It had a portrait (as used on the special postmark) in the border and four 30s. designs derived from the miniature sheets:

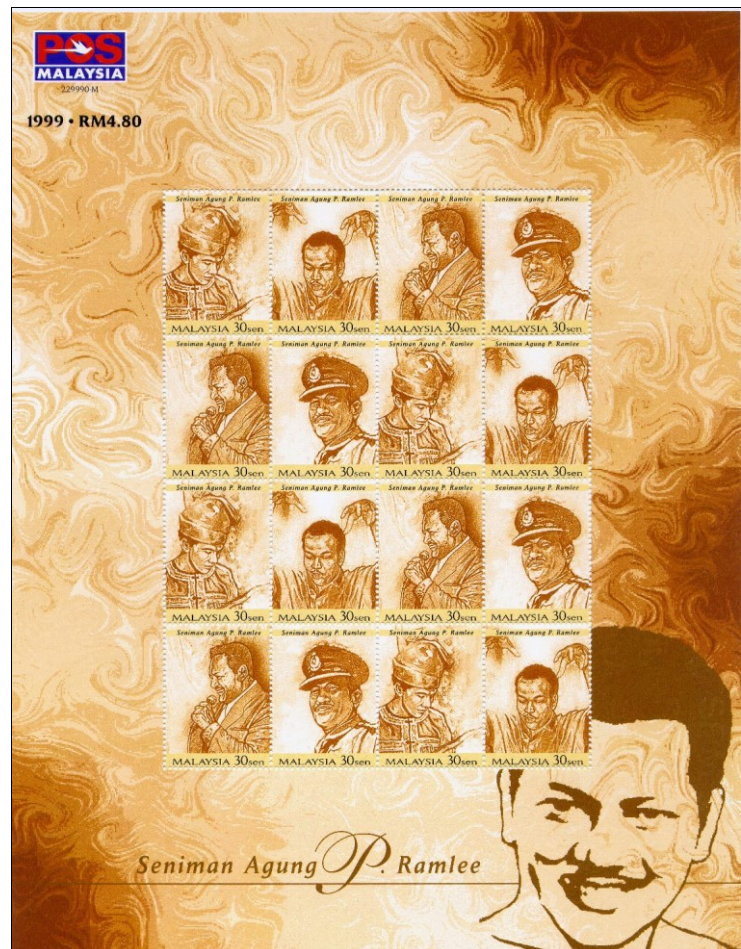
- 30s.(B): Traditional dress with kris
- 30s.(C): Conductor;
- 30s.(D): Singer;
- 30s.(E): Military officer (from "Sarjan Hassan").

The block of sixteen stamps was arranged so that it could be broken into four se-tenant strips or four se-tenant blocks of four. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down or upright. The comb perforations measured either 13.6 x 13.8, or 14.3 except a single line of 13.8 at right. 5000 sheetlets were sold imperforate.

Varieties:

The following sheetlet varieties have been reported:

No.	Variety
v1	Left column of perforations omitted. ¹¹
v2	All perforations displaced upwards, to below picture, putting Malaysia and value at top of stamp rows 2-4 or omitted in row 1. ¹¹



30s.(B)-(E) strip from sheetlet row 1 or 3.



First day facilities:

For the first and last time, this issue was sent to bureau account-holders before the date of issue in an attempt to improve philatelic services. This was not repeated, possibly as a result of abuse.

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50 and comes in two versions, with the different RM1 perforations. The envelope of the presentation pack featured him in other acting and musical roles.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the artist in robes after receiving the A.M.N.

The special first day postmark included the artist's portrait.

A souvenir hard-backed album in a slip case was sold for RM25. It contained four covers:

- Set of counter sheet stamps on standard first day cover (A).
- Miniature sheet A on a special cover "The Legend Lives On" (B) showing five portraits.
- Miniature sheet B on a special cover "The Legend Lives On" (C) showing Ramlee with a film camera.
- Block of four from the sheetlet on a special cover "The Legend Lives On" (D) showing Ramlee in three roles.

The stamps were cancelled with a Penang first day postmark and, in the case of the album seen, also received a Penang cachet for the month of July 1999 showing Ramlee's birthplace. However, cover D is also known with two strikes of the first day postmark instead of one plus the birthplace cachet, so two versions of the album may exist.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.12.1	744 ¹²	673	20s. P.13.6 x 13.8. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.2	745	674	30s.(A). P.13.6 x 13.8. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.3	749	677	30s.(B). Wmk. SD. P.13.6x13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.3a	749b	-	-- P.14.3 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.3c	-	-	-- Imperf (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.3d	749c	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.6 x 13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.4	750	678	30s.(C). Wmk. SD. P.13.6x13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.4a	749b	-	-- P.14.3 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.4b	-	-	-- P.14.3 x 14.3/13.8 (from sheetlet column 4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.4c	-	-	-- Imperf (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.4d	750c	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.6 x 13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.5	751	679	30s.(D). Wmk. SD. P.13.6x13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.5a	751b	-	-- P.14.3 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.5c	-	-	-- Imperf (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.5d	751c	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.6 x 13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.6	752	680	30s.(E)Wmk. SD. P.13.6x13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.6a	752b	-	-- P.14.3 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.6b	-	-	-- P.14.3 x 14.3/13.8 (from sheetlet column 4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.6c	-	-	-- Imperf (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.6d	752c	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.6 x 13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.7	-	MC236S	Se-tenant strip of 4 (3-6 - any order).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.7a	-	-	- (3a, 4a, 5a, 6b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.7b	-	-	- (4a, 5a, 6a, 3b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.7c	-	-	- (5a, 6a, 3a, 4b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.7d	-	-	- (6a, 3a, 4a, 5b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.7e	-	-	- (3c-6c - any order).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.7f	-	-	- (3d-6d - any order).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.8	746	675	50s. P.13.6 x 13.8. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.9	747	676	RM1. P.13.6 x 13.8. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.9a	747a	-	- P.14.3. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.10	MS748b(b)	MPP-236 ¹³	M/S (A). P.14.3 x 14.3/13.8. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.10a	MS748a(b)	-	- P.14.3 x 13.8/14.3. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.10b	MS748(b)	-	- P.14.3. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.11	MS748b(a)	-	M/S (B). P.14.3 x 14.3/13.8. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.11a	MS748a(a)	-	- P.14.3 x 13.8/14.3. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.11b	MS748(a)	-	- P.14.3. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.12	-	-	RM4.80 Sheetlet (four 7).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.12a	-	-	- (7a, 7b, 7c, 7d)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.12b	-	-	- (four 7e).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.12c	-	-	- (four 7f).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.13	-	MFDC-236	First day cover (1, 2, 8, 9).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.13a	-	-	- (1, 2, 8, 9a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.14	-	MFDC-236S	- (3, 4, 5, 6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.14a	-	-	- (3a, 4a, 5a, 6a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.14b	-	-	- (3a, 4b, 5a, 6b).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.15	-	MFDC-236M	- (10).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.16	-	-	- (11).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.17	-	MPP-236	Presentation pack (1, 2, 8, 9).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.17a	-	-	- (1, 2, 8, 9a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.18	-	-	Souvenir Album.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.19	-	-	Souvenir cover (A) (from 18) (1,2,8,9).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.20	-	-	Legend Lives On cover (B) (from 18) (10).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.21	-	-	- (C) (from 18) (11).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.22	-	-	- (D) (from 18) (3a, 4a, 5a, 6a) (FDI + Birthplace).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.12.22a	-	-	---- (Two FDI).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31 July 1999.

Freshwater Fish (II).



This issue was originally announced for issue on 28 August 1999 as “Threatened Pond Fishes”. Malaysia not only had the benefit of fish in natural streams and rivers, but the flooded rice padi fields provided breeding grounds for fish for culinary purposes as a secondary crop. There were some thirty endemic species, but industrial waste, pesticides, the pet trade and land use change were threatening some species.

Designed by Peter Chuah P. K., this issue comprised four counter sheets with se-tenant designs and a two-pane sheetlet.

Counter sheets:

The se-tenant pairs of 32mm x 27mm stamps showed a fish in the lower stamp with a related water plant in the upper stamp:

- 10s.(A): Arrow-leaved Monochoria (Keladi Agas, *Monochoria hastata*);
- 10s.(B): Croaking Gouramy (Ikan karim, *Trichopsis vittatus*);
- 15s.(A): Yellow Velvetleaf (*Limnocharis flava*);
- 15s.(B): Bellicose Fighting Fish (Ikan pelaga, *Betta imbellis*);
- 25s.(A): Pink Water Lily (Telepok, *Nymphaea pubescens*);
- 25s.(B): Two-spot Gouramy (Ikan sepat, *Trichogaster trichopterus*);
- 50s.(A): Water Hyacinth (Keladi Bunting, *Eichhornia crassipes*);
- 50s.(B): Chocolate Gouramy (Ikan biji durian, *Sphaerichthys osphromenoides*¹⁴);
- 50s.(C): Swamp Cabbage (*Ipomea aquatica*);
- 50s.(D): Kissing Gouramy (Ikan tembakang, *Helostoma temminckii*).

They were printed in sheets of 50¹⁵ by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. Designs A and B appeared in alternate rows. In the case of the 50s., designs C and D appeared in rows 1 and 2 and C, D, A, B in the last four rows; the remainder of the sheet format was not recorded. Sheet markings included the issue title in the top and bottom margins and illustrations of the fish, 1A (x4) above and below the first and last columns and SPM emblems (x4) to left and right of the top and bottom rows; other sheet markings were not recorded. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper normally had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.8 x 14.1, perforated through the top and bottom margins; other margins were not recorded.

Sheetlet:

A 198mm x 277mm souvenir sheetlet was sold at RM12. This had a background design of a reedy lake and contains two panes of 20 stamps. Each pane consists of two se-tenant blocks of ten. The sheetlet had watermark upright, and was used to provide the blocks of ten found on first day covers and in presentation packs. ¹⁶ Two perforation types have been found.

Type I: Upper pane perforated 14.5 x 14.9, lower pane 13.8 x 14.1 (bottom row 14.5). ¹⁷

Type II: Both panes 13.8 x 14.1 (bottom row 14.5).

Some dealers sought to improve their profit margins by selling half-sheets as “miniature sheets”.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a pair of dragonflies and an Egyptian Lotus (*Nelumbium speciosum*).

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured a reedy lake.

The special first day postmark included a fish.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.13.1	753	681	10s.(A). Wmk. SD. P.13.8 x 14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.1a	753b ¹⁸	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.1b	753d	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.5 x 14.9 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.2	754	682	10s.(B). Wmk. SD. P.13.8 x 14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.2a	754b	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.2b	754b*	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8/14.5 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.2c	754d	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.5 x 14.9 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.2A	753a	-	Pair (1, 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.2Aa	753ca	-	- (1a, 2a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.2Ab	753ca*	-	- (1a, 2b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.2Ac	753da	-	- (1b, 2c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.3	755	683	15s.(A). Wmk. SD. P.13.8 x 14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.3a	755b	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.3b	-	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.5 x 14.9 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.4	756	684	15s.(B). Wmk. SD. P.13.8 x 14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.4a	756b	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.4b	756b*	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8/14.5 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.4c	756d	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.5 x 14.9 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.4A	755a	-	Pair (3, 4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.4Aa	755ca	-	- (3a, 4a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.4Ab	755ca*	-	- (3a, 4b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.4Ac	755da	-	- (3b, 4c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.5	757	685	25s.(A). Wmk. SD. P.13.8 x 14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.5a	757b	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.5b	757d	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.5 x 14.9 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.6	758	686	25s.(B). Wmk. SD. P.13.8 x 14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.6a	758b	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.6b	758b*	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8/14.5 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.13.6c	758d	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.5 x 14.9 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.6A	757a	-	Pair (5, 6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.6Aa	757ca	-	- (5a, 6a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.6Ab	757ca*	-	- (5a, 6b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.6Ac	757da	-	- (5b, 6c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.7	759	687	50s.(A). Wmk. SD. P.13.8 x 14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.7a	759b	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.7b	759d	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.5 x 14.9 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.8	760	688	50s.(B). Wmk. SD. P.13.8 x 14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.8a	760b	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.8b	760b*	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8/14.5 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.8c	760d	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.5 x 14.9 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.8A	759a	-	Pair (7, 8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.8Aa	759ca	-	- (7a, 8a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.8Ab	759ca*	-	- (7a, 8b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.8Ac	759da	-	- (7b, 8c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.9	761	689	50s.(C). Wmk. SD. P.13.8 x 14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.9a	761b	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.9b	761d	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.5 x 14.9 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.10	762	690	50s.(D). Wmk. SD. P.13.8 x 14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.10a	762b	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.10b	762b*	-	- Wmk. U. P.13.8/14.5 x 14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.10c	762d	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.5 x 14.9 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.10A	761a	-	Pair (7, 8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.10Aa	761ca	-	- (7a, 8a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.10Ab	761ca*	-	- (7a, 8b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.10Ac	761da	-	- (7b, 8c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.11	753ba	-	Se-tenant block (2Aa, 4Aa, 6Aa, 8Aa, 10Aa) (from sheetlet I or II).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.11a	753ba*	-	- (2Ab, 4Ab, 6Ab, 8Ab, 10Ab) (I or II).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.11b	-	-	- (2Ac, 4Ac, 6Ac, 8Ac, 10Ac) (I only).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.12	-	MC-237S	RM12 Souvenir Sheet. Type I (11b+11b, 11+11a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.12a	-	-	- Type II (11+11a, 11+11a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.13	-	MFDC-237	First day cover (11).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.13a	-	-	- (11a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.13b	-	-	- (1-10).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.13.14	-	MPP-237	Presentation pack (11).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* See “*” footnote in S.G. catalogue.

Numbers 99.13.14a and 14b respectively are reserved for possible packs with panes 11a or 11b.

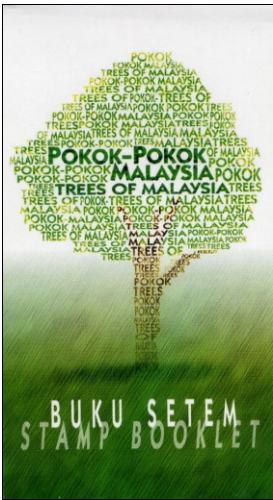
7-9 August 2000.

Kuching Festival '99 Stamp Exhibition.

2000 privately-produced postcards showing the GPO circa 1940 were produced for this event. It is not recorded whether any were serviced.

14 August 1999.

Booklet - Trees.



(booklet cover illustration reduced by 33%)

Malaysia's rain forest was not only an important heritage but was important as a source of fruit and leaves for foodstuffs or chemical processing. Some trees were also cultivated as ornamental plants.

Designed by Michael Chuah S. C. for CD Advertising Sdn. Bhd. this issue comprised a single booklet with se-tenant stamps.

Booklet:

The five 30s. 30mm x 25mm stamps showed:

- 30s.(A): Flowering Crape Myrtle (Bungor, *Lagerstroemia floribunda*);
- 30s.(B): Perah (Perah, *Elateriospermum tapos*);
- 30s.(C): Borneo Camphorwood (Kapur, *Dryobalanops aromatica*);
- 30s.(D): Common Pulai (Pulai, *Alstonia angustiloba*);
- 30s.(E): Takien (Tembusu padang, *Fagraea fragrans*).

The back cover of the booklet also showed Merawan Siput Jantan (*Hopea odorata*).

A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E
C	D	E	B	A	C	D	E	B	A

The stamps were printed in se-tenant blocks of 20 in sheets of, probably, 100 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set

lithography and attached by the left margin into covers to form RM6 booklets. Sheet markings included SPM emblems (x4), which appeared in the top row margin of booklets taken from Rows 1 and 2 of the sheet, and, similarly, but not yet seen, booklets should also exist with the emblems in the bottom row margin of booklets made from the bottom rows of the sheet. Other booklets, from the middle of the sheet, bear no emblem. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish 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 14.0 x 13.6.

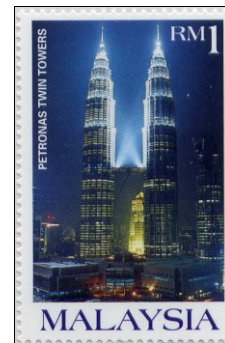
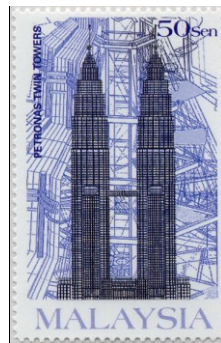
First day facilities:

No presentation pack was issued.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the bark and branches of a pine tree. First day covers normally use strips of five from the booklet and thus come in two forms, depending on whether the upper or lower strip had been used.

The special first day postmark included a tree.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.14.1	763	-	30s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.14.2	764	-	30s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.14.3	765	-	30s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.14.4	766	-	30s.(D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.14.5	767	-	30s.(E).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.14.6	SB9 ¹⁹	SB92	RM6 booklet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.14.7	-	BSBF92	First day cover (strip 1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.14.8	-	-	- (strip 3-5, 1-2).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

30 August 1999.**Petronas Twin Towers.**

At the time of construction, the 88-storey Petronas Twin Towers in the heart of Kuala Lumpur was the tallest occupied structure in the world at 452m tall. It was designed by Cesar Pelli as part of a 100-acre Kuala Lumpur City Centre redevelopment project. The two towers were linked by a 58.4m bridge at levels 41 and 42. Tower 1 was occupied by the owners, PETRONAS, the national petroleum company. The podium block at the foot of the towers included a concert hall, a petroleum "discovery centre" and an art gallery.

This issue was much-delayed. It was first announced in November 1996 for issue in August 1997. In January 1997, it was postponed to December 1997, then postponed again in October 1997 to February or March 1998. In January 1998, it became June 1998, then in April, July was the forecast, and in July, August 1998! It finally appeared a year later in August 1999.

Designed by CBN Worldwide Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised three counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

Advance publicity in July 1998 correctly showed three 31mm x 49mm values:

30s.: Daylight view;

50s.: Architectural drawing on a background of close-up detail;

RM1: Floodlit at night).

The counter sheet stamps were printed in sheets of 50 by Southern Colour Print using off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded.

The phosphor-coated paper gave a white fluorescent reaction and a faint yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had no watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.1 x 14.2. The sheets were perforated through the top, bottom and left margins; the right margin was not recorded.

Miniature sheets:

The 100mm x 75mm miniature sheet was ordered from Crown Agents Stamp Bureau and printed by Walsall Security Printers using off-set lithography. It bore a 31mm x 51mm RM5 stamp on a background of a dusk aerial view of the Kuala Lumpur skyline and the Malaysian flag.

The stamp bore a very effective and attractive hologram, the largest that had been applied to any stamp at that time world-wide, showing a night/dawn/dusk view of the tower. Six distinct versions of the hologram have been seen:

Type I: The slightest indication of ground level buildings immediate adjacent to the left side of the left tower (010321, 191122, 222138 seen).

Type II: A little detail of ground-level buildings at bottom left (019507, 041993, 117453).

Type III: Ground level buildings for the left tower and to left of the right tower (026241, 026370, 044106 seen).

Type IV: Extensive ground level buildings for both towers (037550, 037915 seen).

Type V: Intermediate between II and III (044472 seen).

Type VI: Even more extensive ground level buildings for both towers (009234 seen).

This small sample suggests that each plate position was slightly different and that there were at least six miniature sheets on the holographic printing plate (probably eight or twelve). However, it is most likely that this wide variation was primarily the result of positional inconsistency in the operation used to position the holographic foil for printing onto the sheets. For this reason, they are not incorporated in the check list below.

The sheets were normally numbered at bottom left with printed serif numbers, the highest seen so far being 222138. Numbers on sheets used to make up the 1999 Year Album were handstamped, instead of being printed, and touched-up with ball-point pen! Sheet 309983 (Type II) has been seen and 316334 has been reported.



The phosphor-coated paper gave a white fluorescent reaction and a faint yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had no watermark. The comb perforations measured 14.5 x 14.1.

A limited-edition imperforate miniature sheet was offered for sale (but not supplied through Standing Order) at RM38, compared with RM5 for the perforated variety. It was sold in a purple card protective cover. They were numbered with five instead of six digits (51612 was highest seen).

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured details of the building.

The first day cover featured other details on a night time background.

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

Private maximum card:

The Philatelic Society of Malaysia privately produced a maximum card for this issue (designated "PSM 7/99"). It was designed by Dot Worldwide Sdn. Bhd. It showed the twin towers floodlit at night and was available singly serviced with the 30s. stamp and Kuala Lumpur Bureau postmark or in a set of three (one with each value).

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.15.1	768	691	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.15.2	769	692	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.15.3	770	693	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.15.4	MS771	MC-238M	Miniature sheet - Perf. Printed number.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.15.4a	-	-	- - Handstamped number.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.15.5	footnote	MC-238MI	- Imperf.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.15.6	-	MFDC-238	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.15.7	-	-	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.15.8	-	MPP-238	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 September 1999.

125th Anniversary of Taiping.



Taiping, Perak was originally founded as Klian Pauh in 1840 by Long Jaafar, following his discovery of tin ore in the area. Chinese labour was imported from Penang. In 1850, Long Jaafar was appointed District Chief by the Sultan of Perak to develop Larut, the district incorporating Klian Pauh. He died in 1857 and was succeeded by a son. The mining industry was developed at Permatang by two groups of miners, the Hai San Society and Ghee Hin Society. They fell out over water supplies, etc., and fought frequently between 1861 and 1874, when the British intervened. The Chinese-origin name "Tai Peng" (Everlasting Peace) was given to the town by Captain Speedy to mark the Pangkor Treaty of 1874, which ended the hostilities between the two societies. Taiping was capital of Perak from 1873 to 1937, when Ipoh took over that role.

Designed by Peter Chuah P. K., this issue comprised four counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 45mm x 35mm stamps show:

20s.: A 1928 baroque-style shop house incorporating the Peace Hotel with a lady being conveyed in a Jinrikisha;

30s.: Larut-Matang District Office of 1898 and a 1920s car;

50s.: Taiping Railway Station (opened 12 February 1885) with a frontal view of a locomotive, probably intended to be FMSR No.1;

RM1: Taiping Airfield terminal and control tower of 1930 (the airport opened in 1929 at Thomson Road, Tekah and is also known as Tekah Airport; it is still in use) and two aircraft; a 1937 De Havilland DH89A Dragon Rapide of Wearnes Air Service Ltd (VR-SAV or VR-SAW) and, somewhat incongruously, a very early airliner based on a civilianised World War 1 heavy bomber (possibly a Handley Page O.400 of the early 1920s; never used in Malaya so far as I can establish).

The stamps were printed in sheets of 50 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. The counter sheet margins contained small vignettes in the side margins and the issue title at the foot (including "1874-1999"). Noted, from an unknown position in the right margins, were:

20s.: House front;

30s.: Red pillar box with crown but no royal cypher;

50s.: Statue of Colonel Robert Sandilands Frowd Walker, the first British Resident of Selangor and Perak (to be found at the Perak Museum);

RM1: Taiping Clock Tower Building (built 1890, it served from 1908 to 1950 as the police and fire station and is now the Visitor Information Centre).

Other sheet markings were not recorded. The phosphor-coated paper gave a yellow-green fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had no watermark. The comb perforations measured 12.2. The right margin was perforated through; other margins were not recorded.

Variety:

The following variety was reported:

Value	No.	Position	Variety
50s.	v1	?	Downward perforation shift showing part of the next stamp at the base. ²⁰

Miniature sheet:

The 120mm x 69mm miniature sheet showed Taiping Lake Gardens with a rainbow emerging from ripples on the lake's surface and contains a 45mm x 36mm RM2 stamp sharing the design style of the sheet stamps and showing the Perak Museum (Built on the initiative of Sir Hugh Low, opened in 1886 and the first museum in Malaya) and a horse-drawn gharry.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a tunnel of overhanging trees.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured an elevation of the Peace Hotel building.

The special first day postmark included a flower.

Guests invited to the official launch received a souvenir invitation card to which all five stamps were attached, the RM2 being detached from its miniature sheet. ²¹

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.16.1	772	694	20s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.16.2	773	695	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.16.3	774	696	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.16.4	775	697	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.16.5	MS776	MC-239M	RM2 Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.16.6	-	MFDC-239	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.16.7	-	MFDC-239M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.16.8	-	MPP-239	Presentation pack (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 September 1999.

50th Anniversary of Tenaga Nasional Berhad.

Entitled "Powering the Nation's Progress", this issue marks the Golden Jubilee on 1 September 1999 of Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), Malaysia's largest electricity utility. For the history of electricity in Malaysia, see issue 94.12. This issue was reported by the Crown Agents as due for issue on 8 October 1999.

Designed by Eka IPR Agensi Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised three counter sheets and two miniature sheets.

Counter sheets:

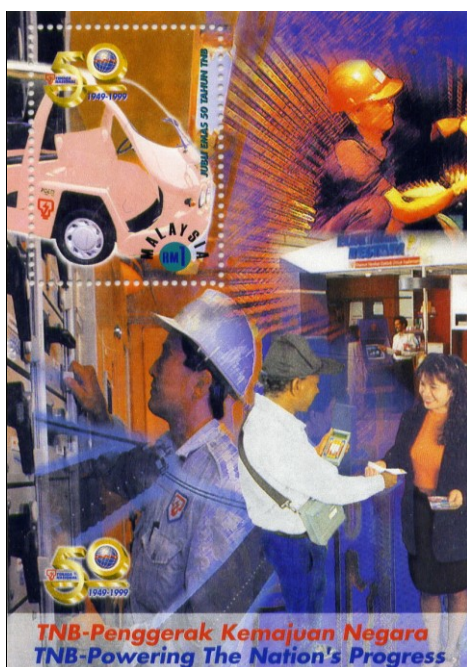
The three 38mm x 28mm stamps showed:

30s.: A power station, transmission lines and chemical plant;

50s.: Transmission pylon and control room;

RM1: Kuala Lumpur by night.

They were printed in sheets of 100 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. The blue background of the RM1 stamp exhibits a wide variety of shades. Sheet markings were not recorded. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had no watermark. The comb perforations of the sheet stamps measured 14.3. The top margin (30s., RM1) and bottom margin (50s.) were perforated through; other margins were not recorded.



Miniature sheets:

There were also two 69mm x 98mm RM1 miniature sheets containing single 29mm x 38mm stamps.

Type A: TNB workers in three guises and (as the stamp) a golf-cart-type electric car;

Type B: A thermal power station and pylons (one pylon head formed the stamp).

Both miniature sheets exist perforated on top, bottom and left 14.3 closed at right by a single line of 13.8 (normal for Type A, less common for Type B), or perforated on top and bottom 13.6 and left 13.8 closed at right by a single line of 13.8 (normal for Type B, uncommon for Type A).

Variety:

The following variety was reported:

Sheet	No.	Variety
A	v1	Single line displaced 2mm left and 4mm down, cutting through the text of the stamp.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured old and new generating equipment and Perak Electricity Supply Department (ESD) van P1342.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the TNB office block and anniversary emblem.

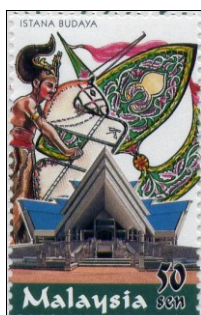
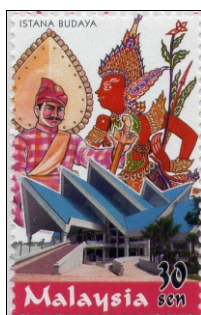
The special first day postmark included the anniversary emblem.

A portfolio containing a set of stamps and two miniature sheets was sold at RM12.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.17.1	777	698	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.17.2	778	699	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.17.3	779	700	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.17.4	MS780	MC-240M ²²	Miniature sheet A. P.14.3 x 14.3/13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.17.4a	MS780a	-	- P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.17.5	MS780c	-	Miniature sheet B. P.14.3 x 14.3/13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.17.5a	MS780b	-	- P.13.6 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.17.6	-	MFDC-240	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.17.7	-	MFDC-240M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.17.8	-	-	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.17.8a	-	-	- (5a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.17.9	-	MPP-240	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.17.10	-	-	Portfolio.	<input type="checkbox"/>	-

15 September 1999.

National Theatre.



The RM210 million Panggung Negara or National Theatre was located in the Istana Budaya (Palace of Culture), a purpose-built complex on the banks of Lake Titiwangsa in Kuala Lumpur. It resembled three Sydney Opera Houses back-to-back. First mooted in 1971, construction commenced in July 1995. It seated up to 1469 persons and had one of the most sophisticated and flexible stages in Asia.

This was another much-delayed issue. It was first announced in November 1996 for issue in May 1997, but dropped by January 1997. It reappeared in October 1997 for possible issue in May 1998, only to be postponed again by January 1998 to August 1998, then almost immediately pulled ahead to July. By April 1998, however, it had been lost altogether (again). In 1999, it was first reported due for issue in May 1999, then by Crown Agents as due for issue on 31 August 1999 (which date appeared on the FDC enclosure) and by the Bureau as 15 September 1999. The Bureau was, at last, right!

Designed by Peter Chuah P. K., this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 28mm x 45mm stamps showed views of the building together with traditional arts:

30s.: Wayang Kulit (shadow puppet theatre) and Bangsawan (theatrical style);

50s.: Kuda Kepang (dance of Johore/Java origin) and Wau Bulan (moonkite);

RM1: Two-stringed Rebab (stringed musical instrument) and Rebana Ubi (cone-shaped drum), both from Kelantan. They were printed in sheets of 50 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish 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 12.2.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a view of the theatre from the lake with the city in the background.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured stylised musicians and traditional arts.

The special first day postmark included the emblem of the theatre (three betel leaves representing language, movement and rhythm encompassed a larger, fourth leaf representing the theatre).

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.18.1	781	701	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.18.2	782	702	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.18.3	783	703	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.18.4	-	MFDC-241	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.18.5	-	MPP-241	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

23 September 1999.

Installation of 11th King.



Sultan Salahuddin of Selangor was installed as eleventh Yang di-Pertuan Agong on 23 September 1999.

Designed by Peter Chuah P. K., this issue comprised three counter sheets and an experimental non-value indicator sheetlet.

Counter sheets:

The three similar 38mm x 28mm stamps showed at left a three-quarter face portrait of the Sultan in military head dress.

The Malaysian coat of arms appeared at top right of each stamp. At the right, each design was different, showing:

30s.: The Malaysian flag;

50s.: The Istana Negara, Bukit Petaling, Kuala Lumpur (built 1928 as a private residence);

RM1: The Parliament Building, Kuala Lumpur.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The bottom margin included the issue title in Bahasa and English. The phosphor-coated paper gave a bluish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper normally had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down, but the 30s. exists sideways reading up. The comb perforations measured 13.8 x 13.6 (30s.) or 14.3 (all, the 30s. being uncommon). The left, right and bottom margins were perforated through; the top margin was not recorded.

Non-Value Indicator (NVI) Stamps:

During the 1980s and 1990s, countries increasing turned to stamps without printed value for local mail. Universal Postal Union rules initially prevented the use of such stamps for international mail (although this rule was subsequently relaxed), but they have the advantage for local mail that they were independent of postal rate changes, being valid for a certain postal purpose whatever the rate of the day.



Malaysia tried out Non-Value Indicator (NVI) stamps with this issue. A 279mm x 198mm souvenir sheetlet was sold at RM6.30, containing twenty-one 27mm x 32mm NVI stamps. Valid for local mail up to 20g and with a notional value of

30s., the stamp showed the head-and-shoulders portrait in a frame as used at the left of the normal stamps. The frame colour alternated between purple, yellow and cyan throughout the 7x3 block of stamps at the top left of the sheet. The top right of the sheet showed and describes the two royal keris (Keris Pendek Diraja and Kris Panjang Diraja), while the bottom section of the sheet showed twenty-six different Federal orders, decorations and medals. The stamps were comb perforated 14.1 x 13.8 from right to left, the left-hand margin of the sheet being perforated through. The sheet was printed on the same paper as the normal stamps but with watermark Multiple SPM upright. Inverted watermark examples exist.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the palace.

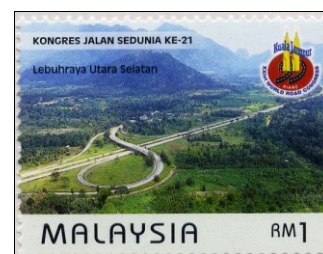
The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the coat of arms of Malaysia.

The special first day postmark included the crown of Malaysia.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.19.1	784	704	30s. P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.1a	784aw	-	- - Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.1b	784b	-	- P.14.3. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.2	785	705	50s. P.14.3. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.3	786	706	RM1. P.14.3. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.4	787	708	NVI purple. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.4a	787aw	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.5	788	709	NVI yellow. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.5a	788aw	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.6	789	707	NVI cyan. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.6a	789aw	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.7	787b	MC-242NV	Se-tenant strip of three (4-6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.7a	787bw	-	- (4a-6a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.8	-	MC-242SH	NVI sheetlet (seven 4-6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.8a	-	-	- (seven 4a-6a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.9	-	MFDC-242	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.10	-	-	- (7).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.19.11	-	MPP242	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 October 1999.

21st World Road Congress.



The 21st World Road Congress was held in Kuala Lumpur from 3 to 9 October 1999. This was organised by the World Road Association, founded in 1909 as the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses (PIARC) after the first International Road Congress in Paris in 1908. It took its present name in 1995, but retained the PIARC initials. By 2009, it had members in over 140 countries, including 117 governments. Malaysia joined PIARC in 1988.

Designed by Eka IPR Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 45mm x 35mm designs showed:

30s.: Part of the Kuala Lumpur-East Coast road (East-West Highway) outside Kuala Lumpur;

50s.: The Damansara-Puchong Bridge. This cable-stayed bridge takes the Damansara-Puchong Expressway E11 (opened in 1999) across Federal Highway Route 2 (Kuala Lumpur - Karak) at Petaling Jaya, Kuala Lumpur;

RM1: The Senawang Grade-Separated Interchange on the North-South Expressway in Negri Sembilan.

They were printed in sheets of 50 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had no discernible watermark. The comb perforations measured 12.2. The top and right margins were perforated through; the others were not recorded.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a mountain section of the Kuala Lumpur-East Coast Highway, including the part that appeared on the 30s. stamp.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured a grade-separated junction on Kuala Lumpur Middle Ring Road 2.

The special first day postmark included the bridge shown on the 50s. stamp.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.20.1	790	710	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.20.2	791	711	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.20.3	792	712	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.20.4	-	MFDC-243	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.20.5	-	MPP-243	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 October 1999.

Envelopes - World Post Day.

(Illustration not available at the time of going to press)

World Post Day was marked by a series of ten postal stationery envelopes, all of them including the UPU emblem.

The landscape-format envelopes, by an uncredited designer, incorporated landscape format RM1 postage paid indicia which showed:

Cover	Cover	PPI
1/10	UPU emblem (UPU Monument, Berne).	UPU emblem.
2/10	Kuala Lumpur skyline.	UPU emblem and Malaysian Flag on globe.
3/10	Earth in space with a comet.	Pos Malaysia bird satellites orbiting over Malaysia.
4/10	Arrows.	Pos Malaysia emblem in globe.
5/10	Computer mouse.	Concentric circles.
6/10	Fokker tri-motor aircraft.	National Courier jet airliner in close-up.
7/10	Gurun Post and Telegraphs Office.	Dayabumi Complex Postal HQ.
8/10	Stadium interior.	Stadium interior.
9/10	World map and Measats.	Measat in orbit.
10/10	Child and adult hands touching.	Pos Malaysia birds with mail sacks.

They were printed by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. Other details were not recorded.

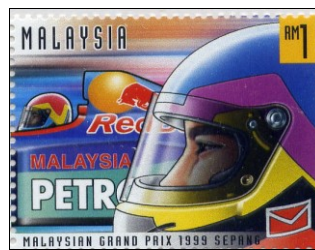
First day facilities:

The special postmark featured the UPU envelope.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.21.1	-	PE14	1/10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.1a	-	-	- Used on first day.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.2	-	PE15	2/10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.2a	-	-	- Used on first day.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.3	-	PE16	3/10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.3a	-	-	- Used on first day.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.4	-	PE17	4/10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.4a	-	-	- Used on first day.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.5	-	PE18	5/10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.5a	-	-	- Used on first day.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.6	-	PE19	6/10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.6a	-	-	- Used on first day.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.7	-	PE20	7/10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.7a	-	-	- Used on first day.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.8	-	PE21	8/10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.8a	-	-	- Used on first day.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.9	-	PE22	9/10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.9a	-	-	- Used on first day.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.10	-	PE23	10/10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.21.10a	-	-	- Used on first day.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

17 October 1999.

Formula 1 World Championship Malaysian Grand Prix.



Having built a new, world-class, 5.6km motor racing circuit at Sepang, Selangor at a cost of RM286 million, Malaysia was awarded a place in the Formula One Grand Prix World Championship programme organised by the Federation Internationale d'Automobiles (FIA). This was the first major international motor race held in Malaysia for many years. The circuit opened on 9 March 1999 and hosted its first F1 race on 17 October 1999. The national oil company, PETRONAS, had been a major sponsor in Formula One for many years.

Designed by Peter Chuah P. K., this issue comprised four counter sheets and three sheetlets.

Counter sheets:

The 45mm x 35mm stamps did not officially show real drivers and their car and helmet designs, but some were only thinly disguised. The stamps featured:

20s.(A): A driver's helmet, grandstand roof and signal gantry;

30s.(A): Driver's helmet, grandstand and Canopy Tower;

50s.(A): Driver's helmet and Michael Schumacher in a Ferrari car;

RM1 (A): Jacques Villeneuve and Sauber car.

They were printed in sheets of 50 by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included SPM emblems (x4) to left and right of top and bottom rows, plate numbers 1A (x4) above and below the left and right columns, issue title in bottom margin. Plan views of racing cars in various liveries appeared in at least two positions in the right margin. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper normally had no watermark, but the 20s. was also printed with watermark Multiple SPM upright. The comb perforations measured 12.2. Left-hand, bottom and right-hand margins were perforated through; the top margin was not recorded.

Perforated Sheetlet:

Sold at RM8, the 270mm x 210mm sheetlet comprised 36 45mm x 35mm stamp size segments, of which the middle 16 were valid for postage.

The top row of six labels showed a fish-eye lens panoramic view of the main straight and grid. The bottom row of six labels showed a driver's eye view down the straight from the centre of the grid. Label A was inscribed

"MALAYSIAN GRAND PRIX 1999 SEPANG", B reads "SEPANG F1

CIRCUIT MALAYSIA" and C "LITAR SEPANG F1 MALAYSIA" (the Bahasa translation of label B).



Label A	20s.	30s.	50s.	RM1	Label C
Map	50s.	RM1	20s.	30s.	Label A
Label A	30s.	20s.	RM1	50s.	Map
Label B	RM1	50s.	30s.	20s.	Label A



The stamps showed:

20s.(B): Canopy Tower (sited at the hairpin between the two grandstand straights, this has a unique Hibiscus-shaped roof).

30s.(B): Control tower and starting signal gantry.

50s.(B): Pit crew servicing car.

RM1 (B): Two cars in the "country" section of the circuit.

The unwatermarked, phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. It was also printed on similar paper but with watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down (said to be relatively scarce). The comb perforations measured 12.5 x 12.6.

Imperforate sheetlets: Two different RM18 imperforate sheetlets were issued. Both designs were without watermark. It was also reported that only 3000 of each was produced.

Sheet A incorporated the perforated sheetlet design with expanded top and right margins showing helmets of participating drivers and emblems of participating teams respectively. Sheet markings were SPM emblems (x4) to left of sheetlet, colour test strip at foot and issue title at right bottom.

Sheet B incorporated a revised sheetlet design (described below) with expanded top and right margins showing cars of participating teams and emblems of participating teams respectively. Sheet markings were as for sheet A. The sheetlet had the heading row of issued sheetlet, the four counter sheet stamp designs and the second row of stamps from Sheet A. The rest was an inverted repeat but with different side label colours matching those used for the same positions in Sheet A

Varieties:

The following varieties have been reported:

Item	No.	Variety
Sheetlet	v1	All perforations displaced upwards to pass above "Malaysia" (over bottom edge of "SEPANG" on labels at left), ²³
	v2	All perforations displaced half a stamp to the right. ²⁴

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a photo-montage of close-up scenes from F1 racing.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured a Sauber car.

The special first day postmark included a circuit map...Covers posted at the circuit received a special cachet showing a plan view of a Formula 1 car and the Pulau Pinang bureau special postmark.

A souvenir portfolio, entitled "Fact File", contained the sheetlet and twelve covers showing:

#1/12: Mika Hakkinen passing the chequered flag in a McLaren Mercedes car.

#2/12: Mika Hakkinen, David Coulthard, their helmets and McLaren Mercedes MP4/14 cars.

#3/12: Michael Schumacher, Eddie Irvine, their helmets and Ferrari F399 cars.

#4/12: Alessandro Zanardi, Ralf Schumacher, their helmets and Williams Supertec FW21 cars.

#5/12: Damon Hill, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, their helmets and Jordan Mugen-Honda 199 cars.

#6/12: Giancarlo Fisichella, Alexander Wurz, their helmets and Benetton Playlife B199 cars.

#7/12: Jean Alesi, Pedro Diniz, their helmets and Sauber Petronas C18 cars.

#8/12: Pedro De La Rosa, Toranosuke Takagi, their helmets and Arrows A20 cars.

#9/12: Rubens Barrichello, Johnny Herbert, their helmets and Stewart Ford SF-3 cars.

#10/12: Olivier Panis, Jarno Trulli, their helmets and Prost Peugeot AP 02 cars.

#11/12: Luca Badoer, Marc Gené, their helmets and Minardi Ford MO1 cars.

#12/12: Jacques Villeneuve, Ricardo Zonta, their helmets and British American Racing Supertec BAR 01 cars.

It also contained a paperback album to hold them and was issued at RM18. One portfolio seen had all the covers serviced at Penang bureau with a mixture of counter sheet and miniature sheet stamps and labels, including some covers serviced only with labels!

A special album (not seen) was also issued at RM25.

Private maximum card;

The Philatelic Society of Malaysia issued its card 8/99, designed by Peter Chuah P. K., showing Sauber and Jordan cars passing the Canopy Tower. They were available singly serviced with the 20s. or as a set of four, one for each value.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.22.1	793	713	20s.(A). No Wmk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.1a	793a	-	- Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.1b	-	-	- No Wmk. Imperf (from 27).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.2	797	717	20s.(B). (from sheetlet). No Wmk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.2a	797b	-	- Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.2b	-	-	- No Wmk. Imperf (from 26-27).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.3	794	714	30s.(A). No Wmk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.3a	-	-	- - Imperf (from 27).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.4	798	718	30s.(B). (from sheetlet). No Wmk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.4a	798b	-	- Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.4b	-	-	- No Wmk. Imperf (from 26-27).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.5	795	715	50s.(A). No Wmk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.5a	-	-	- - Imperf (from 27).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.6	799	719	50s.(B). (from sheetlet). No Wmk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.6a	799b	-	- Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.6b	-	-	- No Wmk. Imperf (from 26-27).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.7	796	716	RM1 (A). No Wmk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.7a	-	-	- - Imperf (from 27).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.8	800	720	RM1 (B). (from sheetlet). No Wmk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.8a	800b	-	- Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.8b	-	-	- No Wmk. Imperf (from 26-27).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.9	797a	MC-244S	Strip of 4. (from sheetlet) (2, 4, 6, 8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.9a	797ba	-	- (2a, 4a, 6a, 8a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.9b	-	-	- (2b, 4b, 6b, 8b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.9c	-	-	- (1b, 3a, 5a, 7a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.10	-	MC-244SH	RM8 sheetlet (four 9).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.22.10a	-	-	- (four 9a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.11	-	MFDC-244	First day cover (1, 3, 5, 7).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.11a	-	MFDC-244S	- (2, 4, 6, 8).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.11b	-	-	- (1-8).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.12	-	MPP-244	Presentation pack (1, 3, 5, 7).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.13	-	-	Portfolio (10, 14-25).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.14	-	-	Cover #1/12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.15	-	-	Cover #2/12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.16	-	-	Cover #3/12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.17	-	-	Cover #4/12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.18	-	-	Cover #5/12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.19	-	-	Cover #6/12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.20	-	-	Cover #7/12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.21	-	-	Cover #8/12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.22	-	-	Cover #9/12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.23	-	-	Cover #10/12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.24	-	-	Cover #11/12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.25	-	-	Cover #12/12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.26	-	-	RM8 imperf. sheetlet (A) (four 9b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.22.27	-	-	- (B) (two 9b, two 9c).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

23 October 1999.

Pahang - Silver Jubilee of Sultan Ahmad Shah.



Sultan Ahmad Shah celebrated twenty-five years on the throne in 1999.

Designed by Eka IPR Agensi Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised a single counter sheet containing se-tenant strips.

Counter sheets:

There were five 38mm x 28mm 30s. designs in a horizontal se-tenant strip. In addition to an inset portrait of the Sultan and the Pahang coat of arms, they showed respectively:

- 30s.(A): Fruit and flowers, including strawberries (*Fragaria x ananassa*) and Bird of Paradise flower (*Strelitzia reginae*);
- 30s.(B): Raja Brooke's Birdwing butterfly (*Trogonoptera brookiana albescens*) and East-West Highway;
- 30s.(C): Diver on coral reef and a beach;
- 30s.(D): Car factory and chemical plant;
- 30s.(E): Sultan Ahmad Shah State Mosque, Kuantan (built 1991-1993 to replace the Sultan Ahmad I State Mosque of 1964-1992).

They were printed in sheets of 50 (5 x 10) by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The phosphor-coated paper gave a blue-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper normally had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down but also exists sideways reading up. The comb perforations normally measured 14.3 but the strip also exists 13.8 x 13.6.

First day facilities:

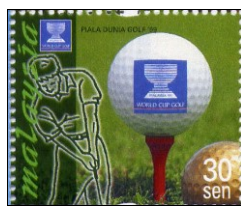
The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the Sultan's portrait and old and new architecture.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured the Sultan's portrait as used on the stamps.

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

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.23.1	801	-	30s.(A). P.14.3. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.23.1a	801aw	-	- P.14.3. Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.1b	801b	131	- P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.2	802	-	30s.(B). P.14.3. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.2a	802aw	-	- P.14.3. Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.2b	802b	132	- P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.3	803	-	30s.(C). P.14.3. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.3a	803aw	-	- P.14.3. Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.3b	803b	133	- P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.4	804	-	30s.(D). P.14.3. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.4a	804aw	-	- P.14.3. Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.4b	804b	134	- P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.5	805	-	30s.(E). P.14.3. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.5a	805aw	-	- P.14.3. Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.5a	805b	135	- P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.6	801a	-	Strip of five (1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.6a	801awa	-	- (1a-5a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.6a	801ba	PA-18	- (1b-5b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.7	-	MFDC-PA18	First day cover (1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.23.8	-	MPP-PA18	Presentation pack (1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18 November 1999.**Malaysia '99 World Cup Golf.**

The Malaysian round of the World Cup Golf Tournament took place at Mines Resort City, Kuala Lumpur (built on the site of the Hong Fatt Mine, the world's largest open cast tin mine, worked 1909-1982) from 18 to 21 November 1999.

Designed by Peter Chuah .P K., this issue comprised four counter sheets, a sheetlet and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 34mm x 29mm stamps showed:

20s.: World Cup;

30s.: Golf ball on tee;

50s.: Greens;

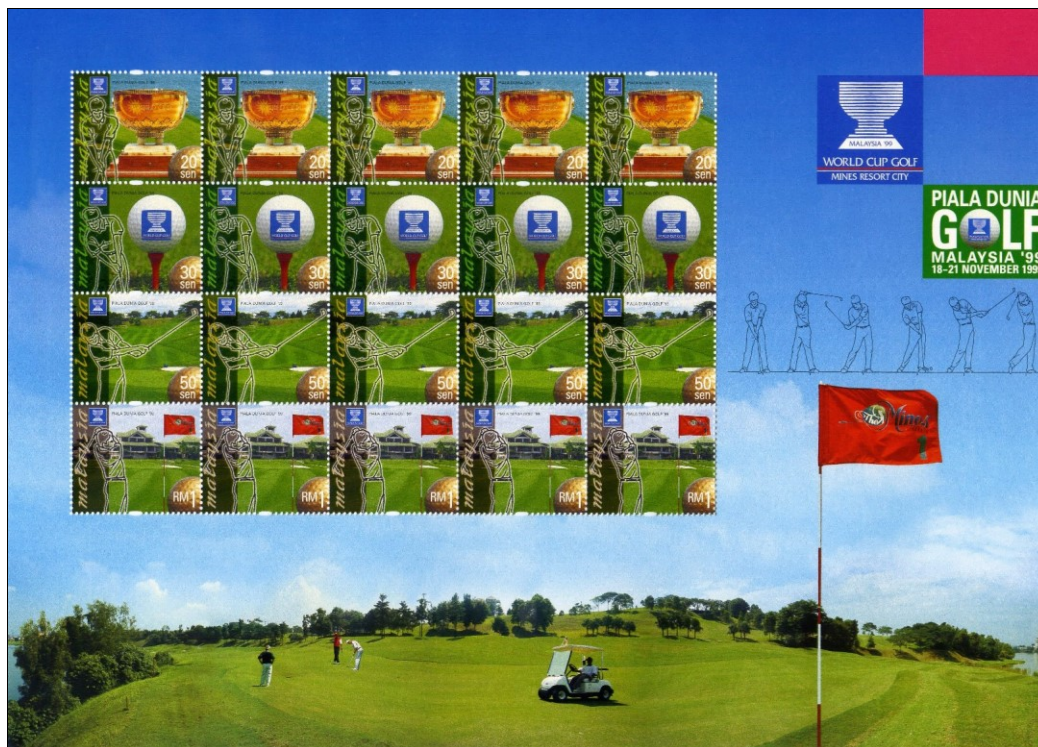
RM1 (A): Club house.

Each design also included a golf ball behind the value, the event emblem and a line drawing of a golfer in a different pose in the process of hitting a ball.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included 1A (x4) above and below the left and right columns and SPM emblems (x4) to left and right of top and bottom rows.²⁵ 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 (the 30s. and 50s. also exist sideways reading up). The comb perforations measured 14.2 x 13.8. There was a triple size elliptical hole in the centre of each horizontal side, the first time this security feature was used by Malaysia.

Sheetlets:

The RM10 sheetlet contained a block of 20 stamps (5 x 4), formed by rows of each value as above: 20s.(top), 30s., 50s., RM1 (bottom). The background illustration was the No.1 green with golfers and an electric golf car. There was also a series of diagrams showing how to hit a golf ball. The perforations were as for the sheet stamps except that the right-hand edge of the block was normally closed by a single line perforated 14.1, but sheets exist closed by perforation 13.2 or 13.8 instead. The paper was as for the counter sheet except that it normally had watermark Multiple SPM upright (inverted watermarks exist).



Varieties:

Minor perforation displacements exist on the sheetlet.

Miniature sheets:

The 140mm x 73mm RM2 miniature sheet contained a se-tenant pair of 34mm x 29mm RM1 stamps showing:

RM1 (B): "Go for the Green" promotional emblem;

RM1 (C): World Cup Golf event emblem.

The sheet background showed the layout of each of the 18 holes of the course. The sheet had upright watermark and perforation 14.2 (plus elliptical) x 13.8. This miniature sheet was only available as part of the portfolio (q.v.).



Proof:

An imperforate proof of the miniature sheet dated 12 October 1999 with reference number "PKN37376" exists in the public domain.²⁶

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the First Tee flag and the line drawing of a golf stroke used on the miniature sheet. The 220mm x 109mm first day cover, sold at 20s., featured a golf ball with the event emblem on a tee.

The special first day postmark included the event emblem.

A portfolio was sold at RM25 in the form of a 295mm x 234mm pocket folder and contained a guidebook which doubled up as a 2000 calendar, a 209mm x 140mm commemorative cover (showing the tee, as shown on the first day cover, after the golf ball had left) with a standard set of stamps first day cancelled at the Kuala Lumpur Bureau, and the miniature sheet that was only issued in this form.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.24.1	806	721	20s. Wmk. SD. P.14.2 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.1a	810	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.2 x 13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.1b	810bw	-	- Wmk. I. P.14.2 x 13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.24.1c	footnote	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.2 x 13.8/14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.1d	footnote	-	- Wmk. I. P.14.2 x 13.8/14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.1e	810c	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.2 x 13.8/13.2 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.2	807	722	30s. Wmk. SD. P.14.2 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.2a	807w	-	- Wmk. SU. P.14.2 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.2b	811	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.2 x 13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.2c	811bw	-	- Wmk. I. P.14.2 x 13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.2d	footnote	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.2 x 13.8/14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.2e	footnote	-	- Wmk. I. P.14.2 x 13.8/14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.2f	811c	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.2 x 13.8/13.2 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.3	808	723	50s. Wmk. SD. P.14.2 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.3a	808w	-	- Wmk. SU. P.14.2 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.3b	812	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.2 x 13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.3c	812bw	-	- Wmk. I. P.14.2 x 13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.3d	footnote	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.2 x 13.8/14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.3e	footnote	-	- Wmk. I. P.14.2 x 13.8/14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.3f	812c	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.2 x 13.8/13.2 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.4	809	724	RM1 (A). Wmk. SD. P.14.2 x 13.8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.4a	813	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.2 x 13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.4b	813bw	-	- Wmk. I. P.14.2 x 13.8 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.4c	footnote	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.2 x 13.8/14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.4d	footnote	-	- Wmk. I. P.14.2 x 13.8/14.1 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.4e	813c	-	- Wmk. U. P.14.2 x 13.8/13.2 (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.5	footnote	-	RM1 (B). Wmk. U (from m/s).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.6	footnote	-	RM1 (C). Wmk. U (from m/s).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.7	810a	-	Se-tenant strip (from sheetlet) (1a, 2b, 3b, 4a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.7a	810bwa	-	- (1b, 2c, 3c, 4b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.7b	footnote	-	- (1c, 2d, 3d, 4c).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.7c	footnote	-	- (1d, 2e, 3e, 4d).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.7d	810ca	-	- (1e, 2f, 3f, 4e).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.8	footnote	MC-245M	RM2. M/S (from portfolio) (5-6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.9	-	MC-245H	RM10 sheetlet. (four 7 plus 7b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.9a	-	-	- (four 7a plus 7c).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.9b	-	-	- (four 7 plus 7d).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.9c	-	-	- (five 7).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.8	-	MFDC-245	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.9	-	-	Commemorative cover (from portfolio) (1-4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.10	-	MPP-245	Presentation pack (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.24.11	-	-	Portfolio (8-9).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

29 November 1999.

Stamp Week (IV) - Heliconias.



The 1999 Stamp Week ran from 29 November to 5 December. The souvenir was on the theme of “Heleconia and its botanical relatives”. Originating from South and Central America, the *Zingiberales* order of plants comprises eight families: *Musaceae* (Bananas), *Strelitziaceae* (Travellers’ Palm and Bird of Paradise flowers), *Lowiaceae* (an orchid-like plant), *Zingiberaceae* (gingers), *Costaceae* (Costus), *Cannaceae* (Cannas), *Marantaceae* (Prayer Plants) and *Heliconiaceae* (Heliconias).

Designed by Peter Chuah P. K., this issue comprised a se-tenant counter sheet and two sheetlets using a common se-tenant design.

Counter sheets:

The composite design covered ten (5 x 2) se-tenant, 28mm x 45mm 30s. stamps. The designs show:

- 30s.(A): White Bird of Paradise (*Strelitzia augusta*);
- 30s.(B): Lobster Claw (*Heliconia rostrata*);
- 30s.(C): Parrot’s Beak (*Heliconia psittacorum*);
- 30s.(D): Small Lobster’s Claw (*Heliconia stricta*);
- 30s.(E): Wild Banana (*Musa violascens*);
- 30s.(F): Bird of Paradise (*Strelitzia reginae*);
- 30s.(G): (unnamed cultivar) (*Heliconia colgantea*);
- 30s.(H): Parrot’s Beak (*Heliconia psittacorum*);
- 30s.(I): Golden Lobster’s Claw (*Heliconia latispatha*);
- 30s.(J): Torch Ginger (*Phaeomeria speciosa*).

Designs A to E (top row, left to right) had MALAYSIA and value at the top, while F to J (bottom row, left to right) had them at the bottom.

They were printed in sheets of 50 (10 x 5) by Security Printers (Malaysia) using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The sheet format has not been recorded, but, if this reflects the layout used for the Millennium issue, there would have been two blocks of 10 at top and bottom with a strip of 10 across the centre of the sheet. Sheet markings included 1A (x4) at top and bottom of columns 1 and 10 and SPM emblems (x4) at left and right of the top and bottom rows. The phosphor-coated paper gave a blue-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 12.2.



the same item. The watermark was sideways reading down.

Perforated sheetlet:

The RM6 sheetlet comprised two panes joined by a row of perforations, normally 12.0, but 10.6 also exists.

Each pane was an expanded version of the design with the block of ten stamps perforated 12.2, except for the bottom of the block, which was closed with a single line of 12.0.

The upper pane was inscribed in Bahasa and the lower pane in English, but the flower names were only given in Latin in both cases.

The same paper was used as for the counter sheets - normally sideways reading down, but sideways reading up exists.

Many sheetlets were separated by dealers and sold as two miniature sheets.

Imperforate sheetlet:

The sheetlet was also issued imperforate in the form of a specially-printed 379mm x 316mm “uncut sheet”, sold at RM10. At left was a reproduction of the sheetlet marked for guillotining. It differed from the normal sheetlet in that the stamp positions were outlined in black, whereas this did not appear on the production version. At the right were extensive botanical notes and diagrams relating to the plants shown. The left and bottom margins contained printing check markings. Those at the left included the usual SPM colour check emblems. Those at the bottom included PKN emblems, giving a rare example of the printer’s two identities on

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a bird and the Bird of Paradise flower.

The special first day postmark included *Heliconia psittacorum*.

A souvenir cover was also sold at 50s. at the event and special postmarks were made available for each day from 29 November to 5 December, showing different flowers on each handstamp.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.25.1	814	725	30s.(A). P.12.2. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.1a	814w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.2	815	726	30s.(B). P.12.2. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.2a	815w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.3	816	727	30s.(C). P.12.2. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.3a	816w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.4	817	728	30s.(D). P.12.2. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.4a	817w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.5	818	729	30s.(E). P.12.2. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.5a	818w	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.6	819	730	30s.(F). P.12.2. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.6a	-	-	- P.12.2/12.0 x 12.2. Wmk. SD. (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.6b	819w	-	- - Wmk. SU. (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.7	820	731	30s.(G). P.12.2. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.7a	-	-	- P.12.2/12.0 x 12.2. Wmk. SD. (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.7b	820w	-	- - Wmk. SU. (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.8	821	732	30s.(H). P.12.2. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.8a	-	-	- P.12.2/12.0 x 12.2. Wmk. SD. (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.8b	821w	-	- - Wmk. SU. (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.9	822	733	30s.(I). P.12.2. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.9a	-	-	- P.12.2/12.0 x 12.2. Wmk. SD. (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.9b	822w	-	- - Wmk. SU. (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.10	823	734	30s.(J). P.12.2. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.10a	-	-	- P.12.2/12.0 x 12.2. Wmk. SD. (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.10b	823w	-	- - Wmk. SU. (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.11	-	-	Se-tenant block (1-10).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.11a	-	-	- (1-5, 6a-10a) (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.11b	-	-	- (1a-5a, 6b-10b) (from sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.12	MS824	-	Upper pane (from sheetlet) (11a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.12a	MS824w	-	- (11b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.13	MS824	-	Lower pane (from sheetlet) (11a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.13a	MS824w	-	- (11b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.14	footnote	MC-245SH	RM6 Sheetlet (12 + 13. P.12.0 between).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.14a	footnote	-	- (12 + 13, P.10.6 between).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.14b	-	-	- (12a + 13a, P.10.6 between).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.15	-	-	RM10 Imperf sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.16	-	MFDC-246	First day cover.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.25.17	-	-	Souvenir cover.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18 December 1999.**125th Anniversary of the UPU.**

Malaysia's registration as a member of the Universal Postal Union dated from accession to the UPU Treaty by the Federation of Malaya on 17 January 1958, although the states had joined earlier. By 2009, the UPU membership had risen from the original 22 to 191. For further information on the UPU, see issue 49.1 in Chapter 9 in Volume 1.

The four 38mm x 28mm designs by The Sharper Image Sdn. Bhd. showed:

20s.: Envelopes and a desk-top computer;

30s.: Globe and stamps;

50s.: Pos Malaysia Boeing 747 and globe;

RM1: Pos Malaysia emblem in stamp form.

They were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Security Printers (Malaysia) using off-set lithography. Sheet markings were not recorded. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations normally measured 13.8 x 13.6 (20s., 30s.), 14.3 (50s., RM1), but the 30s. exists with both perforations. The left margin was perforated through for all values; other margins were not recorded.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a map of Malaysia composed of stamps.

The first day cover, sold at 20s., featured a globe with Malaysia being ejected into space!

The special first day postmark included the UPU 125 emblem.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.26.1	825	735	20s. P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.26.2	826	736	30s. P.13.8 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.26.2a	826a	-	- P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.26.3	827	737	50s. P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.26.4	828	738	RM1. P.14.3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.26.5	-	MFDC-247	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.26.6	-	MPP-247	Presentation pack (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31 December 1999.

Celebrate the Millennium (I).



The (one year early) Millennium celebrations were the justification for new issues on both 31 December 1999 and 1 January 2000.

Designed by Peter Chuah P. K., this issue comprised a counter sheet and a sheetlet, both with se-tenant stamps, and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

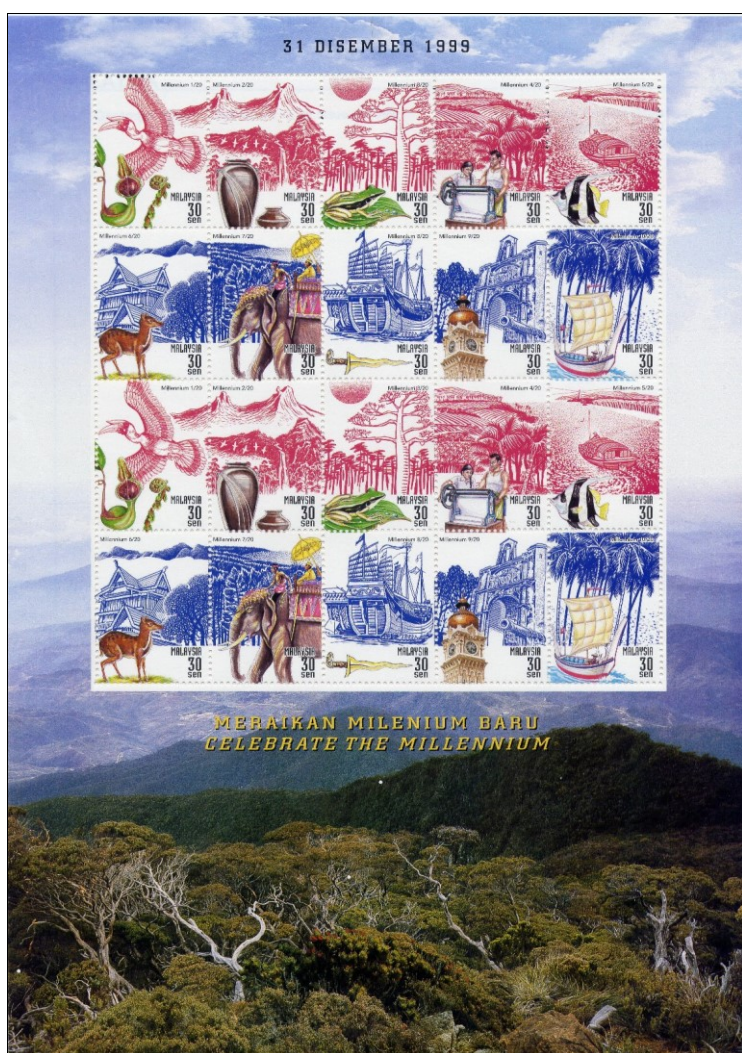
The counter sheets of 50 (10 x 5) (officially described as RM15 sheetlets in the hope of selling complete sheets) were printed by Security Printers (Malaysia) by standard four-colour off-set lithography and made up from four se-tenant blocks of ten 30mm x 40mm 30s. stamps (5 x 2), plus a strip of 10 spanning the sheet in row 3. Each stamp design was numbered for ease of identification. The upper row of five stamps were predominantly red and showed facets of "The Land". The lower row of five stamps were predominantly blue and showed facets of "The History":

Stamp	Theme	Subjects
1/20	Wildlife diversity and rich and complex ecosystem.	Rhinoceros Hornbill in flight, pitcher plant (<i>Nepenthes rajah</i>) and "living fossil" fern.
2/20	Mountain scenery and man's ingenuity in harnessing resources.	Mount Kinabalu and ceramic pots.
3/20	Forests and wetlands.	Tualang (<i>Koompassia excelsa</i> , a possible future National Tree) and frog.
4/20	Self-sufficiency.	Agricultural land, oil palms and rubber sheet rollers in use.
5/20	River and lake resources.	River, lighthouse, river craft and angel fish.
6/20	"Time long gone" - Hindu Influence.	Traditional Malay building in Bujang Valley and Mousedeer with

Stamp	Theme	Subjects
7/20	Hindu and Siamese influence.	Gunung Jerai in background. Straits of Malacca, forest and decorated elephant carrying a mahout and a nobleman.
8/20	Chinese influence.	Admiral Cheng Ho's junk and a keris.
9/20	Western colonisation and Independence.	The Porta De Santiago gateway and cannon (Malacca), and Sultan Abdul Samad Building clock tower (Kuala Lumpur).
10/20	Tourism - "Isle of Romance and Legends".	Coconut palm trees and sailing boat, Pulau Langkawi.

(Numbers 11/20-20/20 were allocated to the issue of 1 January 2000)

Sheet markings included 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 10, SPM emblems (x4) to left and right of rows 1 and 5 and the issue title in the top margin above columns 3-8. The Tullis Russell phosphor-coated paper with greenish gum gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations normally measured 12.8 x 12.6, but single used stamps exist P.12.2 all-round, which may come from a counter sheet or from a sheetlet. ²⁷ The comb was orientated with the teeth pointing down the sheet. Top, left and right margins were perforated through; the bottom margin was not recorded.



Perforated sheetlet:

Sold at RM6, the 196mm x 276mm sheetlet contained a pane of twenty stamps (5 x 4) superimposed on a view of hill forest from a mountain top. The same paper was used as for the counter sheets. The paper normally had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The perforations normally measured 12.8 x 12.6, except that the bottom of the pane was closed with a single line of 12.0. The perforation was applied in five strikes - top and both sides four times, followed by a single line at the bottom.

Imperforate sheetlet:

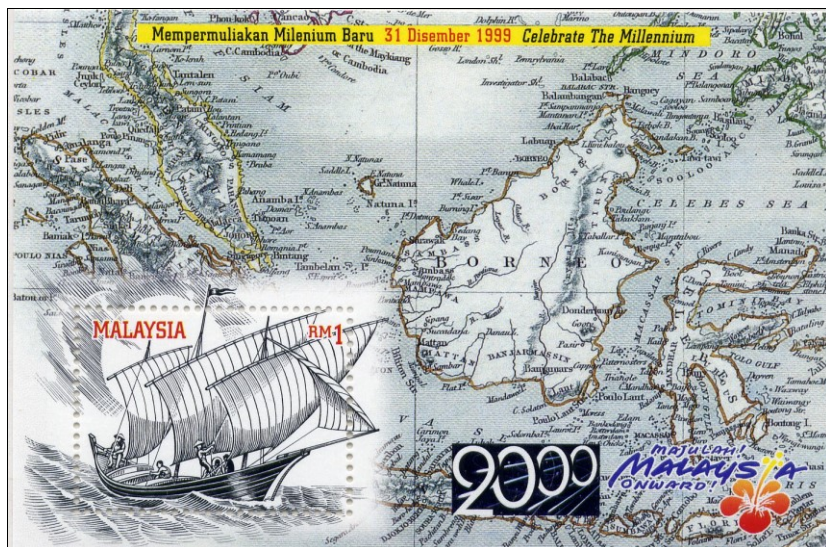
A specially-printed 375mm x 324mm imperforate "uncut press sheet" was also sold at RM10. The sheetlet was at the left of the sheet. At the right was a close-up of the National Monument, Kuala Lumpur, with explanatory text. The top, left and bottom margins had printing check marks. Those at the left included the SPM colour check emblems. The bottom markings included the PKN emblems and a reference "26.10.99 TM3: (PKN37394)37567-1", 26 October being, presumably, the printing date.

Miniature sheet:

There was also a 120mm x 80mm miniature sheet portraying a 19th Century map of Malaya and Borneo with a 40mm x 30mm RM1 stamp showing a three-masted sailing craft, possibly a Golekkan. A "Majulah! Malaysia Onward!"

emblem incorporating a hibiscus appeared on the miniature sheet and all covers, etc. The background colour varied

widely in shades from grey to green. The Harrison phosphor-coated paper with bluish gum normally used gave a blue-white fluorescent reaction and a weak yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. However, the sheet also exists on the Tullis Russell paper used for the counter sheets. The paper normally had watermark Multiple SPM upright but exists with watermark inverted. The perforations normally measured 12.5 x 12.8, but also exists 12.5 x 12.8/12.1. The perforation was applied in several strikes - top and both sides, followed by a rather ragged single line at the bottom in the case of 12.5 x 12.8; top, bottom and left side, followed by a single line at the right in the case of 12.5 x 12.8/12.1.



Variety:

The miniature sheet has been reported with all colours except black omitted.²⁸

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM5 and contains a se-tenant block of 10. The envelope of the presentation pack featured an engraving of a coastal scene with a paddle steamer and rowed craft.

There were no less than three first day covers; two (one red (#1), one blue (#2)) with a bold "Millennium 31.12.1999" inscription for use with the respective strips of five stamps sold at 20s. each, and a larger one (#3), sold at 30s., for use with the miniature sheet. The last showed an engraving (possibly done for the Illustrated London News) of an attack during the Perak Expedition of November 1875. A landing party in rowed cutters is supported by gun fire from a British steam-and-sail warship and rockets from a steam pinnace and a rowing boat. The warship was probably the 14-gun steam corvette H.M.S. "Modeste" (built Devonport 1873 and sold 1888); the other vessel used on the expedition was the similar, but smaller, 3-gun steam gun-vessel H.M.S. "Ringdove" (built at Portsmouth in 1867 and sold 1882).

The special first day postmark included a stylised version of the Malaysian flag.

A "Portfolio of 20 Celebration Covers (Limited Edition)" was also advertised for RM25. These were individual covers for each value of this and the 1 January 2000 issue reproducing the background image with an explanatory text on the back. Each cover received the first day postmark plus a "Majulah Malaysia Onward" emblem cachet.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.27.1	829	739	30s. 1/20. P.12.8 x 12.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.1a	829c	-	- P.12.2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.1b	-	-	- Imperf (from RM10 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.2	830	740	30s. 2/20. P.12.8 x 12.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.2a	830c	-	- P.12.2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.2b	-	-	- Imperf (from RM10 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.3	831	741	30s. 3/20. P.12.8 x 12.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.3a	831c	-	- P.12.2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.3b	-	-	- Imperf (from RM10 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.4	832	742	30s. 4/20. P.12.8 x 12.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.4a	832c	-	- P.12.2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.4b	-	-	- Imperf (from RM10 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.5	833	743	30s. 5/20. P.12.8 x 12.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.5a	833c	-	- P.12.2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.5b	-	-	- Imperf (from RM10 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.6	834	744	30s. 6/20. P.12.8 x 12.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.6a	834c	-	- P.12.2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.6b	834b	-	- P.12.8/12.0 x 12.6 (from RM6 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.6c	-	-	- Imperf (from RM10 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.7	835	745	30s. 7/20. P.12.8 x 12.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.7a	835c	-	- P.12.2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.7b	835b	-	- P.12.8/12.0 x 12.6 (from RM6 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.7c	-	-	- Imperf (from RM10 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.8	836	746	30s. 8/20. P.12.8 x 12.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.8a	836c	-	- P.12.2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
99.27.8b	836b	-	- P.12.8/12.0 x 12.6 (from RM6 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.8c	-	-	- Imperf (from RM10 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.9	837	747	30s. 9/20. P.12.8 x 12.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.9a	837c	-	- P.12.2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.9b	837b	-	- P.12.8/12.0 x 12.6 (from RM6 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.9c	-	-	- Imperf (from RM10 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.10	838	748	30s. 10/20. P.12.8 x 12.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.10a	838c	-	- P.12.2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.10b	838b	-	- P.12.8/12.0 x 12.6 (from RM6 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.10c	-	-	- Imperf (from RM10 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.11	829a	-	Block (1-10) counter sheet or RM6 sheetlet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.11a	829ab	-	- (1-5, 6b-10b) (from RM6 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.11b	829ab	-	- (1b-5b, 6c-10c) (from RM10 sheetlet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.12	829a	-	Strip (1-10) (from counter sheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.13	MS839	MC-248M	RM1 Miniature sheet. Wmk. U. P.12.5 x 12.8. H paper.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.13a	MS839w	-	- Wmk. I. P.12.5 x 12.8. H paper.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.13b	MS839a	-	- Wmk. U. P.12.5 x 12.8/12.1. H paper.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.13c	MS839wa	-	- Wmk. I. P.12.5 x 12.8/12.1. H paper.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.13d	-	-	- Wmk. U. P.12.5 x 12.8. TR paper.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.14	-	MC-248SH	RM6 Sheetlet (11+11a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.15	-	MC-248SHI	RM10 Imperf sheetlet (Two 11b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.16	-	MFDC-248	First day cover #1. Stamps (1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.17	-	-	- #2. Stamps (6-10).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.18	-	MFDC-248M	- #3. Miniature sheet (13).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.19	-	-	Presentation pack.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.27.20	-	-	Portfolio.	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
99.27.21	-	-	- Cover (serviced): 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 13 <input type="checkbox"/> 14 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 17 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 19 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/>	-	-

NOTES

- 1 S.G. also lists 723bw (p.12 watermark inverted), not seen by author.
- 2 S.G. also lists 724bw (p.12 watermark inverted), not seen by author.
- 3 S.G. also lists 725bw (p.12 watermark inverted), not seen by author.
- 4 S.G. also lists 726bw (p.12 watermark inverted), not seen by author.
- 5 First day covers exist dated 5 December 2014, but these are believed to have been cancelled by favour with an incorrect date.
- 6 For aerogramme formats, see Chapter 3 in Volume 1.
- 7 Applies to the pair of sheets.
- 8 I.S.C. catalogue stated 8 May 1999.
- 9 Horizontal strip from sheet shown showing same error on bottom of rows 2 and 3 – probably affects whole sheet (“Southern Philatelist” SPFB).
- 10 S.G. also listed RM1 P.12½ x 12 as 734a, used only.
- 11 Offered by Benham November 2010.
- 12 S.G. lists 744a P.14 (not seen by author).
- 13 I.S.C. number included both miniature sheets.
- 14 Inscribed “*Sphaerichthys osphronemoides*” in error.
- 15 Official sources - sheet not seen. S.G. states in sheets of 40.
- 16 There were thus potentially three FDCs, three presentation packs and three annual albums to collect!
- 17 Stamps with a single line of perforation 14.9 (13.8/14.9 x 14.1) were offered in the October 2009 Malaya Study Group auction but, on checking, proved to be 14.5.
- 18 S.G. lists 753c-762c P.13 ½ x 14 (not seen by author and probably in error).
- 19 S.G. listed the booklet pane without cover as 763a.
- 20 Offered for sale by S.G. in May 2000.
- 21 Illustrated in PSM 31/1/15.
- 22 Included both sheets.
- 23 “Southern Philatelist”, SPFB.
- 24 “Southern Philatelist”, SPFB.
- 25 Bottom left confirmed; rest to be confirmed.
- 26 Offered in Spink auction July 2008.
- 27 3/20 in author’s collection, 1/20, 5/20 and 9/20 reported by Mr. M. Kingsland.

²⁸ Reported by Mr. P. Treadwell.