

CHAPTER FIFTY-ONE

SPECIAL ISSUES 2009.

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

Presentation packs:

The January 2009 issue was the last to include a presentation pack.

21 January 2009.**Unique Birds of Malaysia.**

Malaysia has 742 known bird species, of which 63 are found only in Malaysia. This issue, which was prepared in conjunction with the Malaysian Nature Society, was originally planned for issue on 19 January.

Designed by Teh Yew Kiang, this issue comprised three counter sheets and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

30s: Malaysian Peacock-pheasant (Merak Pongsu, *Polyplectron malacense*);

50s.(A): Milky Stork (Upeh Bakau, *Mycteria cinerea*);

50s.(B): Malaysia Whistling Thrush (Murai Bersiul Gunung, *Myophonus robinsoni*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included the issue title in a broad top margin, colour dots (x4) to the left and right of rows 1 and 5, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, Pos 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 SPM sideways reading up. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4. The top margin was imperforate and the others perforated through.

Miniature sheet:

The 110mm x 70mm sheet showed the Wreathed Hornbill (Enggang Gunung, *Aceros undulatus*) and incorporated a 45mm x 35mm RM5 stamp showing the Plain-pouched Hornbill (Enggang Hutan, *Aceros subruficollis*). Both birds were embossed. The paper and watermark were as for the counter sheets. The perforation measured 12.2.

Before going to print, it was discovered that the scientific name had been misspelt. In making the new black plate, the country name and the year of issue were omitted in error (in breach of UPU rules).¹ It was reported that only 20,000 were printed. The sheet was withdrawn on the day after issue as soon as the error was discovered, by which time standing orders had been despatched.²

**First day facilities:**

The presentation pack was sold at RM4. The envelope of the presentation pack featured the miniature sheet design.

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

The special first day postmark included a stylised bird in flight.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

Withdrawal:

See under "Miniature sheet" above.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.1.1	1544	1276	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.1.2	1545	1277	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.1.3	1546	1278	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.1.4	MS1547 ³	MC-391M	RM5 miniature sheet. Wmk. SU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.1.5	-	MFDC-391	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.1.6	-	MFDC-391M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.1.7	-	-	Presentation pack.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10 April 2009.**Unique Birds of Malaysia - China 2009 World Stamp Exhibition.**

The China 2009 World Stamp Exhibition was held at Luoyang Museum, Luoyang City from 10 to 16 April 2009.

The Unique Birds miniature sheet was redrawn with the country name and issue date correctly inserted on the stamp and the stamp exhibition emblem added in the top right-hand corner.

The paper and perforation were as for the original issue, except that the watermark was sideways reading down.

Imperforate sheet:

An imperforate version of this sheet recently offered on the market by a third party was reported to be of dubious origin and it has been stated by official sources that the sheet was not authorised in that form. ⁴

**First day facilities:**

It is not recorded whether any first day facility was offered at the exhibition or in Kuala Lumpur. Such a service was not offered to account holders.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.2.1	MS1565a	MC-394M	RM5 miniature sheet. Perforated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 February 2009.**Perak - Silver Jubilee of Sultan Azlan Shah.**

This issue was released on the day that Sultan Azlan Shah of Perak celebrated his Silver Jubilee.

Designed by Professor Dato' Raja Zahabuddin Raja Yaacob, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The 50mm x 30mm stamps included the Royal Standard (coat of arms) (Panji di-Raja) at top centre and showed:

30s.: Sultan Azlan Shah with, in the background, him kissing the Pedang Cura Si Manja Kini (Royal Sword of Perak) at his installation as Sultan on 9 December 1985;

50s.: Sultan Azlan Shah and the Ubudiah Mosque;

RM1: Sultan Azlan Shah and his wife, Raja Permaisuri Perak, Tuanku Bainun.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were the issue title in the broad top margin, 1A (x4) to the left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, colour dots (x4) to the right of R1/4 and left of R5/1, Perak state coat of arms to the left and right of R2, State sword (30s.), the four royal Sword Keris or Sundangs (Cutam, Si Raja Wali, Sundang and Sada Maikah) (50s.) or eight Royal State Umbrellas (RM1) to the left and right of R3, Royal Standard to the left and right of R4, and Pos 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 SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4. The top margin was imperforate and the rest perforated through.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the Sultan.

The special first day postmark included "25".

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.3.1	1548	209	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.3.2	1549	210	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.3.3	1550	211	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.3.4	-	FDC-PK19	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

23 March 2009.

Traditional Wedding Costumes.



Designed by Hazel Design Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised a single counter sheet and a booklet, both with se-tenant strips of stamps.

Counter sheets:

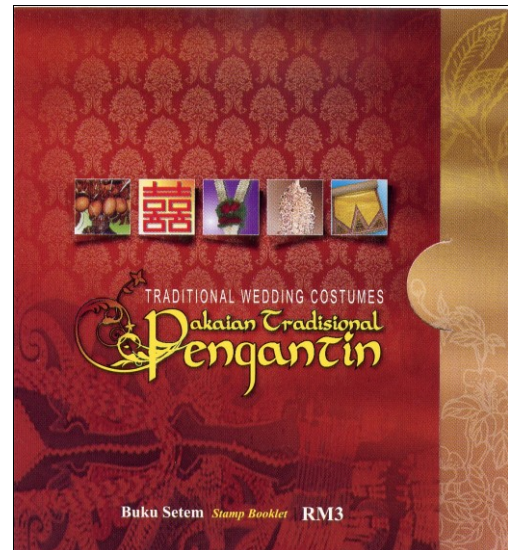
The 30mm x 50mm counter sheet stamps showed couples in wedding costumes, plus an inset detail that is repeated in the sheet margins:

- 50s.(A): Malay - Groom in “tengkolok” headdress, “baju kurung cekak usang” top, waistband, “samping” and keris; Bride in “baju kebaya labuh”, “sarung” and shawl (all in “bunga tabur”-pattern songket). Inset was “Bunga telur” ornament;
- 50s.(B): Chinese - Groom in embroidered dragon robe and black hat with red tassels; Bride in embroidered skirt with matching long red jacket and ornate headdress of gold, silver, pearls and kingfisher feathers. Inset was “double happiness” symbol;
- 50s.(C): Indian - Groom in white Vashtee; Bride in silk Saree and matching blouse. Inset was a garland;
- 50s.(D): Orang Ulu (Sarawak) - Groom in embroidered bead vest and loin cloth, with feather and bead headdress; Bride in “basung” and “ta’ah” sequinned dress and “lavung doh” headdress. Inset was “Bunga jarau” wood ornament;
- 50s.(E): Bajau (Sabah) - Groom in “badu” shirt and “suar” trousers, “kain dastar” headdress, with “ingot pangkat”, “supu” and waist sash; Bride in “badu sipak” satin blouse and “olos berangkit” wrap-skirt. Inset was “tipu serisir” mat.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 5 x 4 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were the issue title and a detail from each stamp in the broad bottom margin, 1A (x4) to the left of R1/1 and right of R4/5, colour dots (x4) to the right of R1/5 and left of R4/1, stamp details repeated in other marginal positions (Indian above R1/3, Malay to the left of R2/1, Orang Ulu to the right of R2/5, Chinese to the right of R3/1, Bajau to the right of R3/5). The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.6.

Booklet:

(cover illustration reduced 33%, pane reduced 50%)



The 98mm x 110mm (closed), 124 mm x 110mm (open) RM3 booklet contained ten (5 x 2) 30s. stamps of a similar design to the 50s. counter sheets, but having the inset removed, a background of a building in the appropriate architectural style added and the descriptive text moved from the top to the bottom of the stamp. Row 2 of the booklet pane had the stamps in reverse order to row 1. The stamps normally had inverted watermark (but the booklet does exist with upright watermark), but were otherwise as for the counter sheets.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Orang Asli costume.

The special first day postmark included a diamond ring.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.4.1	1551	-	30s.(A) (from booklet). Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.1a	1551w	-	- Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.2	1552	-	30s.(B) (from booklet). Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.2a	1552w	-	- Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.3	1553	-	30s.(C) (from booklet). Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.3a	1553w	-	- Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.4	1554	-	30s.(D) (from booklet). Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.4a	1554w	-	- Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.5	1555	-	30s.(E) (from booklet). Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.5a	1555w	-	- Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.6	-	-	Se-tenant strip (1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.6a	-	-	- (1a-5a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.7	1556	1279	50s.(A). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.8	1557	1280	50s.(B). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.9	1558	1281	50s.(C). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.10	1559	1282	50s.(D). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.11	1560	1283	50s.(E). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.12	1556a	MC-392	Se-tenant strip (7-11).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.13	SB23 ⁵	SB106	Booklet (two 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.13a	SB23a ⁶	-	- (two 6a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.4.14	-	MFDC-392	First day cover (12).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 April 2009.

Tourist Spots - World Heritage Sites.



The United Nations' UNESCO World Heritage Committee designates places of scientific or cultural interest as "World Heritage Sites" under the International World Heritage Programme. The Mulu National Park and the Kinabalu Park became Malaysia's first "Natural World Heritage Sites" on 30 November 2000. On 7 July 2008, George Town and

Malacca became Malaysia's first "Cultural World Heritage Sites". Several other sites are on the "tentative" list for future consideration.

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

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

50s.(A): Stadthuys Square, including the Clock Tower and Christ Church, Malacca, and (inset) doorway;

50s.(B): City Hall, George Town, Penang and (inset) window;

50s.(C): Pinnacles, Gunung Api, Mulu National Park, Sarawak and (inset) Tarsier;

50s.(D): Mount Kinabalu, Kinabalu Park, Sabah and (inset) bird.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were the issue title and illustrations in a broad bottom margin, 1A (x4) above R1/1 and below R5/4, colour dots (x4) above R1/4 and below R5/1, Porta de Santiago to the left and right of R1, R3 and R5 on the Penang/Malacca sheet, Francis Light statue on rows 2 and 4 of same sheet, Rafflesia flower to the left and right of R1, R3 and R5 on the Sabah/Sarawak sheet, and the Rhinoceros Hornbill on rows 2 and 4 of same sheet. 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 up. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4.

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 110mm RM2 sheet contained four 60mm x 25mm 50s. stamps showing:

50s.(E): Kampung Kling Mosque, Malacca.

50s.(F): Mount Kinabalu, Sabah.

50s.(G): High Court Building, George Town, Penang.

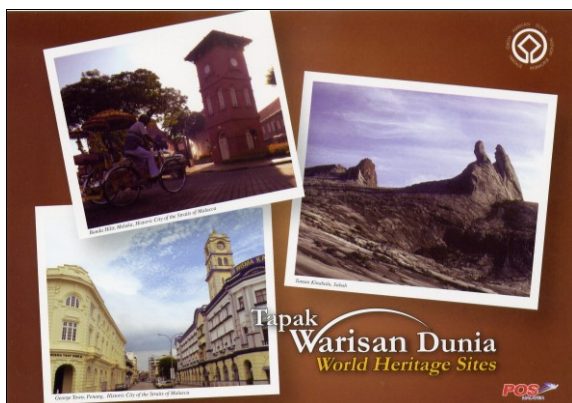
50s.(H): Deer Cave, Mulu National Park, Sarawak.

The sheet had a narrow margin around the stamps but was, nevertheless, slightly taller than the first day cover. The paper had watermark sideways reading down, but was otherwise as for the counter sheets. The stamps were perforated 14.1 x 13.7.

Note: An imperforate version of the World Heritage miniature sheet which appeared on the market in 2009 was reported to be of dubious origin. It was also reported that it was not authorised to be produced in this form.⁴



Postcard:



The 150mm x 106mm postcard, sold for 80s., showed the Pinnacles and a map of Malaysia at the top left and stamp design 50s.(C) (with simulated perforation 11.2) at the top right, above four address lines, the Pos emblem and "Harga : 80sen". The back showed three pictures - a trishaw and Malacca clock tower, street scene of China Street Ghaut, Penang, with Wisma Yeap Chor Ee and Wisma Kastam (Customs Department, formerly Malayan Railway's Penang Station Building) in foreground, and Mount Kinabalu.

First day facilities:

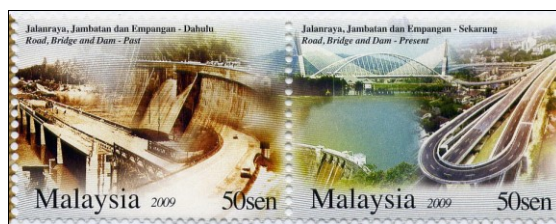
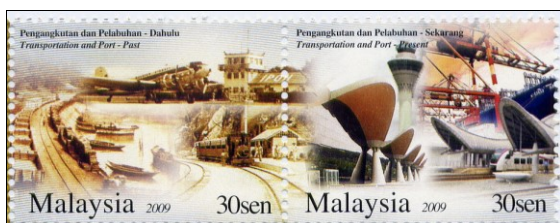
The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured related photographs of the four sites over a Kinabulu cloudscape aerial view.

The special first day postmark included a shuttered window detail.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.5.1	1561	1286	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.5.2	1562	1287	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.5.3	1561a	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.5.4	1563	1284	50s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.5.5	1564	1285	50s.(D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.5.6	1563a	-	Se-tenant pair (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.5.7	-	-	50s.(E) (from 11).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.5.8	-	-	50s.(F) (from 11).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.5.9	-	-	50s.(G) (from 11).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.5.10	-	-	50s.(H) (from 11).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.5.11	MS1565	MC-393M	RM2 miniature sheet (7-10). Perforated (see note).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.5.12	-	MFDC-393	First day cover (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.5.13	-	MFDC-393M	- (11).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.5.14	-	-	Postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

20 April 2009.

Engineering Excellence in Nation Building.

This issue marked the Golden Jubilee of the Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM), the national professional learned society body responsible for setting standards of training and conduct for over 24,000 professional engineers practising in Malaysia.

Designed by Reign Associates Sdn. Bhd., this issue comprised three counter sheets with se-tenant pairs.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm stamps showed:

30s.(A): Transportation & Port - Past. Included industrial railways and river craft, early passenger train and a Malayan Airways Douglas DC3 at Ipoh airport.

30s.(B): Transportation & Port - Present. Included Kuala Lumpur International Airport (Sepang), Express Rail Link and container cranes.

30s.(C): Telecommunication & Power - Past. Included telephone operator and overhead power lines.

30s.(D): Telecommunication & Power - Present. Included satellite dish and electricity pylons.

50s.(A): Road, Bridge & Dam - Past. Individual elements have not been identified.

50s.(B): Road, Bridge & Dam - Present. Seri Saujana Bridge, Putrajaya, unidentified dam and expressway junction.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format L - see issue 05.17) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were Pos emblem, issue title and IEM coat of arms in the imperforate gutter, 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 4, colour dots (x4) to the left and right of rows 1 and 5. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM upright. The comb perforations measured 12.5 x 12.7. All margins were perforated through.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a lattice structure.

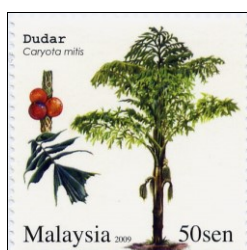
The special first day postmark included a pair of drawing compasses and circles.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.6.1	1566	1288	30s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.6.2	1567	1289	30s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.6.3	1566a	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.6.4	1568	1290	30s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.6.5	1569	1291	30s.(D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.6.6	1568a	-	Se-tenant pair (4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.6.7	1570	1292	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.6.8	1571	1293	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.6.9	1570a	-	Se-tenant pair (7-8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.6.10	-	MFDC-395	First day cover (3, 6, 9).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19 May 2009.

Palm Trees.



Malaysia is said to have over 400 palm tree species, exhibiting a wide diversity of forms. This issue was the first for some years not to use a watermark, security being maintained by the use of a fluorescent phosphor overprint.

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

Counter sheets:

The 35mm square counter sheet stamps showed:

50s.(A): Taraw Palm (Serdang, *Livistona saribus*).

50s.(B): Fish Tail Palm (Dudar, *Caryota mitis*).

50s.(C): Ruffled Fan Palm (Palas kipas, *Licuala grandis*).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (simple 4 x 5 format) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were the Pos emblem and issue title in broad bottom margin, 1A (x4) to the left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, colour dots (x4) to the right of R1/4 and left of R5/1. The unwatermarked phosphor-coated paper gave a low bluish fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light and was overprinted with multiple Pos Malaysia bird emblems (plus "SPM" at intervals so that it appears at the bottom right of each stamp) in yellow-green fluorescent phosphor. The comb perforations measured 13.2.

Miniature sheet:

The 80mm square miniature sheet contained an L-shaped 70mm x 50mm RM3 stamp showing palms: Sal Palm or Umbrella Leaf Palm (Daun Payung, *Johannesstelsmannia altifrons*) and Serdang Endau (*Livistona endauensis*). The paper was as for the counter sheets, except that "SPM" appeared at bottom left of the stamp. It was perforated 12.1.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured Red Sealing Wax Palm (Pinang Raja, *Cyrtostachys renda*).

The special first day postmark included a coconut palm.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.7.1	1572	1294	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.7.2	1573	1295	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.7.3	1574	1296	50s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.7.4	MS1575	MC-396M	RM3 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.7.5	-	MFDC-396	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.7.6	-	MFDC-396M	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

30 July 2009.

The 24th Asian International Stamp Exhibition, Philakorea 2009, was held from 30 July to 4 August at the Indian Hall, COEX Convention Centre, Seoul. A special miniature sheet was issued, based on 09.7.4 but incorporating the event emblem in the top right corner of the sheet. The paper was as for the counter sheets. The upper half (top, upper right and upper half of the left-hand side) was perforated 12.1, but the bottom half (remainder) was 13.2.

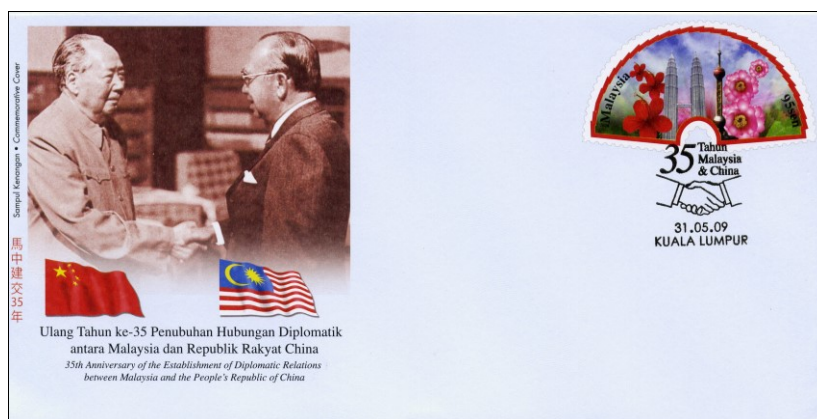
Palm Trees - Philakorea Stamp Exhibition.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.8.1	MS1601	MC-400M	RM3 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31 May 2009.

Envelope - Diplomatic Relations with China.



100,000 numbered prepaid envelopes were produced to mark the 35th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and the People's Republic of China by a joint communiqué of 31 May 1974.

Sold at RM2, the 218mm x 110mm envelope showed a picture of Mao Tse Tung and Tun Abdul Razak shaking hands and the flags of the two nations. It bore a fan-shaped 95s. "stamp" showing Hibiscus, Petronas Twin Towers, China Central Television Tower (Beijing), and *Couroupita guianensis*. The "stamp" had a simulated perforation 9. The unwatermarked paper gave a strong blue fluorescent reaction but no after-glow under ultra-violet light. A Chinese translation of the descriptive text from the back of the envelope was provided in the envelope as a loose insert. The back of the envelope also bore photographs of all the Chinese leaders and Malaysian Prime Ministers since 1974.

First day postmark:

The special postmark showed a handshake.

A large part of the printing was reportedly taken to China for sale at the Luoyang exhibition.

Unusually, it was treated by the Philatelic Bureau as a new issue and supplied to account holders.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

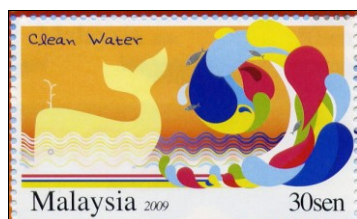
In November 2009, the Philatelic Bureau offered envelopes additionally serviced with the Chinese stamps of the 2002 joint issue and the Chinese and Malaysian first day postmarks. It was sold from RM8 accompanied by a Chinese

souvenir cover showing the flags of China and Malaysia serviced with the Malaysian RM1 stamp and Chinese 80c. stamp of the same joint issue, with appropriate postmarks of 31 May.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.9.1	-	-	Envelope.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.9.2	-	-	- First day postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.9.3	-	-	- First day postmark plus Chinese stamp and postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.9.4	-	-	Chinese joint souvenir cover.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

18 June 2009.

Conservation of Nature for the Future.



Originally announced for 4 June.

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

Counter sheets:

The 50mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

30s.: Clean Water (whale and waves).

50s.(A): Go Green (fern and trees).

50s.(B): Fresh Air (Sun and factories emitting coloured vapours).

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format L - see issue 05.17) 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 the left and right of rows 1 and 5, and Pos Malaysia emblem and issue title on the gutter. The unwatermarked phosphor-coated paper gave no fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The stamps were overprinted with the Pos bird emblem in yellow-green phosphor. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a tree and sunny blue sky.

The special first day postmark included a tree and butterflies.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

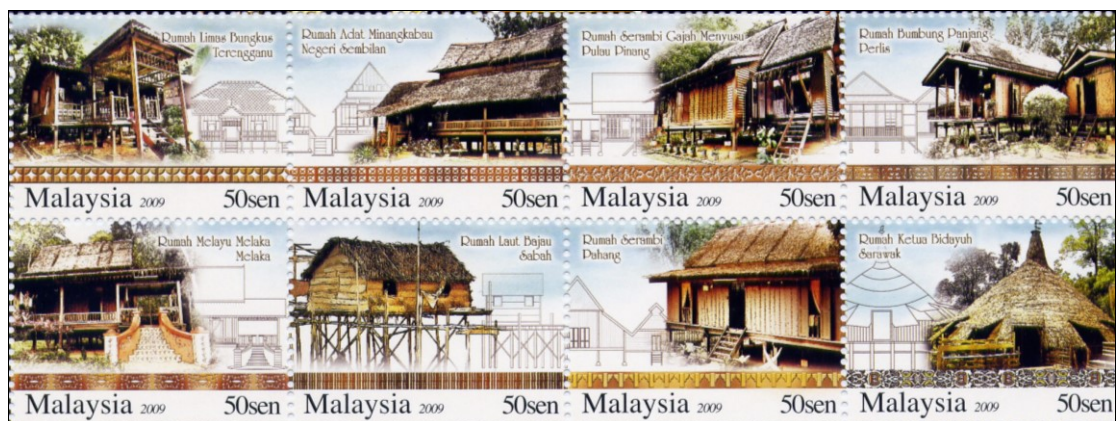
No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.10.1	1577	1297	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.10.2	1578	1298	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.10.3	1579	1299	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.10.4	-	MFDC-397	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 July 2009.

Traditional Houses.



Upper pane (above) and lower pane (below)



Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised a single counter sheetlet with sixteen different designs in two panes of eight divided by a horizontal gutter.

Counter sheet:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

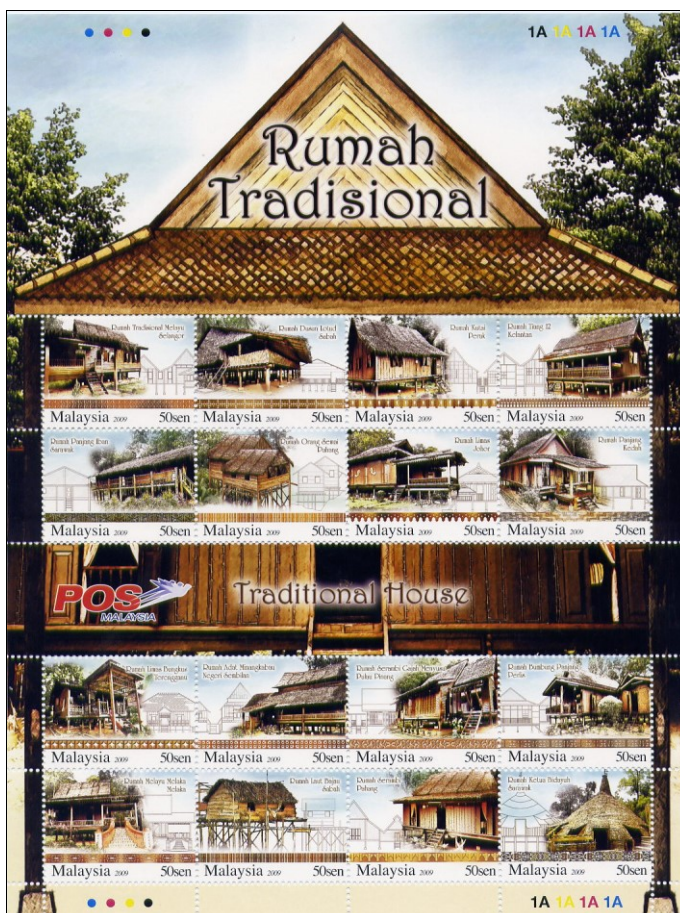
- 50s.(A): (R1/1) Malay Traditional House, Selangor (also used in Malacca);
- 50s.(B): (R1/2) Dusun Lotud Traditional House, Sabah (also used by the Kadazan tribe);
- 50s.(C): (R1/3) Kutai House, Perak (found in Kuala Kangsar and neighbouring rivers);
- 50s.(D): (R1/4) Twelve Pillar House, Kelantan (unique to Kota Bharu);
- 50s.(E): (R2/1) Iban Long House, Sarawak;
- 50s.(F): (R2/2) Semai House, Pahang;
- 50s.(G): (R2/3) Limas House, Johore (found mainly in Pontian);
- 50s.(H): (R2/4) Long House, Kedah;
- 50s.(I): (R3/1) Limas Bugkus House, Trengganu (unique to Besut);
- 50s.(J): (R3/2) Adat Minangkabau House, Negri Sembilan (a Sumatran design);
- 50s.(K): (R3/3) Nursing Elephant Verandah House, Penang;
- 50s.(L): (R3/4) Long Roofed House, Perlis;
- 50s.(M): (R4/1) Melaka Malay House, Malacca;
- 50s.(N): (R4/2) Bajau Laut House, South East Sabah (coastal sea house);
- 50s.(O): (R4/3) Verandah House, Pahang (1000-year-old design);
- 50s.(P): (R4/4) The Bidayuh House, Sarawak (community centre).

They were printed by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings included colour dots (x4) above and below column 1, 1A (x4) above and below column 4 and Pos Malaysia emblem and English issue title in the gutter, Bahasa issue title in broad top margin. The sheet background took the form of a house. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper normally had watermark Multiple SPM upright, but it also exists with watermark inverted. The comb perforations measured 12.5 x 12.7.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the Nursing Elephant Verandah House, two covers being necessary to accommodate the full set of stamps.

The special first day postmark included houses. The folder was sold at RM5.50.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.11.1	1580	1300	50s.(A). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.1a	1580w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.11.2	1581	1301	50s.(B). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.2a	1581w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.3	1582	1302	50s.(C). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.3a	1582w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.4	1583	1303	50s.(D). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.4a	1583w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.5	1584	1304	50s.(E). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.5a	1584w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.6	1585	1305	50s.(F). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.6a	1585w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.7	1586	1306	50s.(G). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.7a	1586w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.8	1587	1307	50s.(H). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.8a	1587w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.9	-	-	Se-tenant block of eight (1-8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.9a	-	-	- (1a-8a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.10	1588	1308	50s.(I). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.10a	1588w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.11	1589	1309	50s.(J). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.11a	1589w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.12	1590	1310	50s.(K). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.12a	1590w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.13	1591	1311	50s.(L). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.13a	1591w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.14	1592	1312	50s.(M). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.14a	1592w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.15	1593	1313	50s.(N). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.15a	1593w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.16	1594	1314	50s.(O). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.16a	1594w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.17	1595	1315	50s.(P). Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.17a	1595w	-	- Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.18	-	-	Se-tenant block of eight (10-17).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.18a	-	-	- (10a-17a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.19	1580a	MC-398	Sheet of 16 (9, 18).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.19a	1580wa	-	- (9a, 18a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.20	-	- ⁷	First day cover (9).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.11.21	-	-	- (18).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

23 July 2009.

Tuber Plants.



Root crops are second only to cereals as the most important source of carbohydrates in the world's food supply. An issue on this subject had been planned for July 2004, but was cancelled.

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

Counter sheets:

The 35mm square counter sheet stamps showed:

30s.(A): Sweet Potato (Ubi Keledek, *Ipomoea batatas*);

30s.(B): Cassava or Tapioca (Ubi Kayu, *Manihot esculenta*);

50s.(A): Potato Bean or Yam Bean (Sengkuang, *Pachyrrhizus erosus*);

50s.(B): Purple, Winged or Water Yam (Ubi Badak, *Dioscorea alata* L.).

They were printed by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format X - 4 x 6 with the bottom right block of four replaced by the issue title and an illustration).. The corner illustration was of another tuber:

30s.(A): Lesser Yam (Ubi Torak, *Dioscorea esculenta*);

30s.(B): Jaga (Ubi Jaga, *Smilax myosotiflora*);

50s.(A): Asiatic Bitter or Intoxicating Yam (Ubi Gadong, *Dioscorea hispida*);

50s.(B): Taro or Cocoyam (Ubi Keladi, *Colocasia esculenta*)).

Sheet markings were 1A (x4) to the left of R1/1 and right of row 6, colour dots (x4) to the right of R1/4 and left of R6/1, and Pos emblem below R6/2. The unwatermarked phosphor-coated paper gave no fluorescent reaction but a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The stamps were overprinted with fluorescent Pos Malaysia bird emblems. The comb perforations measured 13.2.



20-Set Format X.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm RM3 miniature sheet contained a 45mm square stamp and showed Taro. Unusually, the stamp was set diagonally in the miniature sheet. The perforations were also unusual in that they were composed of single pins at the corners and mid-points of the side, with spaces either side, linked by strips of P.13.1.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the Air Potato (Ubi Atas, *Dioscorea bulbifera*).

The special first day postmark included a Tapioca leaf.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.12.1	1596	1317	30s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.12.2	1597	1316	30s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.12.3	1598	1319	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.12.4	1599	1318	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.12.5	MS1600	MC-399M	RM3 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.12.6	-	MFDC-399	First day cover (1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.12.7	-	MFDC-399M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

31 August 2009.

National Day - Malaysian Unity (II) - One Malaysia.



National Day 2009 was marked by the second series of Unity stamps. As 31 August was a bank holiday, they were only available from Kuala Lumpur GPO on the day of issue and it was not until 1 September that it was available throughout the rest of the country. All the issued material bore the slogan “Rakyat Didahulukan, Pencapaian Diutamakan” (People First, Performance Now”).

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

Counter sheets:

The 29mm x 34mm counter sheet stamps showed:

- 30s.(A): “1” filled with a detail from the Malaysian flag and a map of Malaysia formed from similar, smaller “1”s (For a similar design without map, see the chapter on Setemku issues);
- 30s.(B): Heart filled with the Malaysian flag surrounded by eight cartoon persons in cultural dress;
- 30s.(C): Light bulb and seven cartoon persons in activity dress, including a doctor, policeman, graduate, soldier, engineer and adult and child with rucksack.

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (20-Set Format Y - two panes 2 x 5) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The sheet background had a common design showing 17 cartoon persons wearing different cultural dress (six at the top and 11 at the bottom. The imperforate vertical central gutter had “1” filled with a detail from the Malaysian flag above the first bar of the national anthem. Other sheet markings were 1A (x4) to the left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, colour dots (x4) to the right of R1/4 and left of R5/1, and Pos Malaysia emblem below R5/4. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper normally had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down, but design A is known with watermark sideways reading up. The comb perforations measured 13.8 x 14.1 with a elliptical perforation in the centre of the stamps with 10 normal holes either side of the ellipse.



20-set Format Y

Miniature sheet:

The 70mm x 100mm miniature sheet was in the shape of a “1”, with the first bar of the national anthem at the top and the Kuala Lumpur skyline at the foot with the Petronas Twin Towers and the KL Tower prominent. It incorporated a 30mm x 40mm RM5 stamp showing eight cartoon persons surrounding a “1”. The main part of the design had a transparent speckle holographic overlay. The perforation was 13.3 x 13.6. The paper was as for the counter sheets. The watermark was normally upright but inverted watermarks exist.

Booklet:

The RM3 booklet contained ten se-tenant 30s. stamps (5 x 2), the lower row being in the reverse order of the top row. R1/1-R1/3 were designs A, B and C as above. The other two designs were:

30s.(D): Satellite, Kuala Lumpur skyline, laptop computer showing the Earth, vehicle speedometer, businessman with chart on easel, woman technician in white coat with clipboard, microwave dish, microscope and world map.

30s.(E): Hibiscus, family, gavel, King's headdress, Dayabumi Complex and Kuala Lumpur Sentral station.

The cover showed 16 cartoon persons in cultural dress and measured 113mm x 70mm folded, 266mm x 70mm open. The paper was as the -

counter sheets. It is believed that the printer's sheet was arranged tête bêche so as to allow all blocks to have a left-hand margin for mounting in the covers and the watermark therefore appears upright and inverted in equal numbers. However, distribution was uneven, resulting in local predominance of one or the other and local shortages as dealers tried to buy-up the “scarce version”. The perforations were 13.8 x 13.6 with ellipse, resulting in one less pin on the vertical side than the counter sheet. Stamps with upright watermark had ten clear pins above the ellipse and nine below, while those with inverted watermark had nine above ten because of the tête-bêche arrangement.

Cover illustration reduced by 33%.

Pane illustration reduced by 50%.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the “1” surrounded by a circle of people holding hands.

The special first day postmark included a circle of people around a map of Malaysia.

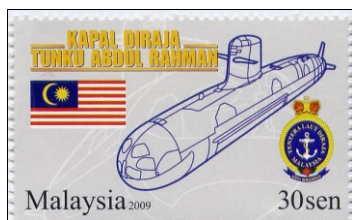


No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.13.1	1602	1320	30s.(A). P.13.8 x 14.1. Wmk. SD (from counter sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.1a	1602w	-	- - Wmk. SU (from counter sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.1b	1606	-	- P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. U (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.1c	1606w	-	- - Wmk. I (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.2	1603	1321	30s.(B). P.13.8 x 14.1. Wmk. SD (from counter sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.2a	1607	-	- P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. U (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.2b	1607w	-	- - Wmk. I (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.3	1604	1322	30s.(C). P.13.8 x 14.1. Wmk. SD (from counter sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.3a	1608	-	- P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. U (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.3b	1608w	-	- - Wmk. I (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.4	1609	-	30s.(D). P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. U (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.4a	1609w	-	- - Wmk. I (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.5	1610	-	30s.(E). P.13.8 x 13.6. Wmk. U (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.5a	1610w	-	- - Wmk. I (from booklet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.6	-	-	Se-tenant strip (1b, 2a--3a, 4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.6a	-	-	- (1c, 2b-3b, 4a-5a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.7	SB24 ⁸	SB107	Booklet (two 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.7a	SB24a ⁹	-	- (two 6a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.8	MS1605	MC-401M	RM5 miniature sheet. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
09.13.8a	MS1605w	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.9	-	MFDC-401	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.13.10	-	MFDC-401M	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 September 2009.

First Malaysian Submarine.



This issue marked the entry into service of “K.D. Tunku Abdul Rahman”, the first of two Prime Minister Class, 1758 tonnes displacement, diesel-electric submarines to be delivered to the Royal Malaysian Navy (Tentera Laut Diraja Malaysia). Designed and built by DCNS of France in co-operation with Spanish builder Navantia, this first off-the-shelf “Scorpene Basic” (Scorpion Fish) -type submarine was launched at Cherbourg on 23 October 2007 and commissioned on 27 January 2009. It was armed with Blackshark wire-guided torpedoes and Exocet SM-39 submarine-launched, anti-ship missiles. Its sister ship, “K.D. Tun Razak”, was launched on 8 October 2008 and was due to be commissioned in October 2009. Other navies had ordered sixteen boats of this design by October 2009.

Designed by Royal Malaysian Navy, this issue comprised three counter sheets.

Counter sheets:

The 50mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed

30s.: Line drawing of KD Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysian flag and Navy emblem;

50s.(A): KD Tunku Abdul Rahman from the air, Malaysian flag and Navy emblem;

50s.(B): KD Tunku Abdul Rahman from sea level, Malaysian flag and Navy emblem.

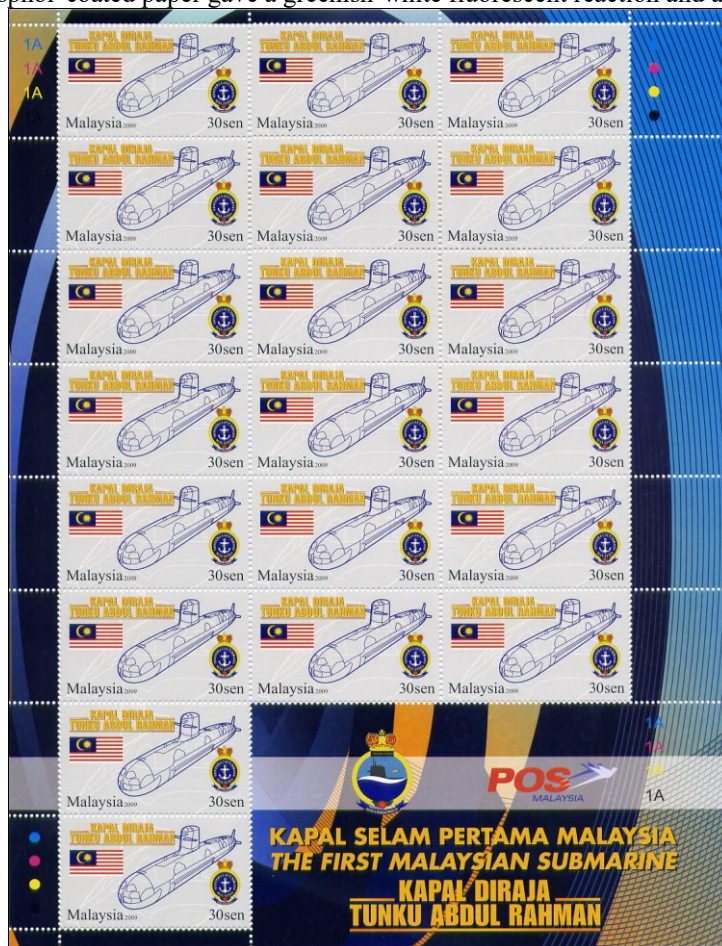
They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format Z - 8 x 3 with the bottom right-hand four positions replaced by the issue title) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) to the left of R1/1 and to the right of R7, colour dots (x4) to the right of R1/3 and to the left of R8/1, ship's crest below R6/2, 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 up. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4. Progressive misalignment between the perforations of columns 1 and 2 occurred on all three values, suggesting that column 1 was perforated in a separate operation.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured the submarine from above.

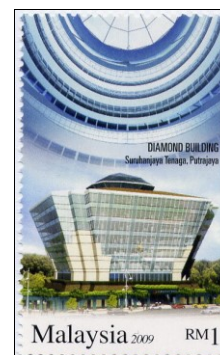
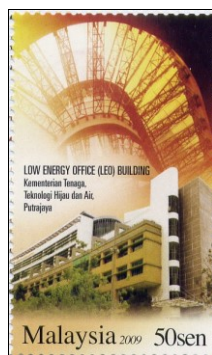
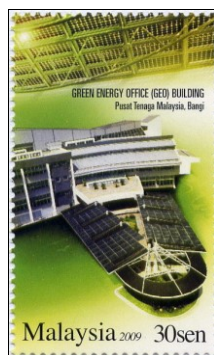
The special first day postmark included the submarine and a dolphin.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.



20-Set Format Z

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.14.1	1611	1323	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.14.2	1612	1325	50s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.14.3	1613	1324	50s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.14.4	-	MFDC-402	First day cover (1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 September 2009.**Energy Efficient Buildings.**

This issue featured recent government buildings designed as demonstration projects to make best use of energy in this carbon-conscious 21st Century.

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

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 50mm counter sheet stamps showed:

30s.: Green Energy Office (GEO) Building, Pusat Tenaga Malaysia (Malaysia Energy Centre), Bangi New Town.

This building used solar voltaic cells to generate over half its energy needs;

50s.: Low Energy Office (LEO) Building, Kementerian Tenaga, Teknologi Hijau dan Air (Ministry of Energy, Green Technology & Water), Putrajaya (2001). This building won the New & Existing Category award in the ASEAN Energy Efficiency Awards 2006; it is designed to use almost one-third of the energy per square metre of a normal office block;

RM1: Diamond Building, Suruhanjaya Tenaga (Energy Commission), Putrajaya (2010). Its inverted pyramid design shades windows and allows better use of natural lighting and reduces heat load, while the roof used solar voltaic cells to generate energy.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format M - see issue 06.3) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were 1A (x4) above and below columns 1 and 5, colour dots (x4) to the left and right of rows 1 and 4, issue title and Pos emblem in 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 SPM upright.

The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.6 or 14.1 (all values). All margins were perforated through. 30s. sheets seen had both panes 13.4 x 13.6, but a 14.1 single has also been seen. 50s. and RM1 sheets seen had the upper pane 14.1 and the bottom pane 13.4 x 13.6, and it is likely that the 30s. sheet also existed in this form.

Variety:

The following variety was reported:

Value	No.	Position	Variety
50s.	v1	R2/5	Large ring flaw on edge of detail at top right. Reported to appear on one in five sheets checked. ¹⁰

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a line drawing of the Diamond Building and elevation silhouettes of the three buildings.

The special first day postmark included the Sun.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.15.1	1614	1326	30s. P.13.4 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.15.1a	1614a	-	- P.14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.15.2	1615	1327	50s. P.13.4 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.15.2a	1615aa	-	- P.14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.15.3	1616	1328	RM1. P.13.4 x 13.6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.15.3a	1616aa	-	- P.14.1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.15.4	-	MFDC-403	First day cover (1, 2, 3a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
09.15.4a	-	- (1, 2a, 3a).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 October 2009.

Caring Society.



Subtitled “A caring society gives children their rights”, this issue marks the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which is administered by Unicef, the United Nations Children’s Fund.

Designed by TBWA\ TEQUILA\, this issue comprised two counter sheets, the 30s. having se-tenant blocks of four designs.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps all incorporated the Unicef emblem and showed:

30s.(A): “Right to Play” - Girl with windmill;

30s.(B): “Right to Food” - Boy with drinking glass;

30s.(C): “Right to Education” - Boy with rucksack;

30s.(D): “Right to Protection” - Girl with umbrella;

RM1: “Born with Rights” - Two boys and two girls, hand-in-hand with partial rainbow. This stamp was embossed with the Braille characters for “RM#1”.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-Set Format O - see issue 07.2) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. The 30s. stamps were printed in blocks of four throughout the sheet. Sheet markings were the issue title and event emblem in the broad top margin, the Unicef emblem below R6/2, the designer’s trademark below R6/3, Pos Malaysia emblem below R6/4 and 1A (x4) to the left of row 1 and to the right of R6/4, colour dots (x4) to the right of R1/4 and left of R6/1. The phosphor-coated paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The paper had watermark Multiple SPM sideways reading down. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4, with only the left, right and bottom margins perforated through.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured flowers, rainbow and clouds.

The special first day postmark included a child with open arms.

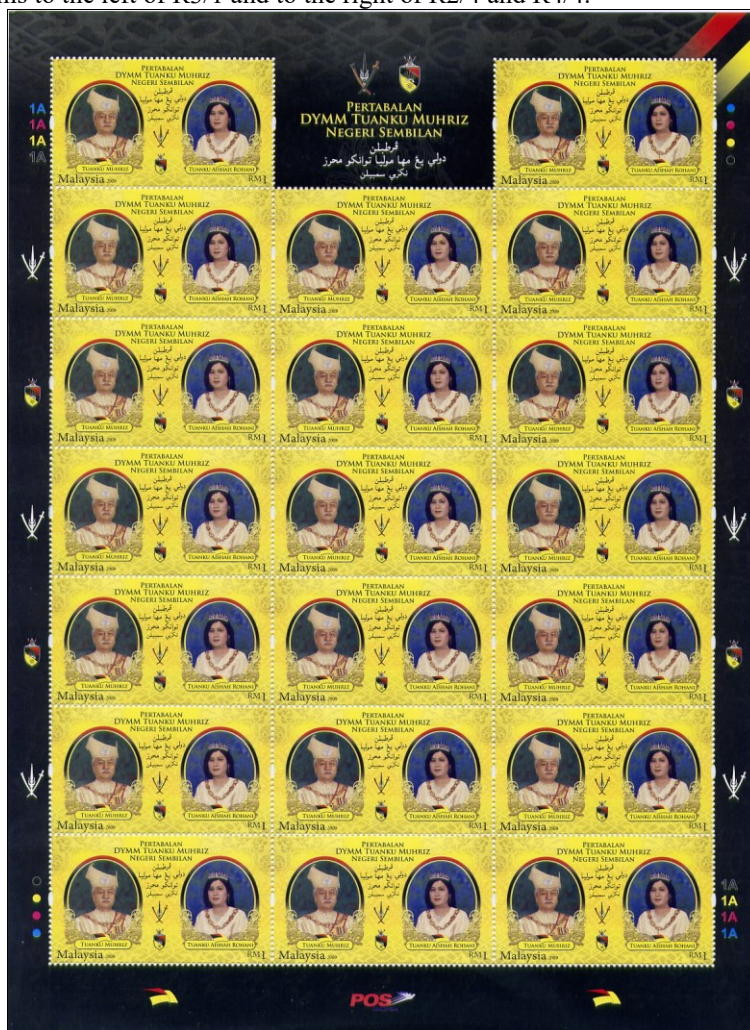
The folder was sold at RM5.50.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
09.16.1	1616a	1329	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.16.2	1617	1330	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.16.3	1618	1331	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.16.4	1619	1332	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.16.5	1616ab	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.16.6	1620	1333	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.16.7	-	MFDC-404	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Installation of Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan.



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



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.17.1	130	133	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.17.2	131	134	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.17.3	132	135	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.17.4	-	FDC-NS18	First day cover (5-6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 November 2009.

A further experiment with a multi-function postal vending machine began in October 2009 at Kuala Lumpur General Post Office. The machine (designated 01) is reported to have been initially unreliable. Postage label vending was just one of a number of functions of this machine, which was similar in principle to the SAM machines used by Singapore Post. The first label vending is understood to have begun on 3 November 2009, although 2 and 11 November have also been quoted. It issued labels for letters, registered mail, express mail and parcels.

Subsequent machines entered service as follows:

- 02 at Kuantan on 12 March 2010.
- 03 at Taman Tun on 11 May 2010.
- 04 at Medan Tuanku on 17 May 2010.
- 05 at Jinjang Post Office on 21 September 2010.
- 06 Location not reported.
- 07 Location not reported.
- 08 Location not reported.
- 09 at Aeon Jusco, Bukit Indah, Johore in November 2011
- 10 Location not reported.
- 11 Location not reported.
- 12 Location not reported.
- 13 Location not reported.
- 14 Location not reported.
- 15 Location not reported.
- 16 Location not reported.
- 17 Location not reported.
- 18 Location not reported.
- 19 Location not reported.
- 20 Location not reported.
- 21 Location not reported.
- 22 Location not reported.
- 23 Location not reported.
- 24-09502 issued at Johore Bahru GPO 22 October 2012.

Postage Automated Machine (PAM) Labels.



Machine 01 (picture by Emma Binfield courtesy of Mike Kingsland)

Letter post labels (First Issue) (3 November 2009):

The first issue looked like a meter mark with a slogan “POS / MALAYSIA / “Your Trusted Partner””, a double-ring circular datestamp-like element “POS AUTOMATED MACHINE” / PAM / (machine number - 01-06502 in the case of 01)” and a “stamp” “MALAYSIA / (four-digit value in sen) / (serial number)”. The serial number comprised thirteen digits - 1-3 were the machine number, 4-9 were the date of printing in format DDMMYY, 10-13 were the label sequential number.

The 27mm x 101mm labels were thermally printed in black on a pale blue, non-phosphor (but giving a dark blue fluorescence under ultra-violet light), self-adhesive paper with a blue “POS MALAYSIA” underprint, which included a horizontal line every 23 labels. They were dispensed on a 105mm wide blue backing paper which provided a 2mm peeling tab at each end. The label had “COUNTERFEIT PALSU” incorporated in the pale blue background dot-screened design in diagonal lines. Normally this is only visible under a glass, being formed by areas with wider-spaced dots. However, if photocopied, interference between the copier lamp and the dots makes the text clearly visible.

The machine issued a basic set of 30s., 40s., 50s., 100s., 200s., plus custom values in multiples of 10s. to 9990s. Up to 50 labels could be requested at a single transaction.

Proof material:

Test labels exist with all data (value, machine number, date, sequence number) showing zeros.¹¹

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.18.1	footnote	-	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.18.2	-	-	40s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.18.3	-	-	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.18.4	-	-	100s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.18.5	-	-	200s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.18.6	-	-	Custom value.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Letter post labels (Second Issue) (18 November 2009):

The label design was revised. “Your Trusted Partner” was removed, and a vertical text “VALID FOR POSTAGE” and a decorative bar added at the extreme left. The labels from machine 01 had the second bird in the Pos emblem in black (as shown), but machine 02 onwards had it in grey (as for the third bird). By 23 August 2013, 01 had been amended to match the production version.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.18.11	-	-	30s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.18.12	-	-	40s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.18.13	-	-	50s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.18.14	-	-	100s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.18.15	-	-	200s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.18.16	-	-	Custom value.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

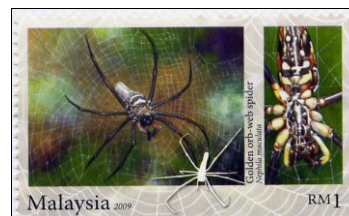
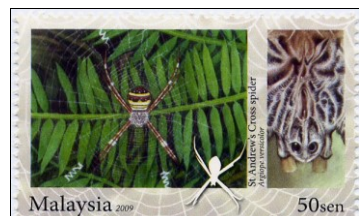
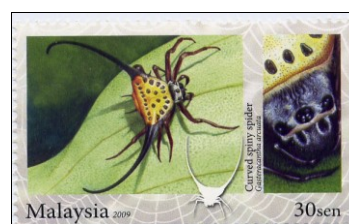
Registered, express and parcel post labels:

Details of these labels were not available at the time of going to press.

Numbers from 09.18.21 reserved for registered, express and parcel post labels.

7 December 2009.

Stamp Week (XII) - Arachnids.



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

Counter sheets:

The 50mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

30s.(A): Fighting Spider (*Thiania bhamoensis*);

30s.(B): Curved Spiny Spider (*Gasteracantha arcuata*);

50s.: St. Andrew's Cross Spider (*Argiope versicolor*);

RM1: Golden Orb-Web Spider (*Nephila maculata*).



20-Set Format AB.

They were printed in sheets of 20 (20-set Format AB) by Percetakan Keselamatan Nasional using standard four-colour off-set lithography. Sheet markings were issue title and illustration in the gutter, colour dots (x4) to the left and right of rows 1 and 4, Pos emblem below R4/3 but no pane 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 SPM upright (inverted watermark exists on both 30s.¹²). The comb perforations on all values normally measured 13.6 x 13.4 in rows 2 and 3 and 14.1/13.6 x 13.4 in rows 1 and 4 (Type A). The 30s.(B) sheet is known with 13.6 x 13.4 in rows 1-3 and 14.1/13.6 x 13.4 in row 4 only (Type B).

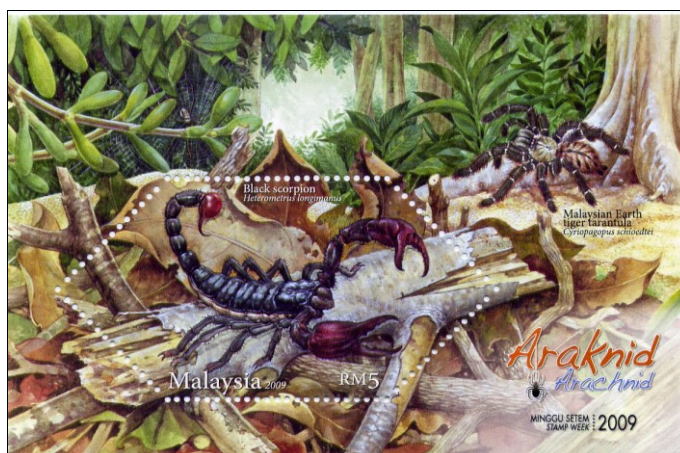
Varieties:

The following varieties have been reported:

Value	No.	Position	Variety
RM1	v1	R1	Sheet seen with all R1-R3 perforating omitted except for a single line above R1 (R4 not seen). Stamps from R1 were therefore imperforate at left, bottom and right. R4 was normal.
	v2	R2-R3	As above. Imperforate.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 65mm RM5 miniature sheet showed the Black Scorpion (*Heterometrus longimanus*) and the Malaysian Earth Tiger Tarantula (*Cyriopagopus schioedtei*). The scorpion was embossed and perforated 13.8 x 13.1 + 13.1 to form a 64mm x 32mm hexagonal stamp. The perforations were not continuous, but instead had gaps at each corner and a single pin at the left and right ends of the hexagon. The same paper was used as for the counter sheets, but the watermark was sideways reading down.



First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 30s., featured a different view of the Malaysian Earth Tiger Tarantula.

The special first day postmark included the Fighting Spider.

The folder was sold at RM5.50.

A Stamp Week exhibition was held from 7 to 13 December at Melaka Megamall, for which there was an exhibition cachet showing a spider's web and separate day postmarks showing:

7 December: Fighting Spider (first day postmark);

8 December: Curved Spiny Spider;

9 December: St. Andrew's Cross Spider;

10 December: Golden Orb-Web Spider;

11 December: Malaysian Earth Tiger Tarantula (as first day cover);

12 December: Malaysian Earth Tiger Tarantula (as miniature sheet);

13 December: Black Scorpion.

1000 sets of covers were serviced by the Kuala Lumpur Bureau and sold for RM19.70 per set of seven covers.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
09.19.1	1622	1334	30s.(A). P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.19.1a	1622b	-	- P.14.1/13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.19.2	1621	1335	30s.(B). P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.19.2a	1621a	-	- - Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.19.2b	1621b	-	- P.14.1/13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.19.2c	1621bw	-	- - Wmk. I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.19.3	1623	1336	50s. P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.19.3a	1623b	-	- P.14.1/13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.19.4	1624	1337	RM1. P.13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.19.4a	1624b	-	- P.14.1/13.6 x 13.4. Wmk. U.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.19.5	MS1625	MC-405M	RM5 miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.19.6	-	MFDC-405	First day cover (1a, 2a, 3-4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.19.6a	-	-	- (1a, 2b, 3a-4a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09.19.7	-	MFDC-405M	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cover used on: 7Dec <input type="checkbox"/> 8Dec <input type="checkbox"/> 10Dec <input type="checkbox"/> 11Dec <input type="checkbox"/>					
12Dec <input type="checkbox"/> 13Dec <input type="checkbox"/>					

NOTES

- ¹ Reported by Ye Choh San in PSM Vol. 1 2009 p.2.
- ² Reported by Mr. C. Wong.
- ³ S.G. list a miniature sheet with text added as MS1547a, but it has not been seen by the author.
- ⁴ Reported by Mr. C. Wong 25 May 2009.
- ⁵ S.G. listed the pane as 1551a.
- ⁶ S.G. listed the pane as 1551wb.
- ⁷ I.S.C. listed the pair of covers as MFDC-398.
- ⁸ S.G. listed the pane as 1606a.
- ⁹ S.G. listed the pane as 1606wa.
- ¹⁰ Reported by Mr. C. Wong. This implies a multi-pane printing.
- ¹¹ Reported by Mr. J. Sau Chee Min in a substantial article in The Malaysian Philatelist, Vol. 1, 2010.
- ¹² 30s. reported by Mr. C. Wong, who also advised of an unconfirmed report of a 30s. with watermark sideways.