

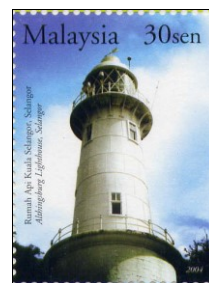
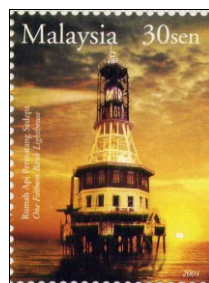
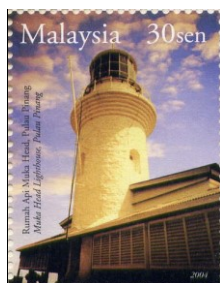
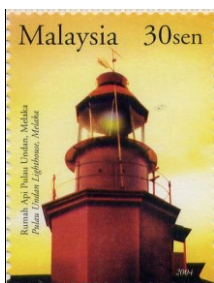
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Note: All illustrations in this chapter are reduced by 10% (50% for sheetlets and stationery) unless otherwise stated.

31 January 2004.

Historic Buildings - Lighthouses (I).



The Marine Department of Malaysia (Jabatan Laut Malaysia) was formed under the Federation in 1953, supervised by the Ministry of Transport. It manages the lighthouses with the support of the Light Dues Board. There were, in 2013, eleven lighthouses on Peninsular Malaya's 2068km coastline. The first lighthouses in Malaya were built by the British in 1826. At their peak, there were fifteen lights operated by Straits Settlements Lighthouses. The oldest operational survivor in 2004 was Tanjung Tuan ($02^{\circ}24'N$, $101^{\circ}51'E$), built 1863 and 24m high.

Designed by Reign Associates Sdn. Bhd., the issue comprised four counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm 30s. designs appeared in separate sheets and showed:

30s.(A): Pulau Undan Lighthouse ($02^{\circ}03'N$, $102^{\circ}20'E$), Malacca, built 1880 and 15m high, was the second to be built in Malaysia;

30s.(B): Muka Head Lighthouse ($05^{\circ}28'N$, $100^{\circ}11'E$), built 1883 and 14m high, northwest of Pulau Pinang, was the second to be built in Penang;

30s.(C): Permatang Sedepa or One Fathom Bank Lighthouse ($02^{\circ}53'N$, $100^{\circ}59'E$) was built 1907 to replace an earlier light guarding a shoal in the Straits of Malacca and is now preserved, having been replaced by a third light;

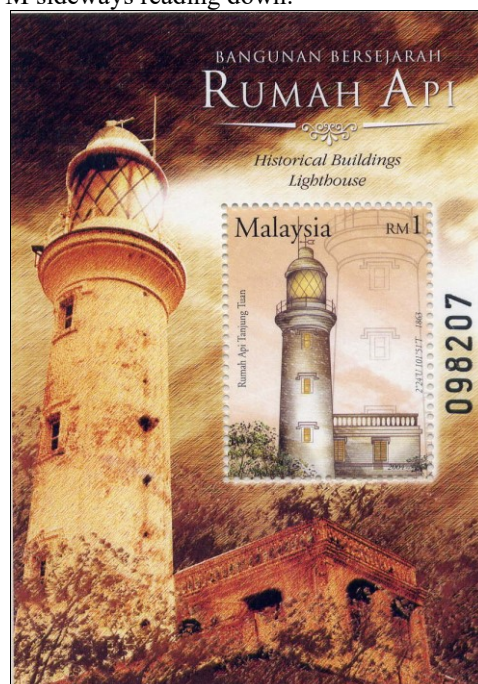
30s.(D): Land-based Kuala Selangor or Althingsburg Lighthouse is 27m high and was built on the top of Bukit Melawati. It was built by the Federated Malay States and was named after a Dutch Governor who took the fort on this site in 1784.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The sheets were decorated with lighthouse-related images. Sheet markings included the issue title at the top, subject at the left, 1A (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, colour dots (x4) to right of R1/4 and left of R5/1, Pos Malaysia emblem at bottom centre, sheet number below R5/1 (highest numbers seen were (A) 034040, (B) 024538, (C) 024540 (D) 024539. 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. There were at least two panes in the printer's sheet and all four sheets could have been printed simultaneously from a composite plate. The perforator spanned at least two panes and at least two perforators were used. They could be distinguished by misplaced pins and by the varying numbers of extension holes, which appeared in the respective margins of end sheets. On the sheets seen, the perforator produces eight (seen on sheet B) or ten (D) extension holes at the left and nine (A) or eight (C) at the right. It started at the top of the sheet and worked down, so top margins were imperforate, bottom were perforated through and left and right margins were either with extension holes or perforated through according to their position in the printer's sheet.

Miniature sheet:

The oldest operational survivor is Tanjung Tuan Lighthouse, Malacca ($02^{\circ}24'N$, $101^{\circ}51'E$), built 1863 and 24m high and also known as Cape Rachado (Portuguese for Broken Cape). Tanjung Tuan appeared both on the background of the 70mm x 100mm miniature sheet and on the 30mm x 40mm RM1 stamp contained therein. The sheet was on the same paper as the counter sheets but with the watermark upright and was perforated 13.5. The sheets were numbered to the right of the stamp (highest seen 098210).



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3. The envelope of the presentation pack featured Tanjung Tuan lighthouse.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Kuala Selangor lighthouse and a lantern.

The special first day postmark included a rock lighthouse.

A folder was probably available for this issue.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.1.1	1181	1000	30s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.1.2	1182	1001	30s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.1.3	1183	1002	30s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.1.4	1184	1003	30s.(D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.1.5	MS1185	MC-310M	RM1 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.1.6	-	MFDC-310	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.1.7	-	MFDC-310M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.1.8	-	MPP-310	Presentation pack (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 February 2004.

**7th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and
1st Meeting of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.**



This United Nations meeting (CBD/COP7/MOP1) was held in Kuala Lumpur on 9-27 February 2004. It dealt with the conservation and sustainable use of world biological diversity and the minimisation of risks from biotechnology.

Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 41mm x 30mm stamps in separate sheets showed:

30s.: Fish, seagull, elephant, Rafflesia, butterfly, tarsier and Rhinoceros Hornbill;

50s.(A): DNA, leaf, apparatus, lung, dissected body;

50s.(B): Event emblem and globe.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Secura using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The broad illustrated top and bottom sheet margins were perforated as if they contained four additional stamps each, creating se-tenant labels. Sheet markings were issue title, event emblem and illustration relating to stamp design at top, colour dots to right of R1, Malaysia coat of arms below R5/1, UN emblem below R5/2, CBD treaty emblem below R5/3, Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/4. The sheet number appeared at bottom left – highest numbers seen were 011333 (30s.), 06364 (50s. A.), 04116 (50s. B). There were no plate numbers. 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 top and side margins were perforated through, but the bottom margin (below the labels) could be perforated through (50s. A seen) or imperforate (30s., 50s. B seen).

First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured elements from the stamps. They were numbered in a series of 80,000.

The special first day postmark included the event emblem.

A folder was probably available for this issue.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.2.1	1186	1004	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.2.2	1187	1005	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.2.3	1188	1006	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.2.4	-	MFDC-311	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

29 February 2004.**Silver Jubilee of Sultan of Kelantan.**

Sultan Ismail Petra actually celebrated his Silver Jubilee on 29 March. This issue was originally planned for 15 February. Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 30mm stamps showed a half length, full-face portrait of the Sultan (head and shoulders on the 50s.) with a background view of various buildings:

30s.: Kota Darul Naim / State Secretariat Building, Kota Bharu;

50s.: Istana Jahar, Kota Bharu;

RM1: Masjid Tengku Muhammad Faiz Petra, Kota Bharu.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The sheet margins were decorated incorporating a traditional floral design (all values), plus fishing boat prow (50s.) or Sultan's portrait (RM1). Sheet markings were issue title in top margin, 1A (x4) to left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, colour dots (x4) to right of R1/4 and left of R5/1, Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/2 and sheet number below R5/1 (highest numbers seen were 007529 (30s. p.13.6 x 13.4), 055097 (30s. p.12.1), 019337 (50s.), 018895 (RM1)). 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 12.1 (30s., 50s.), 13.6 x 13.4 (30s., RM1). The latter 30s. appeared to be the more common version.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the portrait and a moon kite.

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

The special first day postmark included the state arms.

A folder was probably available for this issue.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.3.1	1189a	-	30s. P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.3.1a	1189	140	- P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.3.2	1190	141	50s. P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.3.3	1191	142	RM1 P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.3.4	-	MFDC-KN18	First day cover (1a, 2-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.3.5	-	-	Presentation pack (1a, 2-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19 March 2004.**1st Commonwealth Tourism Ministers Meeting.**

This meeting, to promote development of tourism between Commonwealth states, was held in Kuala Lumpur on 20-21 March 2004, preceded by a Senior Official's Meeting (to prepare the ground) on 18-19 March. The issue was originally scheduled for 15 March.

Designed by Hazel Design, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The designs showed;

30s.: A map of the world and golf course (40mm x 30mm);

50s.: Map of the world and seascape (40mm x 30mm);

RM1: Event emblem and tourism images, including woman in traditional headdress, beach sunset, Petronas Twin Towers, Malaysian coat of arms, Rafflesia (30mm x 40mm).

They were printed in sheets of 20 by Secura using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Two sheet formats were used.

The 30s. and 50s. were in 20-set Format H, perforated for 28 stamps (4 x 7), but containing two panes, the top one being 4 x 2 and the lower one 4 x 3, with labels where rows 1 and 4 would otherwise have been. The top row of labels formed part of the top margin containing the issue title. The other row of labels containing event emblems (with golf balls on 30s.). All margins were decorated, with the issue title down both side margins, the sheet number at bottom left (highest seen 007298 (30s.), 06648 (50s.)) and the Pos Malaysia emblem below column 3.

The RM1 sheet was similar but adapted for portrait format stamps in a single block of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) – the highest sheet number seen was 07100. The sheet seen had a row of perforations coinciding with the left-hand guillotined edge, which would have been in the right-hand margin of another sheet had the cut fallen exactly on the edge of the design. As it was, about 1mm of the right-hand edge design appeared at the left of the sheet, confirming the use of a multi-pane printer's sheet.

There were no plate numbers or colour dots. The 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 perforated through.



20-set Format H

Variety:

The following variety was recorded:

Value	No.	Position	Variety
RM1	v1	?	Perforations misplaced up to 1mm upward, giving an orange band at top of stamp.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured tourism images as used on the RM1 stamp.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a musician with a rebab and dancers.

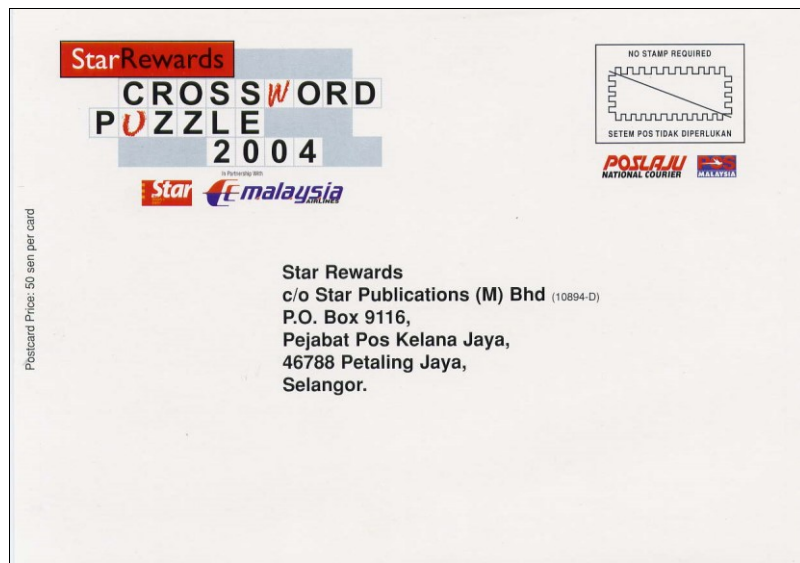
The special first day postmark included the event emblem, a globe incorporating the Petronas Twin Towers and the KL Tower.

The folder for this issue was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.4.1	1192	1007	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.4.2	1193	1008	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.4.3	1194	1009	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.4.4	-	MFDC-312	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.4.5	-	MPP-312	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

May 2004.

Postcard - Star Crossword (VI).



Whereas previous cards in this series were pre-stamped postal stationery, the 2004 card for the Kuala Lumpur Star newspaper's crossword competition bore only a "no stamp required" postage paid imprint.

The 210mm x 150mm card was sold for 50s.

Star CROSSWORD PUZZLE 2004

CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO: (please fill in) N° C 0115213

NRIC No (new):

Name (as in NRIC):

Address:

Postcode:

Tel No.: (Office) (Home) (Mobile)

E-mail Address:

Occupation (please mark X)

☐ Professional ☐ Businessman / Self-Employed ☐ Homemaker

☐ Manager / Executive ☐ Clerical / Skilled / Semi-Skilled ☐ Retiree

☐ Government Officer ☐ Student

☐ Others (please specify):

Write your slogan here (in not more than 15 words)

Date: Signature:

Official Postal and Courier Service Provider

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.5.1	-	-	Card	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22 May 2004.

National Service Programme.



This was an added starter to the year's programme. National Service (Khidmat Negara) was brought into operation on 22 February 2004 to give 18-year-olds a three months long course under military discipline with the aim of instilling patriotism in young people. The course incorporated four modules - physical training, nationality education, character-building and community service.

Designed by Creative & Communications House Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised three counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The three 30mm x 41mm stamps showed:
30s.: National Service emblem;

50s.: Servicemen on ropes;

RM1: Servicemen with flag.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (2 panes of 10 (5 x 2) with horizontal gutter) by Secura using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included 1A (x4) to right of R1, colour dots to the right of the bottom row, issue title and emblem on perforated centre gutter, Pos Malaysia emblem in bottom margin. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple POST OFFICE upright. The comb perforations measured 12.8.

Miniature sheet:

There was a 70mm x 100mm miniature sheet including a 30mm x 40mm RM2 stamp, printed by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional with watermark Multiple SPM upright (the sheet also exists with watermark inverted or inverted reversed) and perforation 13.4 x 13.6 on paper that gave a blue fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow. It showed a saluting serviceman standing next to a camp fire in a tented camp with trees and mountains beyond.

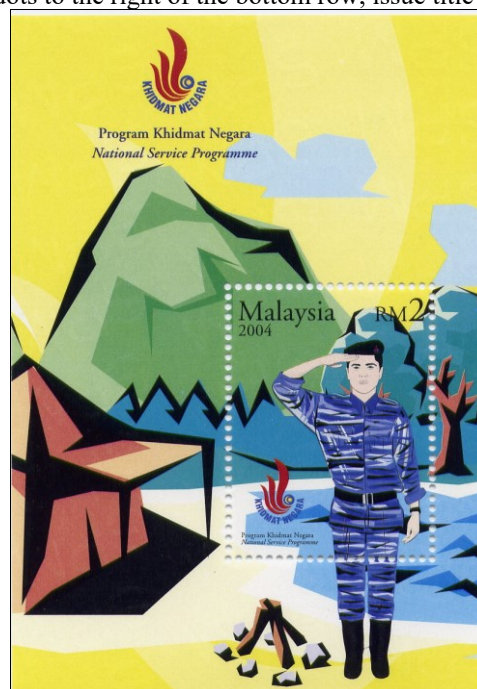
First day facilities:

There was no presentation pack.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured male and female servicemen.

The special first day postmark included the National Service emblem and serviceman saluting. Unusually, Bureau first day covers bore Melaka cancellations.

A folder for this issue was sold at RM5.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.6.1	1195	1010	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.6.2	1196	1011	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.6.3	1197	1012	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.6.4	MS1198	MC-313M	RM2 miniature sheet - Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.6.4a	MS1198w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.6.4b	MS1198y	-	- Wmk. IR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.6.5	-	MFDC-313	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.6.6	-	MFDC-313M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.6.6a	-	-	- (4a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.6.6b	-	-	- (4b).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.6.7	-	MPP-313	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31 May 2004.

30th Anniversary of Malaysia-China Diplomatic Relations.



Sino-Malay relations began 600 years ago with the visit of Admiral Cheng Ho to Malacca in 1405. On 31 May 1974, both sides signed a "Joint Communiqué" in Beijing. 2004 was "Malaysia-China Friendship Year". This issue was added to the programme at a late stage.

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

Counter sheets:

The two se-tenant pairs of 30mm x 40mm stamps showed:

30s.(A): Malay trader/warship "Lanchara" and Malaysian flag;

30s.(B): Chinese Junk and Chinese flag;

RM1 (A): Handshake, "Lanchara" and detail from banknotes;

RM1 (B): Both flags and "Lanchara".

They were printed in 20-set Format A (two panes 2 x 5 - see issue 02.9) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The vertical centre gutter was occupied by a composite design showing the

issue title and date, with flags of both countries. Design A appeared in columns 1 and 4 and B in 2 and 5. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) at left and right of R1 and 5, and Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish white fluorescent reaction of varying intensity and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down (the 30s. also exists with watermark upright). The comb perforations measured 12.7 x 12.5. All margins were perforated through and the perforator worked down the sheet.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet (containing a 60mm x 40mm RM2 stamp) showed the Niujie Mosque, Beijing's oldest and biggest (over 1000 years old, right) and the Kampung Hulu Mosque (built in 1728 in Malacca, left). It also bore the coats of arms of Malaysia and China. The paper gave a blue white fluorescent reaction under ultra-violet light but no after-glow. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 12.7 x 12.5.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4.20. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the two ships.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the arms of both countries.

The special first day postmark included "Lanchara". An empty collector's folder was sold at RM5.

A folder for this issue was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.7.1	1199	1013	30s.(A). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.7.1a	1199b	-	- Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.7.2	1200	1014	30s.(B). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.7.2a	1200b	-	- Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.7.3	1199a	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.7.3a	1199ba	-	- (1a-2a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.7.4	1201	1015	RM1 (A). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.7.5	1202	1016	RM1 (B.) Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.7.6	1201a	-	Se-tenant pair (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.7.7	MS1203	MC-314M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.7.8	-	MFDC-314	First day cover (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.7.8a	-	-	- (3a, 6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.7.9	-	MFDC-314M	- (7).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.7.10	-	-	Presentation pack (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

28 August 2004.

World Stamp Championship 2004.

To mark this event, held in Singapore from 28 August to 1 September, special miniature sheets were issued at RM2. 50,000 were printed by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using the Malaysia-China sheet, adapted by the addition of the event emblem at top left and a serial number (highest seen 44982). Unlike the original sheet, the new one was printed on phosphor-coated paper giving a greenish-white fluorescence and 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.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.8.1	MS1224	MC-319M	RM2 miniature sheet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14 June 2004.

Wildlife in the Malaysian Forest.

This issue was an added starter to the published programme.

Designed by Reign Associates, the issue comprised two counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The two se-tenant pairs of 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.(A): Banteng (Banteng, *Bos javanicus*);

30s.(B): Gaur (Seladang, *Bos gaurus*);

RM1 (A): Tiger (Harimau, *Panthera tigris*);

RM1 (B): Asian elephant (Gajah, *Elephas maximus*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format I - two panes 4 x 2 and 4 x 3 with a perforated row of labels between) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The labels bore a composite design containing the issue title with forest plants. The margins were undecorated. Design A was in columns 1 and 3 and B in 2 and 4. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of R1 and R5, date of issue below R5/2, Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways, normally reading down on 30s. and up on RM1 (which also exists reading down). The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4; all margins being perforated through.



20-set Format I

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet, containing a 30mm x 41mm RM2 stamp, showed young and adult Tapir (Cipan, *Tapirus indicus*), Muntjak (Kijang, *Muntiacus muntjak*), Greater Mouse-deer (Napuh, *Tragulus napu*), Rhinoceros hornbill (Enggang Badak, *Buceros rhinoceros*). The head of the Tapir forms the RM2 stamp. The sheet was printed by Secura on phosphor-coated paper with watermark Multiple POST OFFICE upright which gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The perforations measured 12.8. The sheets were not numbered.

**First day facilities:**

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured Napuh.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a Tapir and young.

The special first day postmark included a Tapir.

A folder for this issue was sold at RM5.

In a joint venture with Royal Selangor Marketing Sdn. Bhd., 2000 numbered first day covers were produced with an embossed reproduction of the RM1 stamp in niobium at RM125 each and 5000 with the same stamp in pewter.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.9.1	1204	1017	30s.(A). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.9.2	1205	1018	30s.(B). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.9.3	1204a	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.9.4	1206w	1019	RM1 (A). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.9.4a	1206	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.9.5	1207w	1020	RM1 (B). Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.9.5a	1207	-	- Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.9.6	1207wa	-	Se-tenant pair (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.9.6a	1206a	-	- (4a-5a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.9.7	MS1208	MC-315M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.9.8	-	MFDC-315	First day cover (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.9.8a	-	-	- (3, 6a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.9.9	-	MFDC-315M	- (7).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.9.10	-	-	Presentation pack (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.9.10a	-	-	- (3, 6a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Unissued (26 June 2004).**Frogs.**

The issue announced for release on 26 June was cancelled (see issue 07.5).

1 July 2004.**Multimedia Super Corridor.**

Previously publicised by an airletter, the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) was a 15km x 50km belt of land between Kuala Lumpur in the north and Kuala Lumpur International Airport in the south. It was Malaysia's "Silicon Valley" and incorporated near its centre the twin cities of Cyberjaya and Putrajaya. This issue did not appear in the original 2004 programme.

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

Counter sheets:

The three 41mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: The MSC Malaysia offices in Cyberjaya;

50s.: The Earth showing Asia, Putrajaya Landmark and Petronas Twin Towers;

RM1: Identity card, lap-top computer, desk-top computer, butterfly and human brain.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format I - see issue 04.9) by Secura using four-colour off-set lithography.

Sheet markings were colour dots to left of R1/1, above R1/5, below R5/1 and to right of R5/4, 1A (x4) above R1/1, to right of R1/4, to left of R5/1 and below R5/4, and Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/3. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. It had watermark Multiple Post Office upright. The comb perforations measured 12.8. The margins were normally all perforated through, except that the bottom margin of the 50s. and some sheets of the 30s. exist with imperforate margins, indicating a printer's plate incorporating at least four panes (two 30s. plus one each 50s. and RM1), perforation taking place before guillotining.

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 100mm miniature sheet showed the MSC emblem, a map and flag of Malaysia, the Petronas Twin Towers and Prime Minister's Complex, Putrajaya. It contains a 30mm x 40mm RM2 stamp showing a map of the MSC. Unlike the sheet stamps, it was printed by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. It gave a blue-white fluorescence and faint yellow-green after-glow. Perforation was 12.7 x 12.5. The miniature sheet was not numbered. Examples also exist imperforate with watermark sideways reading up or down.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the plan, flag, KL Tower, Petronas Twin Towers and MSC Building.

The first day cover, sold at 30s, featured the MSC emblem and a view of Earth from space with the MSC arrowed.

The special first day postmark included the MSC emblem.

A folder for this issue was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.10.1	1209	1021	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.10.2	1210	1022	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.10.3	1211	1023	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.10.4	MS1212	MC-316M	RM2 miniature sheet. Perf. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.10.5	MS1212aw	MC-316Mi	- Imperf. Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.10.5a	MS1212a	-	- - Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.10.6	-	MFDC-316	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.10.7	-	MFDC-316M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.10.7a	-	-	- (5a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.10.8	-	MPP-316	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24 July 2004.

Major Ports.



Originally planned for issue on 22 May 2004, this issue was intended to publicise the strategic siting of Malaysia's ports for maritime trade.

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

Counter sheets:

The five 40mm x 30mm stamps showed ports (with location map) as follows:

30s.(A): Johor Port, Pasir Gudang;

30s.(B): Kota Kinabalu Port;

50s.(A): Kuantan Port;

50s.(B): Penang Port, Butterworth, with MV "Ever Apex";

RM1: Bintulu Port, Sarawak.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format I - see issue 04.9) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to left and right of R1 and R6 and Pos Malaysia emblem below R6/3. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations normally measured 12.1, except for the RM1 which was 13.6 x 13.4. The latter perforation also exists on the 30s.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet showed Northport (Klang) with Orient Overseas Container Lines' MV "OOCL Long Beach" on the 40mm x 30mm RM2 stamp and MV "OOCL Shenzhen" on the sheet background together with a map and list of Malaysian ports. It had perforation 13.6 x 13.4 and watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down.

**First day facilities:**

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured MV "TI Germany", with an aerial view of Kuantan on the back.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a container crane.

The special first day postmark included a ship.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.11.1	1213	-	30s.(A). P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.11.1a	1213b	1024	- P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.11.2	1214	-	30s.(B). P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.11.2a	1214b	1025	- P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.11.3	1213a	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.11.3a	1213ba	-	- (1a-2a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.11.4	1215	1026	50s.(A). P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.11.5	1216	1027	50s.(B). P.12.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.11.6	1215a	-	Se-tenant pair (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.11.7	1217	1028	RM1. P.13.6 x 13.4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.11.8	MS1218	MC-317M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.11.9	-	MFDC-317	First day cover (3, 6, 7).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.11.10	-	MFDC-317M	- (8).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.11.11	-	MPP-317	Presentation pack (3a, 6, 7).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24 July 2004.

Root crops.

The announced issue was cancelled (see issue 09.11).

18 August 2004.

Traditional Means of Transport (1).



Originally planned for 23 October 2004 and advertised as dealing only with the trishaw, this issue was the first of a planned series on traditional forms of transport.

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

Counter sheets:

The three 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: A trishaw (beca) from Parit Jawa, Muar;

50s.: Rickshaw (lanca) from Malacca;

RM1: Bajau Padi Horse (kuda padi) from Kota Belud, Sabah.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format I - see issue 04.9) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to

left and right of R1 and R6, date of issue below R6/2 and Pos Malaysia emblem below R6/3. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. It normally had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down, but the 30s. also exists upright and sideways reading up with both perforations. The RM1 with upright watermark is known from a VIP presentation sheet numbered "P000000" below column 2, presented by Pos Malaysia to the winner of a PSM Stamp Fair draw ¹. The comb perforations measured 12.1 (30s., 50s.), 13.6 x 13.4 (30s., RM1). The 30s. perforation 12.1 was reported to be scarce in Malaysia but was common in exports to UK dealers. All margins were perforated through on sheets seen.

S.G. lists the 30s. P.11 with no watermark as S.G.1219d, but this has not been seen by the author.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm sheet, contains a 40mm x 50mm RM2 stamp, showing a bullock cart (kereta lembu), which was believed to have been introduced in the 15th Century by the Indian community in Malacca. It normally had upright watermark and perforation 14.1, but also exists with watermark sideways reading up perforated and upright imperforate.

At least one example exists where the stamp had been extracted and used for correspondence.



Variety:

The following variety has been reported:

Value	No.	Variety
M/s	v1	Faint "P" below house at right level with bottom row of perforations. ¹

Booklet:

The booklet contained ten 30s. stamps in a specially-produced 6 x 2 pane with white margins and with labels in positions R1/1 (Jinrickshaw) and R2/6 (Trishaw as used on the presentation pack). Unlike the counter sheets, the stamps were produced by Secura on paper with watermark Multiple Post Office upright and measured 41mm x 30mm with perforation 12.8. They were therefore 1mm wider than the counter sheet stamps. The paper gave a white fluorescent reaction and yellow-green after-glow. Although CTO examples were given the first day postmark for 18 August, the booklets were not distributed until 11 December to Bureau account holders. The booklet was initially issued without any reference to Pos Malaysia. The error was quickly recognised and the booklets withdrawn. They were then reissued with a "POS MALAYSIA / BERHAD" three-ring handstamp applied to the back cover.



(Illustrations reduced by 50%)



First day facilities:

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

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured trishaws.

The special first day postmark included a rickshaw.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.12.1	1219	1029	30s. P.12.1. Wmk. SPM SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.1a	1219aw	-	-- Wmk. SPM SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.1b	1219b	-	-- Wmk. SPM U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.1c	1219c	-	- P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SPM SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.1d	1219caw	-	-- Wmk. SPM SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.1e	1219cb	-	-- Wmk. SPM U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.2	1223	-	- P.12.8. Wmk. PO U (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.3	1220	1030	50s. P.12.1. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.12.4	1221	1031	RM1. P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. SD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.4a	1221a	-	- - Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.5	MS1222	MC-318M	RM2 miniature sheet. Wmk. U. P.14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.5a	MS1222a	MC-318Mi	- - Imperf.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.5b	MS1222b	-	- Wmk. SU. P.14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.6	-	MFDC-318	First day cover (1, 3, 4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.6a	-	-	- (1c, 3, 4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.7	-	MFDC-318M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.8	-	MPP-318	Presentation pack (1, 3, 4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.8a	-	-	- (1c, 3, 4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.9	SB15 ²	SB98	RM3 booklet (ten 2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.12.9a	-	-	- Without handstamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 September 2004.

Kuala Lumpur Stamp Show 2004.

To mark this event, special miniature sheets were issued at RM2. 30,000 were printed by adapting the Traditional Transport sheet with the addition of the event emblem at bottom right. Technical details remained as for the normal sheet, but only the upright watermark has been recorded.

Variety:

The following variety has been reported:



No.	Variety
v1	Red dot at top left above left-hand column of perforations. ¹

First day facilities:

A special postmark featuring the event emblem and dated "3-5 Sept 2004" was available at the event. It is known applied to the issue first day cover or to a PSM cover marking Zheng He's First Voyage.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.13.1	MS1224a	MC-320M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.13.2	-	-	First day cover (1).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

25 September 2004.

Taiping Night Safari.

The announced issue was cancelled.

4 October 2004.

Matang Mangroves.



The Matang Mangroves became a "Permanent Reserved Forest" as early as 1902. It was an area in Perak that had been systematically managed for 100 years as a sustainable mangrove forest ecosystem, including 28 fishing/aquaculture settlements. Cockle cultivation began in 1984 at Bagan Panchor. This issue was an added starter, not included in the published programme.

Designed by Hazel Design, the issue comprised two counter sheets, both containing se-tenant pairs of stamps, and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 41mm stamps showed:

30s.(A): Mangrove forest and a Crab-eating Macaque monkey (Kera, *Macaca fascicularis*);

30s.(B): Mangrove Apple (Gedabu, *Sonneratia ovata*) and moth;

RM1 (A): Fishing boat at jetty and Blood Cockles (*Anadara granosa*);

RM1 (B): Brahminy kite (Lang Merah, *Haliastur indus*) and Lesser Adjutant (Botak kechil, *Leptoptilos javanicus*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format A - see issue 02.9) by Secura using standard four-colour off-set lithography. There were no plate numbers. Sheet markings were issue title in gutter, colour dots (x4) to left and right of R1 and R5, Pos Malaysia emblem below gutter. 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.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm sheet contains one 30mm x 41mm RM2 stamp and showed the planting of cultivated mangrove seedlings to replenish any shortfall of natural seedlings using Tall-stilt Mangrove (Bakau minyak, *Rhizophora apiculata*) or Asiatic Mangrove (Bakau kurap, *Rhizophora mucronata*), together with an Orange Fiddler Crab (Ketam rebab, *Uca vocans*). Paper, etc., were as for counter sheets.

**First day facilities:**

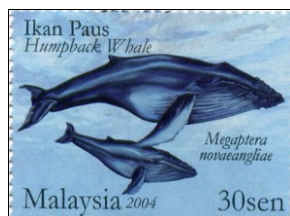
The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the pack featured a Brahminy kite in flight.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a forest walkway.

The special first day postmark included the centenary symbol.

The folder was sold at RM5.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.14.1	1225	1032	30s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.14.2	1226	1033	30s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.14.3	1225a	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.14.4	1227	1034	RM1 (A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.14.5	1228	1035	RM1 (B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.14.6	1227a	-	Se-tenant pair (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.14.7	MS1229	MC-321M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.14.8	-	MFDC-321	First day cover (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.14.9	-	MFDC-321M	- (7).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.14.10	-	MPP-321	Presentation pack (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 October 2004.**Stamp Week (IX) - Marine Life (VI).**

Stamp Week was moved to start on World Post Day instead of 11 December.

Designed by HudaCorp Sdn Bhd., the issue comprised three counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The three 41mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.: Humpback whale (Ikan Paus Humpback, *Megaptera novaeangliae*);

50s.: Verrill's Two-spot Octopus (Sotong Kurita, *Octopus bimaculatus*);

RM1: Bottlenose Dolphin (Ikan Lumba-Lumba, *Tursiops truncatus*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format I - see issue 04.9) by Secura using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots to left and right of R1 and R5, Pos Malaysia emblem below column 3, perforating guide T at centre of bottom margin, cutting guides in corners (if not trimmed off). 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 POST OFFICE upright, sometimes difficult to see. The comb perforations measured 12.8, which were very coarse, suggesting worn-out tooling. All margins were perforated through, except the bottom margin of 50s. and some sheets of the 30s. It was probable that the printer's sheet contained two panes of 30s. and one of each of the other values.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 71mm sheet included a 40mm x 30mm RM2 stamp showing the Thornback Ray (Ikan Pari, *Raja clavata*) against a coral reef background. It had watermark sideways reading up and perforation 12.8.

The sheet also exists in a version, issued at the week's festivities but not generally available until considerably later, incorporating at the top left the Stamp Week 2004 emblem in red.



First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM3.50. The envelope of the pack featured a fish on coral.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a scallop shell.

The special first day postmark included a dolphin.

The folder was sold at RM5.

In a joint venture with Royal Selangor Marketing Sdn. Bhd., 2000 numbered first day covers were produced with an embossed reproduction of the RM1 stamp in niobium at RM? each and 5000 with the same stamp in pewter at RM30.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.15.1	1230	1036	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.15.2	1231	1037	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.15.3	1232	1038	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.15.4	MS1233	MC-322M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.15.5	-	MC-323M	- Stamp Week emblem.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.15.6	-	MFDC-323	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.15.7	-	MFDC-323M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.15.7a	-	-	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.15.8	-	MPP-323	Presentation pack (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11 December 2004.

Medicinal Plants (II).



This issue was originally announced for 24 April 2004. It continues the series of issues dealing with plants used for herbal remedies and in food.

Designed by Warna Ilham, this issue comprised three counter sheets (one containing se-tenant pairs) and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 41mm stamps showed:

30s.: Malaysian Ginseng (Tongkat Ali, *Eurycoma longifolia*);

50s.: Kacip Fatimah (*Labisia pumila*);

RM1 (A): Candlenut (Buah Keras, *Aleurites moluccanus*³);

RM1 (B): Kerdas (*Pithecellobium bubalinum* benth).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format I - see issue 04.9) by Secura using standard four-colour off-set lithography. There were no plate numbers. Sheet markings were issue title in gutter, colour dots (x4) to left and right of R1 and R5, date of issue below column 2 and Pos Malaysia emblem below column 3. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple POST OFFICE upright. The comb perforations measured 12.8. All margins were perforated through except the bottom margin of 50s. and some sheets of the 30s. It is probable that the printer's sheet contained two panes of 30s. and one of each of the other values.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm sheet contains a 40mm x 30mm RM2 stamp which showed Mistletoe Fig (Mas Cotek, *Ficus deltoidea* jack). Paper, etc. were as for the counter sheets.

First day facilities:

The presentation pack was sold at RM4.50. The envelope of the pack featured a variety of plants.

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Ginseng.

The first day postmark included a plant.

The folder was sold at RM5.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
04.16.1	1234	1039	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.16.2	1235	1040	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.16.3	1237	1041	RM1 (A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.16.4	1236	1042	RM1 (B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.16.5	1236a	-	Se-tenant pair (3-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.16.6	MS1238	MC-324M	RM2 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.16.7	-	MFDC-324	First day cover (1, 2, 5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.16.8	-	MFDC-324M	- (6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
04.16.9	-	MPP-324	Presentation pack (1, 2, 5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTES

- ¹ Reported by Mr. C. Wong.
- ² The booklet pane was listed as S.G. 1223a.
- ³ Misspelt *Aleurites moluccana* on stamp.