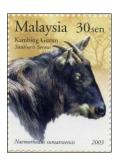
CHAPTER FORTY-FIVE

SPECIAL ISSUES 2003.

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

25 January 2003.

Chinese New Year of the Goat - Southern Serow.





The Southern Serow (Kambing Gurun, *Naemorhedus sumatraensis*) is an endangered wild mountain forest goat, protected under the Protection of Wildlife Act. They are hunted for alleged healing properties.

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised two counter sheets, one having se-tenant stamps.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm designs showed:

30s.: A Serow head; 50s.(A): Serow sitting; 50s.(B): Serow standing.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (in a simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. It was a multi-pane printing. The margins were decorated with forest backgrounds. Sheet markings included the animal's name (in Bahasa, English and Latin) in top margin, colour dots (x4) to left and right of R1 and R5, "Year of the Goat 2003" in Chinese adjacent to R5/1, 1A (x4) below R5/1 and R5/5, Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/2 and sheet number below R5/3 (highest seen 070224 (30s.), 025213 (50s.)). The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 12.7 x 12.5. The perforator had nine extension holes at the left and worked down from the top of the sheet.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3. The envelope of the presentation pack featured two Serow heads.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a Serow and was numbered in a series of 80,000.

The special first day postmark included a Serow head.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.]	Mint	Used
03.1.1	1113	947	30s.			
03.1.2	1114	948	50s.(A).			
03.1.3	1115	949	50s.(B).			
03.1.4	1114a	-	Se-tenant pair (2-3).			
03.1.5	-	MFDC-297	First day cover.			
03.1.6	-	MPP-297	Presentation pack.			

6 February 2003.

13th Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement.





The 13th Conference of the Head of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) was held in Kuala Lumpur in 2003. The Non-Aligned Movement was formed as a result of deliberations by leaders of 29 Asian and African countries during the 15th Asian-African Conference at Bandung, Indonesia from 18-24 April 1955. After a preliminary meeting in Cairo from 5-12 June 1961, the first Conference was held in Belgrade 1-6 September 1961. Attendance in 2003 was 114 member countries, 16 observer countries, 7 observer organisations, 31 guest countries and 42 guest

organisations. Malaysia joined on 27 September 1969 and attended the third Conference in Lusaka, Zambia 8-10 September 1970. It chaired the organisation from 2003 to 2006.

Designed by Mohd Khir Ab. Latip of Chakra Creative, this issue comprised two counter sheets, both with se-tenant stamps, and an unstamped postcard.

Counter sheets:

The se-tenant pairs of 40mm x 30mm 30s. and 50s. stamps showed:

30s.(A): Doves, on a background of a world map and Malaysia flag;

30s.(B): Event emblem (a dove on a Hibiscus flower), on a background of a world map and Malaysia flag.

50s.(A): Map of Malaysia and event emblem, on a background of a globe;

50s.(B): 2003 with inset flag and event emblem, on a background of a globe.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (in a simple format of 2 pairs x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings comprised the issue title, event emblem and flag of Malaysia at the top, flags of the member countries in the other three margins, 1A (x4) to right of R1/4 and left of R5/1, colour dots to left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, Pos Malaysia emblem at centre of bottom margin with sheet number below (highest seen 023250 (30s.), 004160 (50s.)). The Tullis Russell phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The 30s. also exists printed on Harrison paper which gave a blue fluorescence but was otherwise as above; only cancelled examples have been seen to date. The comb perforations measured 12.5 x 12.7. The left and right margins were perforated through, leaving top and bottom margins imperforate.

Postcard:

Pos Malaysia issued free of charge an unstamped postcard entitled "The Scenery of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia" showing Kuala Lumpur buildings in a miniature sheet format. They were known used as maximum cards for this issue. (Illustration not available at the time of going to press.)

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack. 1

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the event emblem and the flags of the previous host countries. Covers were numbered in a series of 80,000.

The special first day postmark included the event emblem.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.2.1	1116	-950	30s.(A). TR paper.		
03.2.1a	-	-	- H paper.		
03.2.2	1117	951	30s.(B.) TR paper.		
03.2.2a	-	-	- H paper.		
03.2.3	1116a	-	Se-tenant pair (1, 2).		
03.2.3a	-	-	- (1a, 2a).		
03.2.4	1118	952	50s.(A). TR paper.		
03.2.5	1119	953	50s.(B). TR paper.		
03.2.6	1118a	-	Se-tenant pair (4, 5).		
03.2.7	-	MFDC-298	First day cover (3, 6).		
03.2.8	_	-	Unstamped postcard.		

22 February 2003. Roses.







This issue was a new first, being printed using "fragrant ink", which actually smells like roses. It was intended for issue on 11 February, as witnessed by the first day cover insert.

Designed by Mohd Jun Idris of Hazel Design, this issue comprised three counter sheets, one having se-tenant stamps, and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

35m square, the two 30s. designs and se-tenant pair of 50s. stamps showed roses:

30s.(A): Red Rosa x hybrida (hybrid tea);

30s.(B): Pink-white Rosa x hybrida;

50s.(A): Yellow Rosa x hybrida;

50s.(B): Red/white striped *Rosa x floribunda*.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple format 4 x 5) by Secura using standard four-colour off-set lithography. There were no plate numbers. Sheet markings were "Mawar di Malaysia / ROSES in MALAYSIA 2003" above R1/1-3, Pos Malaysia emblem above R1/4, "Nombor Siri:" below R5/1, sheet number below R5/2, "Reka Bentuk / Design" above "Hazel Design" below R5/3 (30s.) or R5/4 (50s.), "Reka Bentuk A" (or B) below R5/4 (30s. only). The side margins were toned with a floral design and the bottom margin showed the respective roses on bushes. Highest sheet numbers seen were 097454 (30s. A), 099163 (30s. B), 111916 (50s.). 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 Post Office upright. The comb perforations measured 13.8. The perforations continued into all the margins, except on the 30s. B and some 50s., where the bottom margin was imperforate, suggesting that the sheets were perforated before guillotining and that these sheets were at the bottom of the printer's sheet.

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 100mm RM3 miniature sheet showed a selection of roses and contained two se-tenant stamps. The 30mm x 41mm RM1 stamp showed yellow, pink and white *Rosa x miniature*, while the 30mm x 82mm RM2 showed a red *Rosa x centifolia*. The paper was the same as for the counter sheets. The perforation was 12.8. Sheets were numbered; the highest seen being 101437.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3. The envelope of the presentation pack featured a selection of roses.

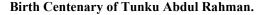
The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a different selection of roses. Covers were numbered in a series of 120,000.

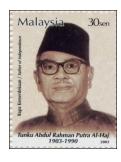
The special first day postmark included roses.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.3.1	1121	954	30s.(A).		
03.3.2	1120	955	30s.(B).		
03.3.3	1122	956	50s.(A).		
03.3.4	1123	957	50s.(B).		
03.3.5	1122a	-	Se-tenant pair (3-4).		
03.3.6	-	-	RM1 (from m/s).		
03.3.7	-	-	RM2 (from m/s).		
03.3.8	MS1124	MC-299M	RM3 miniature sheet (6-7).		
03.3.9	-	MFDC-299	First day cover $(1, 2, 5)$.		
03.3.10	-	MFDC-299M	- (8).	-	
03.3.11	-	MPP-299	Presentation pack $(1, 2, 5)$.		

3 March 2003.









Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised three counter sheets, one having se-tenant stamps, a miniature sheet, and two unstamped postcards.

Counter sheets:

The four 30mm x 40mm stamps (30s., 50s., se-tenant pair of RM1), showing sepia portraits of the Tunku:

30s.: Full-face with songkok;

50s.: Three-quarters facing left, bareheaded;

RM1 (A): Three-quarters facing right, with ceremonial headdress;

RM1 (B): Three-quarters facing left, with songkok.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (in simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. In the case of the RM1 sheet, columns 1 and 3 contained design A and 2 and 4 contained design B. Sheet markings included a descriptive text and silhouette at top, colour dots (x4) to left of R1/1 and to right of R5/4, 1A (x4) to right of R1/4 and left of R5/1, an enlargement of part of the portrait in the right margin, sheet number (highest seen 024797 (30s.), 021397 (50s.) or 028864 (RM1)) below R5/1, Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3 and designer below R5/4. The phosphor-coated paper gave a blue-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green afterglow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 12.7 x 12.5. The sheet margins were perforated through at left and bottom, and imperforate at top and right.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm sheet showed him speaking at the Declaration of Independence on 31 August 1957 with the Sultans and British dignitaries behind him. The 30mm x 40mm RM1 stamp was centred on him and printed in black instead of the sepia of the rest of the photograph. The Sultan Abdul Hamid Building appeared at the left and the flag of Malaysia at the top. The sheets were numbered. It was reported from Malaysia that the original printing was 80,000. Subsequently, sheets numbered higher were reported to be from a reprint (highest seen 092301). There was no technical difference between the two printings. The paper normally had watermark upright, but it also exists inverted. Sheet 092301 had watermark



reversed inverted, and others must exist. The stamp was perforated 13.4 x 13.6.

Unstamped postcards:

Pos Malaysia issued free-of-charge two 114mm x 159mm postcards. Type A showed the four stamps and the special postmark. The front had a position for a stamp and three lines for the address at the top, space for message below and the portrait from the 30s. at bottom right with descriptive text and Pos Malaysia emblem. Type B showed a number of portraits of the Tunku, with a similar address side.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s. and numbered in a series of 100,000, featured him giving a speech.

The special first day postmark included a silhouette taken from the miniature sheet.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.4.1	1125	958	30s.		
03.4.2	1126	959	50s.		
03.4.3	1127	960	RM1 (A).		
03.4.4	1128	961	RM1 (B).		
03.4.5	1127a	-	Se-tenant pair (3, 4).		
03.4.6	MS1129	MC-300M	RM1 miniature sheet. Wmk. U.		
03.4.6a	MS1129w	-	- Wmk. I.		
03.4.6b	MS1129y	-	- Wmk. RI.		
03.4.7	-	MFDC-300	First day cover $(1, 2, 5)$.		
03.4.8	-	MFDC-300M	- (6).	-	
03.4.9	-	MPP-300	Presentation pack (1, 2, 5).		
03.4.10	-	-	Postcard. Type A		
03.4.11	_	-	- Type B		

8 March 2003.





Selangor - Coronation of Sultan Sharafuddin.



Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah was crowned 9th Sultan of Selangor on 8 March 2003.

Designed by Raja Zahabuddin bin Raja Yaacob, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm designs showed portraits of the Sultan in different uniforms:

30s.: State dress with the Selangor State head dress

50s.: Uniform of the Chief of the Royal Malaysian Navy.

RM1: State dress with the Selangor Coronation Crown;

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple format 5 x 4) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Below the stamps in place of a fifth row was an illustrated panel showing the state head dress (30s.), gold dome (50s.) or royal belt buckle (RM1). Sheet markings included crown above R1/1, "KEMAHKOTAAN" above R1/2, coat of arms above R1/3, "CORONATION" above R1/4, "Commemorative Issue of Postage Stamps" above R1/5, colour dots to the left of R1/1 and to the right of the bottom panel, 1A (x4) to the right of R1/5 and to the left of the bottom panel. Below the panel were sheet number (highest seen 050437 (30s.), 003215 (50s.) or 003116 (RM1)), kris (30s.), staffs (50s.) or belt buckle (RM1), Pos Malaysia emblem (all), head dress (30s.), staffs (50s.) or kris (RM1) and designer details (all). The phosphor-coated paper gave a bluish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The 50s. exists with watermark sideways reading up. The comb perforations normally measured 12.7 x 12.5; left, top and right margins being perforated through and the bottom imperforate. All values also exist perforated 12.1 with same arrangement.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the state belt buckle.

There were two first day covers, each sold at 30s., featuring (A) a building or (B) the state crown. At least one cover exists signed by the Sultan, who was a keen philatelist.

The special first day postmark included the state crown.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.5.1	1130	-	30s. P. 12.7 x 12.5. Wmk. SD.		
03.5.1a	1130a	185	- P. 12.1. Wmk. SD.		
03.5.2	1131	186	50s. P. 12.7 x 12.5. Wmk. SD.		
03.5.2a	1131w	-	Wmk. SU.		
03.5.2b	1131a	-	- P. 12.1. Wmk. SD.		
03.5.3	1132	-	RM1 P. 12.7 x 12.5. Wmk. SD.		
03.5.3a	1132a	187	- P. 12.1. Wmk. SD.		
03.5.4	-	MFDC-SE19	First day cover (A) $(1, 2, 3)$.		
03.5.4a	-	-	(1a, 2, 3).	-	
03.5.4b	-	-	(1a, 2b, 3).	-	
03.5.5	-	-	- (B) (1a, 2, 3).		
03.5.6	-	MPP-SE19	Presentation pack (1, 2, 3).		
03.5.6a	-	-	- (1a, 2a, 3).		

26 April 2003. Fighting Fish.







Designed by Mohd Jun Idris of Hazel Design, this issue comprised two counter sheets, one containing se-tenant stamps, and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The four 40mm x 30mm stamps showed varieties of the ornamental Siamese Fighting Fish or Betta (Ikan Pelaga, *Betta splendens*), which was cross-bred from Malayan, Thai and Cambodian species:

30s.: Red/blue; 50s.(A): Yellow; RM1 (A): Blue; RM1 (B): Red.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (pane of 8 (4 x 2) above pane of 12 (4 x 3)) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography and multi-sheet plates. In the case of the RM1, type A appeared in columns 1 and 3 and B in columns 2 and 4. The inter-panneau gutter showed the fish with others and a line drawing of the fish. The sheet margins were blue with, at the top, line drawings of the four fish shown on the stamps. Other sheet markings were 1A (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, colour dots (x4) to right of R1/4 and left on R5/1, sheet number below R5/1 (highest numbers seen were 032516 (30s.), 043647 (50s.), 102608 (RM1)), Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3, designer details below R5/4. The phosphor-coated paper gave a blue-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. It had watermark sideways reading down. Several 50s. and RM1 sheets exist with reversed sideways reading up. The RM1 also exists sideways reading



20-set Format F

up. ² The perforations varied considerably. Perforation sheet formats seen were:

Type:	Upper pane:	Lower pane:	Values seen:
P1	12.5 x 12.7	12.5 x 12.7	30s., 50s., RM1
P2	12.1	12.1	50s.
P3	12.1	13.6 x 13.4	30s., 50s., RM1
P4	13.6 x 13.4	13.6 x 13.4	RM1

The sheets were comb perforated from right to left before guillotining (12.5 x 12.7 and 13.6 x 13.4). The right-most counter sheet on the printer's sheet had its right margin imperforate. Other sheets were perforated in all margins. The 12.1 perforation was applied similarly when in complete sheets of the same perforation but upwards from the central gutter when in combination with another perforator!

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm RM1 sheet showed two natural species:

50s.(B): Peaceful Betta or Local Fighting Fish (Pelaga Sawah, *Betta imbellis*)

50s.(C): Wine Red Betta (Pelaga Merah, *Betta coccina*).

The sheet number was at the bottom left (highest seen 097793). The stamps were 34mm x 29mm, line perforated 13.6 x 13.8 with a central elliptical perforation at top and bottom. The paper was as used for counter sheets (normally sideways reading down but exists sideways reading up).

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4.50. The

envelope of the presentation pack featured the Black Small Fighter (Betta persephone).

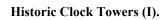
The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured *Betta imbellis*. They were numbered in a series of 100,000. Three presentation packs and three first day covers examined all had different content.

The special first day postmark included a fish.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.6.1	1133b	-	30s. P. 12.1. Wmk. SD.		
03.6.1a	1133	962	- P. 12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. SD.		
03.6.1aa	-	-	- P. 12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. SU. ³		
	-	-	- P. 12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. RSU. 4		
03.6.1b	1133c	-	- P. 13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.		
03.6.2	1134by	=	50s.(A). P. 12.1. Wmk. RSD.		
	1134bx	-	- P. 12.1. Wmk. RSU. ⁵		
03.6.2aa	1134b	=	- P. 12.1. Wmk. SU. ⁶		
03.6.2a	1134cw	963	- P. 12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. SD.		
03.6.2b	1134cy	-	- P. 12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. RSD. ⁷		
03.6.2c	1134	=	- P. 13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.		
03.6.2d	1134ax	=	- P. 13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. RSD.		
	1134ay	-	- P. 13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. RSU. ⁸		
03.6.3	1135b	-	RM1 (A). P. 12.1. Wmk. SD.		
03.6.3a	1135bw	=	- P. 12.1. Wmk. SU.		
03.6.3b	1135	964	- P. 12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. SD.		
	1135ay	-	- P. 12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. RSU. 9		
03.6.3c	1135aw	-	- P. 12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. SU.		
03.6.3d		-	- P. 12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. RSD.		
03.6.3e	1135c	-	- P. 13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.		
	-	-	- P. 13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. RSU. 10		
03.6.3f	1135cw	-	- P. 13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SU.		
03.6.4	1136b	-	RM1 (B). P. 12.1. Wmk. SD.		
03.6.4a	1136bw	-	- P. 12.1. Wmk. SU.		
03.6.4b	1136	965	- P. 12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. SD.		
	1136ay	-	- P. 12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. RSU. 11		
03.6.4c	1136aw	-	- P. 12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. SU.		
03.6.4d		-	- P. 12.5 x 12.7. Wmk. RSD.		
03.6.4e	1136c	-	- P. 13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.		
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03.6.4f	1136cw	-	- P. 13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SU.		
03.6.5	1135ba	-	Se-tenant pair (3, 4).		
03.6.5a	1135bwa	=	- (3a, 4a).		
03.6.5b	1135a	-	- (3b, 4b).		
03.6.5c	1135awa	-	- (3c, 4c).		
03.6.5d	1135aya	-	- (3d, 4d).		
03.6.5e	1135ca	-	- (3e, 4e).		
03.6.5f	1135cwa	-	- (3f, 4f).		
03.6.6 03.6.6a	-	-	50s.(B). P. 13.6 x 13.8. Wmk. SD (from m/s).		
03.6.7	-	-	- P. 13.6 x 13.8. Wmk. SU (from m/s). 50s.(C). P. 13.6 x 13.8. Wmk. SD (from m/s).		
03.6.7a	-	-	- P. 13.6 x 13.8. Wmk. SU (from m/s).		
03.6.8	MS1137	MC-301M	RM1 miniature sheet (6, 7).		
03.6.8a	MS1137w	WIC-301WI	- (6a, 7a).		
03.6.9	W13113/W	MFDC-301	First day cover (1, 2b, 5b).		
03.6.9a	_	WIFDC-301	- (1, 2c, 5b).	_	
03.6.9b	_	_	- (1, 22, 50). - (1a, 2, 5b).	_	
03.6.9c	_	-	- (1a, 2a, 5c). - (1a, 2a, 5c).	= =	
03.6.10	_	MFDC-301M	- (1a, 2a, 3c). - (8).	_	
03.6.11	_	MPP-301	Presentation pack (1, 2, 5e).		
03.6.11a	_	-	- (1a, 2a, 5c).		
03.6.11b	-	-	- (1b, 2c, 5e).		

24 May 2003.













Designed by Warna Ilham, this issue comprised five counter sheets, a booklet and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The five 30mm x 40mm 30s. stamps showed different clock towers:

30s.(A): Christ Church, Malacca (1650);

30s.(B): Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Clock Tower, Penang (1897);

30s.(C): King George V Memorial Clock Tower, Sungai Petani, Kedah (1936);

30s.(D): Teluk Intan Water Tower, Perak (1885);

30s.(E): Council Negeri Centenary Monument, Sarawak (Inscribed 1967, but the tower was not added to the Council Negeri complex until 1987).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format A - see issue 02.9) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The sheet background was coloured to match the respective stamp, the central gutter containing a view of the tower and a road map showing the location of the town in which the tower stands. Other sheet markings were the Pos Malaysia emblem above central gutter, colour dots to left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, 1A (x4) to right of R1/4 and left of R5/1, state name to left of R3/1, sheet number (highest numbers seen were (A) 035079, (B) 024386, (C) 035386, (D) 029886, (E) 034886) below R5/1, issue title below the central sheet gutter with designer details below R5/4. The phosphor coated paper gave a blue-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The counter sheets normally had no watermark. A small number of counter sheets had watermark Multiple SPM upright or inverted. Isolated examples of design C from counter sheets (identifiable by intrusion of margin colour onto side perforations) also exist with watermark sideways reading down or reversed sideways reading up, as does design E with reversed sideways reading down. The comb perforations normally measured 12.7 x 12.5 (all margins perforated through), but 12.1 was also used, being seen on examples with watermark upright or inverted.

Proof material in the public domain:

Unnumbered design B, D and E sheets exist with perf. 12.7 x 12.5 and watermark sideways reading down. They have a "Philatelic Bureau Sample With Compliments - Not For Sale" handstamp on the back, suggesting that they were given to Bureau visitors.

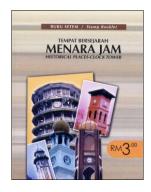
A design C sheet exists numbered "000000" with perf. 12.7 x 12.5 and watermark sideways reversed reading down. It also has the same handstamp on the back.

Process sheet:

Se-tenant process sheets of 30 (strip of 5 x 6) were used both to make-up booklets and to pre-service first day covers. The sheets had narrow white margins without markings. The paper normally had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down (but sideways reading up also exists in booklets). Uncut process sheets were not normally available to the general public, but at least one sideways reading down sheet exists in the public domain.

Booklet:

The RM3 booklet contained the five 30s. designs in se-tenant strips in a block of 10 stamps (5 x 2 - ABCDE above ABCDE). The booklet measured 75mm x 90mm folded, 158mm x 90mm unfolded. Booklets were numbered on the back – highest seen was 098931. The paper normally had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down (but sideways reading up also exists). Stamps with reversed watermarks were from counter sheets, as were some other sideways watermarked stamps. The comb perforations measured 12.7 x 12.5. (Illustration reduced 50%).



Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet contained a pair of 30mm x 40mm stamps showing:

RM1 (A): Sultan Abdul Samad Building, Kuala Lumpur (1897);

RM1 (B): Taiping, Perak (1881).

The sheet was perforated 12.1/12.7 x 12.5, with watermark multiple SPM sideways reading down or sideways reading up. Sheets were numbered (highest number seen was 098518). Watermark SU sheets reported were numbered 039896, 041338/40 and 084963. SD sheets included 070767, 084845, 086494, 093086 and 098518.



First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack. 13

The first day cover, sold at 30s. and numbered in a series of 100,000, featured a composite of the towers used on the stamps.

The special first day postmark included a clock.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.7.1	1138	966	30s.(A). P. 12.7 x 12.5. No Wmk.		
03.7.1a	1138a	-	- P. 12.1. Wmk. U.		
03.7.1b	1138aw	-	Wmk. I.		
03.7.1c	1143	-	- P. 12.7 x 12.5. Wmk. SD (from booklet).		
03.7.1d	1143w	-	Wmk. SU (from booklet).		
03.7.2	1139	967	30s.(B). P. 12.7 x 12.5. No Wmk.		
03.7.2a	1144	-	Wmk. SD (from booklet).		
03.7.2b	1144w	-	Wmk. SU (from booklet).		
03.7.3	1140	968	30s.(C). P. 12.7 x 12.5. No Wmk.		
03.7.3a	1145	-	Wmk. SD (from booklet or counter sheet).		
03.7.3b	1145w	-	Wmk. SU (from booklet).		
03.7.3c	1140ax	-	Wmk. RSU.		
03.7.3d	-	-	Wmk. RSD (proof sheet).		
03.7.4	1141	969	30s.(D). P. 12.7 x 12.5. No Wmk.		
03.7.4a	1146	-	Wmk. SD (from booklet).		
03.7.4b	1146w	-	Wmk. SU (from booklet).		
03.7.5	1142	970	30s.(E). P. 12.7 x 12.5. No Wmk.		
03.7.5a	1147	-	Wmk. SD (from booklet).		
03.7.5b	1147w	-	Wmk. SU (from booklet).		
03.7.5c	1142ax	-	Wmk. RSD.		
03.7.6	-	-	Se-tenant strip (1c, 2a-5a).		
03.7.6a	-	-	- (1d, 2b-5b).		
03.7.6b	-	-	Process sheet (six 6).		
03.7.7	SB13 14	SB96	Booklet (6).		
03.7.7a	SB13a ¹⁵	-	- (6a).		
03.7.8	-	-	RM1 (A). P. 12.1/12.7 x 12.5. Wmk. SD (from m/s).		
03.7.8a	-	-	- Wmk. SU (from m/s).		
03.7.9	-	-	RM1 (B). P. 12.1/12.7 x 12.5. Wmk. SD (from m/s).		
03.7.9a	-	-	- Wmk. SU (from m/s).		
03.7.10	MS1148a	MC-302M	RM2 m/s (8-9).		
03.7.10a	MS1148	-	- (8a-9a).		
03.7.11	-	MFDC-302	First day cover (1-5).		
03.7.12	-	-	- (6).	-	
03.7.13	-	MFDC-302M	- (10).	-	

16 June 2003.

Aerogramme - Malaysian Cultural Dances.



This 233mm x 308mm 50s. aerogramme by an uncredited designer showed (front) Malay, Chinese, Indian and (rear) Ngajat (Sarawak) and Sumazau (Sabah) dancers. The "stamp" was a reproduction of the Malaysian Unity 50s. of 2002, but with white borders. The format was the usual three-panels with tabs on the top (front) panel. Front and rear have four address lines. Printer and printing details were not recorded. The uncoated white paper gave a low blue fluorescent reaction. It had no watermark, but had an overall feint overlay based on elements of the stamp. The "perforation" was too small to measured using a gauge (c. 20).

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.8.1	-	-	50s. aerogramme.		
03.8.1a	-	-	- First day postmark.	-	

28 June 2003. Islands and Beaches (II).





Designed by Reign Associates, Series 2 comprised two counter sheets with se-tenant pairs of stamps, a miniature sheet and a PHQ card.

Counter sheets:

The 41mm x 30mm stamps feature two islands off the east coast of Sabah:

30s.(A): Pulau Ligitan from the air;

30s.(B): Pulau Ligitan map;

50s.(A): Pulau Sipadan from the sea;

50s.(B): Pulau Sipadan map.

The former was an uninhabited sand dune on a large reef, visited by local fishermen. The latter was Malaysia's only oceanic island, being a forested coral island on the tip of an extinct volcano some 10km south of the continental shelf. Both were claimed by Indonesia since the Confrontation and awarded to Malaysia on 17 December 2002 by the International Court of Justice.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (4 \times 6 – the top right block of four being replaced by a map showing the relative locations of the islands) by Secura using standard four-colour off-set lithography. profile of the island on stamp B was embossed. There were no plate numbers or colour dabs. Sheet margins were illustrated by underwater scenes from below (leatherback turtle on 30s., coral on 50s.) at top left, compass rose at top right, Malaysia map at bottom left and overhead view of the island at bottom right. Other sheet markings were issue and island name, and 2003, at top, island name at left, sea anemone at right, Pos Malaysia emblem at bottom centre, view of the island at bottom right and sheet number at bottom left (highest seen103662 30s., 51464 50s.). The phosphorcoated paper gave a white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple Post Office upright. The comb perforations measured 13.3 x 13.4, the comb moving down the sheet, leaving the top margin imperforate. The sheets were fragile as insufficient material was left between adjacent perforations.

A minor perforation downshift has been reported, so that the horizontal rule at the bottom of the block appeared on the stamps of the bottom row.



20-set Format G

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 100mm sheet contains a pair of 30mm x 41mm 50s. stamps at the top. The left stamp (C) showed an aerial view of Pulau Sipadan, while the other (D) showed Pulau Ligitan. Only (D) was embossed. The lower part of the miniature sheet showed a map of Malaysia and a coral reef. These were the same design elements as used in the counter sheet margin. The sheets were numbered (highest seen 071400). The paper had watermark sideways reading up. Perforation was 12.8.

PHQ card:

A 118mm x 159mm unstamped card was produced featuring the design of the miniature sheet, omitting the sheet number.

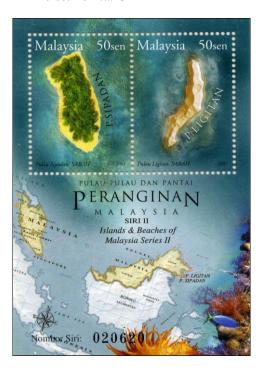
First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3. The envelope of the presentation pack featured palm fronds, sand and sea shells.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a Pulau Sipadan beach scene and a leatherback turtle. It was numbered in a series of 80,000.

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

Pos Malaysia joined up with Royal Selangor to issue "Premier Edition" first day covers with a reproduction of the miniature sheet in embossed metal foil. 5000 pewter versions were sold at RM30.



Collector's Folders:

Probably from this issue, Pos Malaysia introduced "Collector's Folders" for most issues. Following the design theme of the issue, these folders were designed to house covers, presentation packs and sheets of stamps. They bore a similar text to that used in the presentation pack. In time, these folders largely replaced presentation packs, which ceased to be released for the majority of issues. The date of introduction is not exactly known, but this was the first issue for which provision was made on the computer programme that generated customer invoices. The earliest in the author's possession was for issue 04.4. These folders contain no philatelic material.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mi	nt Used
03.9.1	1149	971	30s.(A).		
03.9.2	1150	972	30s.(B).		
03.9.3	1149a	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2).		
03.9.4	1151	973	50s.(A).		
03.9.5	1152	974	50s.(B).		
03.9.6	1151a	-	Se-tenant pair (4-5).		
03.9.7	-	-	50s.(C) from m/s.		
03.9.8	-	-	50s.(D) from m/s.		
03.9.9	MS1153	MC-303M	RM1 miniature sheet (7-8).		
03.9.10	-	MFDC-303	First day cover (3, 6).		
03.9.11	-	MFDC-303M	- (9).	-	
03.9.12	-	MPP-303	Presentation pack (3, 6).		
03.9.13	-	-	PHQ card.		

19 August 2003.

46th Anniversary of Independence.





The 46th anniversary of Independence of the Federation of Malaya (46th National Day) and 40th anniversary of formation of Malaysia was marked by this issue, released 12 days before the actual anniversary.

Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised two counter sheets, a miniature sheet and a PHQ card.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 41mm 30s. stamp entitled "Raise Our Flag" showed the flag flying in Merdeka Square in front of the Sultan Abdul Hamid Building. It was printed in sheets of 20 (simple format 5 x 4). The bottom of the sheet included five labels showing a composite design of the Federal coat of arms and flag. Other sheet markings were the flag and issue title in the top margin, the sheet number (lowest seen was 0000000 (assumed to be a proof), highest number seen was 036993) at the bottom left and the Pos Malaysia emblem at bottom centre. The designer details appeared immediately before R4/5. The sheet was perforated from the bottom, leaving a narrow imperforate margin at the bottom.

The 60mm x 41mm RM1 stamp showed the Federal flag. It was printed in sheets of 10 (2 x 5 with central gutter containing labels bearing the coat of arms of Malaysia). The sixteen state flags (the three Federal Territories each had different flags) appeared in the side margins, 8 on each side. Other sheet markings were the flag and issue title in the top margin, the sheet number (highest seen was 047892) at the bottom left and the Pos Malaysia emblem at bottom centre. The designer details appeared immediately before R5/2. All margins were perforated through, from the bottom.

Both designs were printed by Secura using standard four-colour off-set lithography. There were no pane numbers or colour spots. The phosphorcoated paper gave a white fluorescent reaction and a



10-set Format B

yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple Post office upright. The comb perforations measured 12.8.

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 100mm RM1 sheet showed the motorcade on 20 February 1956 carrying Tunku Abdul Rahman to Padang Banda Hilir in Malacca where he announced the date of independence. The stamp measured 60mm x 41mm. The sheets were numbered at bottom left (highest seen 117812).

They were printed by Secura using black off-set lithography. The paper and perforation were as for the counter sheets.

PHQ card:

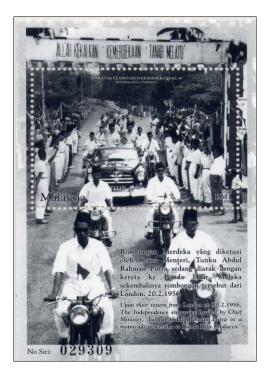
An unstamped 117mm x 160mm card was produced featuring the design of the 30s. stamp. Unusually, the front of the card was arranged in portrait format to match the orientation of the picture side.

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Putrajaya Square. It was numbered in a series of 100,000. Covers can be found where the RM1 had the gutter label attached.

The first day postmark included a fish-eye view of the flag. A folder was probably available for this issue.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.10.1	1154	975	30s.		
03.10.2	1155	976	RM1.		
03.10.3	MS1156	MC-304M	RM1 miniature sheet.		
03.10.4	-	MFDC-304	First day cover (1-2).		
03.10.5	-	MFDC-304M	- (3).	-	
03.10.6	_	_	PHQ card.		

27 September 2003.

Malaysia-Made Vehicles (Series IV) - Motor Cycles and Scooters.







Motosikal dan Engine Nasional Sdn Bhd (MODENAS) (National Motorcycle and Engine Ltd) was established with the aid of Kawasaki Heavy Industries of Japan and launched its first locally-designed product in 1997, the 110cc Kriss. Other manufacturers subsequently set up production facilities in Malaysia. Manufacturers featured in this issue included Allied Pacific Motor (M) Sdn Bhd (COMEL), Sungei Buloh, Selangor (established May 2002), DNC Asiatic Holdings Sdn Bhd (DEMAK), Kuching, Sarawak (established September 2002), MZ Motorrad Sdn Bhd, Shah Alam, Selangor (established January 2002), Mofaz Motosikal Sdn Bhd (MOMOS), Johor Bahru (established 8 February 1980). The Malaysian motor industries had faced a challenge since 1 January 2004 when the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) came into force and customs tariffs between members were reduced substantially, removing fiscal protection.

This issue comprised three counter sheets (two containing se-tenant stamps) designed by Reign Associates and four miniature sheets designed by Hazel Design.

Counter sheets:

The 41mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: Modenas Jaguh 175;

50s.(A): Modenas Karisma 125 scooter;

50s.(B): Modenas Kriss 1; 50s.(C): Modenas Kriss 2; 50s.(D) Modenas Kriss SG.

They were printed by Secura using off-set lithography. The sheets comprised 20 stamps and 4 labels (20-set Format G-see issue 03.9). The labels occupying R1-2/3-4 showed line drawings of the motorcycle(s) shown on the stamps. On the two 50s. sheets, design A or C as appropriate appeared in columns 1 and 3 and B or D in columns 2 and 4. There were no colour dots or pane numbers. Sheet markings were the issue title at the top of the sheet, Pos Malaysia emblem below R6/4, Modenas emblem below R6/1-2, sheet number below R6/1 (highest numbers seen were: 30s.: 087577; 50s.(A-B): 49819; 50s.(C-D): 16319), plus a marginal decoration based on the design of the bicycles shown on the stamps. 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 POST OFFICE upright. The perforations measured 12.8 and were applied using 7 strikes of a comb, starting from the bottom of the sheet, the last strike cutting into the broad top margin of the sheet. With the latter exception, all margins were imperforate, although the 30s. sheet was seen with perforations intruding into the lower margin from below.

Miniature sheets:

The four 101mm x 70mm miniature sheets each had a se-tenant pair of 41mm x 30mm stamps showing:

Sheet A:

RM1 (A): Comel Turbulence RG125; RM1 (B): Comel Cyclone GP150; Background: Putrajaya Square.

Sheet B:

RM1 (C): Demak Adventurer; RM1 (D): Demak Beetle scooter;

Background: Sultan Abdul Samad Building.

Sheet C:

RM1 (E): MZ 125SM; RM1 (F): MZ Perentis 120S Classic; Background: Control Tower, Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Sepang.



Sheet D:

RM1 (G): Cagiva Momos 125R;

RM1 (H): Nitro NE150 Windstar (a Momos product);

Background: Petronas Twin Towers.



The sheets showed the emblem(s) of the maker concerned, issue title and sheet number. They were perforated line 12.8 in at least two operations using two horizontal lines and three vertical lines. The relative positioning of the two operations was inconsistent and the variations in positioning suggest that the three vertical lines may have been applied separately. Sheet D was known with the left-hand vertical line displaced 1mm right and at an angle, resulting in a narrower-than-normal stamp in the sheet number range 079497-079591, whilst sheet A is known with the three vertical lines getting lower from left to right. The watermark began sideways reading up but changed to upright after about 45,000 sheets of each type had been printed (this suggests that the four sheets all appeared in the same printer's sheet and/or that there were several printings). Sheets A and B reverted to sideways reading up later, and Sheet B changed again twice. Sheet numbers reported were:

Sheet	SU lowest	SU highest	U lowest	U highest	SU lowest	SU highest
A	008731	041484	068418	097058	097086	097086
В	001931	036319	048393	079396	088630	088674
			089414	096389	096478	096482
			099650	099650		
C	003231	034420	049395	090190	-	-
D	006431	043446	062250	098004	-	-

Sheet numbers for sheet A in the range 078763-082627 and 097086 and sheet B in the range 088630-74 and 096478-82 had numbers printed in matt black, instead of gloss black, which may have been hand-stamped instead of machine printed.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the upper part of a Kriss 2 machine.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the front wheel of a motorcycle. The fdcs were numbered in a series of 300,000.

The special first day postmark included a front wheel.

A folder was probably available for this issue.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Original Issue:	Mint	Used
03.11.1	1157	977	30s.		
03.11.2	1158	978	50s.(A).		
03.11.3	1159	979	50s.(B).		
03.11.4	1158a	-	- Se-tenant pair (2-3).		
03.11.5	1160	980	50s.(C).		
03.11.6	1161	981	50s.(D).		
03.11.7	1160a	-	- Se-tenant pair (5-6).		
03.11.8	-	-	RM1 (A). Wmk. SU. (from m/s A).		
03.11.8a	-	-	- Wmk. U. (from m/s A).		
03.11.9	-	-	RM1 (B). Wmk. SU. (from m/s A).		
03.11.9a	-	-	- Wmk. U. (from m/s A).		
03.11.10	-	-	RM1 (C). Wmk. SU. (from m/s B).		
03.11.10a	-	-	- Wmk. U. (from m/s B).		
03.11.11	-	-	RM1 (D). Wmk. SU. (from m/s B).		
03.11.11a	-	-	- Wmk. U. (from m/s B).		
03.11.12	-	-	RM1 (E). Wmk. SU. (from m/s C).		
03.11.12a	-	-	- Wmk. U. (from m/s C).		

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Original Issue:	Mint	Used
03.11.13	-	-	RM1 (F). Wmk. SU. (from m/s C).		
03.11.13a	-	-	- Wmk. U. (from m/s C).		
03.11.14	-	-	RM1 (G). Wmk. SU. (from m/s D).		
03.11.14a		-	- Wmk. U. (from m/s D).		
03.11.15	-	-	RM1 (H). Wmk. SU. (from m/s D).		
03.11.15a	-	-	- Wmk. U. (from m/s D).		
03.11.16	MS1162(a)	_ 16	RM2 m/s A (8-9).		
03.11.16a	MS1162a(a)	-	- (8a-9a).		
03.11.17	MS1162(b)	-	RM2 m/s B (10-11).		
03.11.17a	MS1162a(b)	-	- (10a-11a).		
03.11.18	MS1162(c)	-	RM2 m/s C (12-13).		
03.11.18a	MS1162a(c)	-	- (12a-1a3).		
03.11.19	MS1162(d)	-	RM2 m/s D (14-15).		
03.11.19a	MS1162a(d)	-	- (14a-15a).		
03.11.20	-	MFDC-305	First day cover $(1, 4, 7)$.		
03.11.21	-	-	- (16).	-	
03.11.21a	-	-	- (16a).	-	
03.11.22	-	-	- (17).	-	
03.11.22a	-	-	- (17a).	-	
03.11.23	-	-	- (18).	-	
03.11.23a	-	-	- (18a).	-	
03.11.24	-	-	- (19).	-	
03.11.24a	-	-	- (19a).	-	
03.11.25	-	MPP-305	Presentation pack (1, 4, 7).		

4 October 2003.

Malaysia-Made Vehicles (Series IV) - Bangkok 2003.

The motorcycle stamps were reissued on 4 October 2003 with the Bangkok 2003 emblem incorporated into the design at the top right-hand corner.





enlarged emblem

Counter sheets:

The sheet also had the emblem added below R6/3. In all other respects, the counter sheets were identical with the original issue.

Sheets were seen numbered in the ranges 30s.: 06057-16152; 50s.(A/B): 18006-20606; 50s.(C/D): 24007-25898.

Miniature sheets:

Miniature sheets were advertised, but there is no evidence that they were actually issued.

First day facilities:

The first day cover was also amended with the emblem at bottom right and numbered in a series of 30,000. The special postmark was adapted to read "Bangkok 2003 / World Philatelic Exhibition / 4-13.10.2003". None of these items were sent to account holders. I.S.C. listed a presentation pack but its existence has not been verified by the author.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.12.1	1167	986	30s.		
03.12.2	1168	987	50s.(A).		
03.12.3	1169	988	50s.(B).		
03.12.4	1168a	-	Se-tenant pair (2-3).		
03.12.5	1170	989	50s.(C).		
03.12.6	1171	990	50s.(D).		
03.12.7	1170a	-	Se-tenant pair (5-6).		
03.12.8	-	MFDC-307	First day cover $(1, 4, 7)$.		

3 October 2003.





10th Islamic Summit Conference.

This top-level meeting of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference was held in Putrajaya.

Designed by Reign Associates, the issue comprised two counter sheets, both with se-tenant stamps, and a PHQ card.

Counter sheets:

These contained se-tenant pairs of 30s. and 50s. 30mm x 41mm stamps:

30s.(A): (Columns 1 and 3) Putrajaya Convention Centre;

30s.(B): (Columns 2 and 4) An Islamic text in Jawi script;

50s.(A): (Columns 1 and 3) Putra Mosque (Putrajaya), Petronas Twin Towers (Kuala Lumpur), and other skyline buildings of Kuala Lumpur (with Malaysian flag);

50s.(B): (Columns 2 and 4) Skyline buildings of Kuala Lumpur, Sultan Abdul Samad Building (Kuala Lumpur) and Perdana Putra (Putrajaya).

The 50s. stamps formed a composite design. All the stamps incorporated the event emblem.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Secura using standard four-colour off-set lithography on multi-pane plates. Sheet markings were the Pos Malaysia emblem at top centre, sheet number below column 1 (highest seen 30s. 064950, 50s. 46856), issue title at centre bottom, event emblem in bottom right corner. The margins were decorated with Islamic texts and patterns. There were no pane numbers or colour dabs. 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 POST OFFICE upright. The comb perforations measured 12.8. All margins were normally perforated through, but panes of both values from the bottom of the printer's sheet exist with imperforate bottom margins.

PHQ card:

A 120mm x 160mm PHQ card of design 30s.(A) was produced. The address side showed a descriptive text at top left, space for a stamp at top right, four lines for address and, at bottom, the Pos Malaysia emblem. It differed from the issued stamp design in that the bottom line of text was in normal font instead of italic.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the flags of the member countries.

The first day covers, sold at 30s., featured the event emblem. They were numbered in a series of 80,000.

The special first day postmark included a simplified version of the event emblem.

A folder was probably available for this issue.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.13.1	1163	982	30s.(A).		
03.13.2	1164	983	30s.(B).		
03.13.3	1163a	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2).		
03.13.4	1165	984	50s.(A).		
03.13.5	1166	985	50s.(B).		
03.13.6	1165a	-	Se-tenant pair (4-5).		
03.13.7	-	MFDC-306	First day cover (3, 6).		
03.13.8	-	MPP-306	Presentation pack (3, 6).		
03.13.9	-	-	PHQ card.		

11 October 2003.



50th World Children's Day.

Above right: 30s. A B Below right: 30s. C D



International Children's Day was established in 1925 by the League of Nations. After World War Two, Universal Children's Day was inaugurated in 1953 by the International Union for Child Welfare and adopted by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in the following year. The day is since then celebrated to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. On 20 November 1959, the UN General Assembly adopted the "Declaration of the Rights of the Child" and formally sanctioned World Children's Day on the anniversary of the Declaration. On the same day in 1989, the General Assembly adopted the "Convention on the Rights of the Child". Malaya held its first event on 8 October 1959 at the Stadium Negara in Kuala Lumpur.

Designed by Reign Associates, the issue comprised three counter sheets (two having se-tenant stamps), a special composite sheet for making first day covers and a booklet.

Counter sheets:

The three sheets were designated A (30s.(A-B)), B (30s. C-D)) and C (20s.). The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

20s.: Children circling the world;

30s.(A): Issue name in Bahasa in children's writing;

30s.(B): Children's paintings of ABC, book, house, Malaysian flag, rainbow, kite, football, car, flower;

30c. (C): Family and house;

30s.(D): Rocket, aircraft, children and teachers.

They were originally printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The 30s. sheets had either design A in columns 1 and 3 and B in columns 2 and 4 or C in columns 1 and 3 and D in columns 2 and 4. The sheets had decorated edges with a broad top panel containing the issue title, 1A x 4 to left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, colour dots (x4) to right of R1/4 and left of R5/1, UNICEF emblem below column 2, Pos Malaysia emblem below column 3, sheet letter designation below column 4 and sheet number below column 1. Two phosphor-coated papers have been used. One paper (TR) had cream gum and gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction (used on sheets A, B and C). The other (H) had bluish-white gum and gave a bluish fluorescence (known on sheets A and B). Both gave a yellow-green after-glow. The paper had normally watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations normally measured 12.1 (30s.) or 13.6 x 13.4 (20s.), but both values exist with both perforations. The top panel was imperforate and the other margins were perforated through. Sheets seen were numbered (A) 019601 (H), 045102 (TR), (B) 005602-058102 (H), (C) 020801-020807 (TR).

Composite sheet:

For pre-serviced official first day covers sold by the Kuala Lumpur Bureau (and probably other state bureaux), the stamps were also produced in composite sheets containing se-tenant strips of five stamps: 30s.(A), 30s.(B), 30s.(C), 30s.(D), 20s. This was printed on H paper with reversed watermark sideways reading up and perforation 12.1. So far as is known, this sheet was not made available to collectors.

Booklet:

20s.	30s.A
30s.C	30s.D
30s.A	30s.B
30s.C	30s.D
30s.B	20s.

There was a RM2.80 booklet. Unusually the cover, which showed children gardening, was folded horizontally. It contains a pane from a specially-printed composite sheet on TR paper, attached by the top selvedge and folded below rows 2 and 4. Booklets were numbered on the back – highest seen 045403. The font used for numbering changed at a point between 031494 (which was

in 4mm high bold numerals) and 034614 (3mm high, not bold). The perforation measured 12.6 and the watermark was normally sideways reading down (sideways reading up exists - 031494 seen).



(illustration reduced 50%)

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack. 17

The first day cover, sold at 30s. and numbered in a series of 120,000, featured a boy student at a computer and dreaming of graduation.

The special first day postmark included three children.

A folder was probably available for this issue.

Reprint:

The 20s. stamp was subsequently reprinted by Secura by standard four-colour off-set lithography in sheets of 25 (5 x 5). The stamps were larger (41mm x 30mm). The paper had watermark Multiple POST OFFICE sideways reading up. It gave a greenish-white fluorescence and yellow-green after-glow. Perforation was 12.8 (either all margins perforated through or with left margin imperforate). Sheet margins were blank except for colour dots to left of R1 and right of R5 and 1A (x4) to right of R1 and left of R5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.14.1	1172b	991	20s. TR paper. Wmk. SD. P. 13.6 x 13.4.		
03.14.1a	1172c	-	P. 12.6 (from booklet).		
03.14.1b	1172cw	-	Wmk. SU. P. 12.6 (from booklet).		
03.14.1c	1172	-	- H paper. Wmk. SD. P. 12.1.		
03.14.1d	1172ax	-	Wmk. RSU. P. 12.1. (from fdc).		
03.14.2	1172d	-	- Secura printing.		
03.14.3	1173	992	30s.(A). H paper. Wmk. SD. P. 12.1.		
03.14.3a	1173bx	-	Wmk. RSU. P. 12.1 (from fdc).		
03.14.3b	-	-	- TR paper. Wmk. SD. P. 12.1.		
03.14.3c	1173c	-	P. 12.6 (from booklet).		
03.14.3d	1173cw	-	Wmk. SU. P. 12.6 (from booklet).		
03.14.4	1174	993	30s.(B). H paper. Wmk. SD. P. 12.1.		
03.14.4a	1174bx	-	Wmk. RSU. P. 12.1 (from fdc).		
03.14.4b	-	-	- TR paper. Wmk. SD. P. 12.1.		
03.14.4c	1174c	-	P. 12.6 (from booklet). ¹⁸		
03.14.4d	1174cw	-	Wmk. SU. P. 12.6 (from booklet).		
03.14.5	1175	994	30s.(C). H paper. Wmk. SD. P. 12.1.		
03.14.5a	1175bx	-	Wmk. RSU. P. 12.1 (from fdc).		
03.14.5b	-	-	- TR paper. Wmk. SD. P. 12.1.		
03.14.5c	1175c	-	P. 12.6 (from booklet).		
03.14.5d	1175cw	-	Wmk. SU. P. 12.6 (from booklet).		
03.14.6	1176	995	30s.(D). H paper. Wmk. SD. P. 12.1.		
03.14.6a	1176bx	-	Wmk. RSU. P. 12.1 (from fdc).		
03.14.6b	-	-	- TR paper. Wmk. SD. P. 12.1.		
03.14.6c	1176c	-	P. 12.6 (from booklet).		
03.14.6d	1176cw	-	Wmk. SU. P. 12.6 (from booklet).		
03.14.7	-	-	Se-tenant pair (1a, 3c) (from booklet).		
03.14.7a	-	-	- (1b, 3d) (from booklet).		
03.14.8	1173a	-	- (3, 4).		
03.14.8a	-	-	- (3b, 4b).		
03.14.8b	-	-	- (3c, 4c) (from booklet).		
03.14.8c	-	-	- (3d, 4d) (from booklet).		
03.14.9	-	-	- (4c, 1a) (from booklet).		
03.14.9a	-	-	- (4d, 1b) (from booklet).		
03.14.10	1175a	-	- (5, 6).		
03.14.10a	-	-	- (5b, 6b).		
03.14.10b	-	-	- (5c, 6c).		
03.14.10c	-	-	- (5d, 6d).		
03.14.11	-	-	Se-tenant strip of five (1d, 3a-6a) (for fdc).	-	
03.14.12	1172ca	-	Booklet pane of ten (7, 10b, 8b, 10b, 9).		
03.14.12a	1172cwa	_	- (7a, 10c, 8c, 10c, 9a).		
03.14.13	SB14	SB97	RM2.80 booklet (12).		
03.14.13a	SB14a	-	- (12a).		
03.14.14	-	MFDC-308	First day cover (11).		
03.14.14a	-	-	- (1c, 8a, 10a).	-	

31 October 2003.

Postcards - Retirement of Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohammad.

To mark the retirement of Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohammad as Prime Minister on 31 October 2003, Pos Malaysia issued a series of 160mm x 120mm unstamped postcards illustrating postage stamp issues, including the 2003 Motorcycles

miniature sheet B, with a portrait of him at bottom right, intended to be used to send him retirement greetings. The cards were co-sponsored by various organisations. Further details have not been reported. ¹⁹

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.15.1	_	_	Postcard - 2003 Motorcycles miniature sheet B.		

Numbers 03.15.2, etc. are reserved for other cards in this series.

16 December 2003.

Stamp Week (VIII) - Primates.







The "leaf monkeys" were restricted to East Malaysia. The Proboscis Monkey was now strictly protected with only some 1000 individuals left in Malaysia in 2003.

Designed by Reign Associates Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised three counter sheets, one having se-tenant pairs of 50c. stamps.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 41mm designs showed

30s.(A): Red Leaf Monkey (Lotong Merah, *Presbytis rubicunda*) sitting on a branch;

30s.(B): The same monkey reaching down for fruit;

50s.(A): Proboscis Monkey (Kera Bekantan, Nasalis larvatus) sitting on a branch;

50s.(B): The same monkey jumping from a branch.

The 30s. stamps were produced in separate sheets designated Designs 1 and 2 respectively. The two 50s. designs appeared in columns 1 and 3 and 2 and 4 respectively of a single sheet.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Secura using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The sheets have decorated margins showing monkeys and branches. Sheet markings included 1A (x4) to right of R1/4 and left of R5/1, colour dots (x4) appeared to left of R2/1 and right of R5/4, issue name and subject at top and left, Pos Malaysia emblem at bottom centre, sheet number below column 1 (highest seen 30s.(A): 46399, 30s.(B): 06855, 50s.: 38805). 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 POST OFFICE upright. The comb perforations measured 12.8. The sheet margins were perforated through on all sides (30s.(A)) or top, left and right with bottom imperforate (others).

PHQ Postcard:

A 125mm x 165mm unstamped postcard was produced showing the four stamps, of which the 30s.(A) was faded out.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3. The envelope of the presentation pack featured three monkeys and a tree.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured faces of the two monkeys and were numbered in a series of 150,000.

The special first day postmark included a Red Leaf Monkey.

A series of covers with a Stamp Week cachet and special postmarks from Miri, Sarawak for each day (16-20 December) showing monkeys in different postures was sold at RM5.30. Two versions of the Miri cachet exist. Type 1 had "BIRO FILATELI / MIRI, SARAWAK 15-20 Dis '03" below the circular emblem. Type 2 had "MIRI SARAWAK" above and "15 - 20 DIS - 2003" below the emblem.

A folder was available for this issue.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.16.1	1177	996	30s.(A).		
03.16.2	1178	997	30s.(B).		
03.16.3	1179	998	50s.(A).		
03.16.4	1180	999	50s.(B).		
03.16.5	1179a	-	Se-tenant pair (3-4).		
03.16.6	-	MFDC-309	First day cover $(1, 2, 5)$.		
03.16.6a	-	-	- Stamp Week postmarks: 16Dec ☐ 17Dec ☐ 18Dec ☐		
			19Dec □ 20Dec □		

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
03.16.7	-	MPP-309	Presentation pack (1, 2, 5).		
03.16.8	-	-	PHQ Postcard.		

NOTES

¹ I.S.C. listed a presentation pack as MPP-298 (believed to be in error).

- Several other perforation and watermark combinations were offered by various dealers, but it has not been possible to confirm these due to different descriptive conventions in use at the time. They include the 30s. 12.5 x 12.7 SU, U or SUR, 50s. 12.1 SUR (listed twice by SG as 1134bx or 1134cx), 13.6 x 13.4 SUR (SG 1134ax or 1134cx), RM1 12.5 x 12.7 SUR, 13.6 x 13.4 SDR or SUR.
- Offered by M & N Haworth Feb04 and reported by Mr. M. Kingsland.
- Offered by M & N Haworth Feb04.
- ⁵ Offered by M & N Haworth Feb04.
- Reported by Mr. M. Kingsland.
- ⁷ S.G. lists as RSU.
- ⁸ Listed by SG but not seen by author.
- ⁹ Offered by M & N Haworth Feb04.
- 13 I.S.C. listed a pack as MPP-302, which is believed to be an error.
- S.G. listed the booklet pane as 1143a.
- S.G. listed the booklet pane as 1143wa.
- I.S.C. listed a set of four sheets as MC-305M.
- 17 I.S.C. listed one as MPP-308 (believed to be in error).
- S.G. also list 1174d P.13 $\frac{1}{2}$, not seen by the author.
- 19 Illustrated by Mr. C. Nagarajah in The Malaysian Philatelic Bulletin Vol.1, No.2 October 2004-January 2005.