

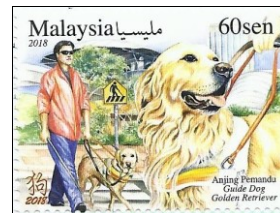
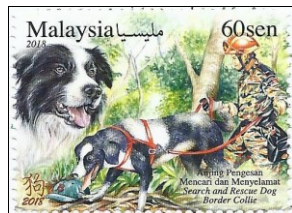
CHAPTER SIXTY

2018 SPECIAL ISSUES

Note: All illustrations in this chapter are reduced by 10% (50% for sheetlets and stationery), unless otherwise stated. Stamps were sold at 5c. above face (for GST) unless otherwise stated.

18 January 2018.

Chinese New Year - Animals With Various Special Roles – Working Dogs.



2018 was Chinese Year of the Dog.

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

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Search and rescue Border Collie;

60s.(B): Belgian Shepherd (Malinois) protection (security) dog;

60s.(C): Golden Retriever guide dog.

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (4 x 6 with R1-2/3-4 omitted) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title and Pos emblem in place of top right four stamps, colour dots (x4) at left of R1/1 and right of R6/4, pane numbers (x4 – 1A seen) to the right of R1 and left of R6/1, dog silhouettes in remaining marginal positions. According to official sources, this issue was on “102gsm Tullis Russell TR8 OBA Free, PVA Gummed Stamp Paper” but this was incorrect. The unwatermarked Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow/Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4; perforated through except for the top right-hand block.

Process sheet:

To make-up pre-serviced first day covers, a se-tenant process sheet of 15 was used, containing five horizontal strips of three stamps (A-B-C). There were no sheet markings. Remainder sheets were sold at face value by the Philatelic Bureau in 2019.

Miniature sheet:

The irregularly-shaped 100mm x 80mm RM5 miniature sheet incorporated a RM3 stamp showing a Police German Shepherd (Alsatian) dog and a RM2 stamp showing a drug detection Labrador. Both were 40mm x 30mm. Paper and perforation were as for the counter sheets.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured a decorated dog.

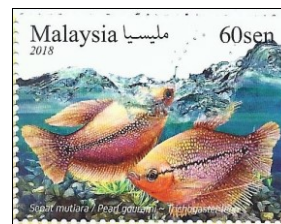
The special first day postmark included 2018 in the form of a dog.

The folder was sold at RM6.35.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.1.1	2281	-	60s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.1.2	2283	-	60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.1.3	2282	-	60s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.1.4	-	-	Se-tenant triplet (1-3, from 8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.1.5	-	-	RM2 (from 7).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.1.6	-	-	RM3 (from 7).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.1.7	MS2284	-	Miniature sheet (5-6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.1.8	-	-	First day cover (4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.1.8a	-	-	- (1-3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.1.9	-	-	- (7).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

30 January 2018.

Ornamental Fishes.

One in three Malaysian fish species are classified as “ornamental” and sales of such fish for domestic and export customers represent a major industry. This issue was originally planned for 9 May 2017.

Designed by World Communications Network Resources, this issue comprised three counter sheets, a process sheet and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Harlequin Rasbora (Seluang Bada, *Trigonostigma heteromorpha*);

60s.(B): Malaysian Mahseer (*Kelah Merah*, *Tor tambroides*);

60s.(C): Pearl Gourami (*Sepat Mutiara*, *Trichogaster leerii*).

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (two panes 4 x 2 above 4 x 3) by Enschedé using five-colour offset lithography (standard plus phosphor). Sheet markings were issue title in horizontal gutter, pane number (x5 – 1A seen for all) above R1/1, to the right of R1/4, left of R5/1 and below R5/4, colour dots (x5) to the left of R1/1, above R1/4, below R5/1 and to the right of R5/4, Pos emblem below R5/2. According to official sources, this issue was on “Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow/Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper” but this was incorrect. The unwatermarked 102gsm Tullis Russell TR8 OBA Free, PVA Gummed Stamp Paper gave no reaction under ultra-violet light so a yellow-green fluorescent phosphor band was printed down the left-hand edge of the stamp. The comb perforations measured 14.1 x 13.5.

Process sheet:

To make-up pre-serviced first day covers, a se-tenant process sheet of 18 was used, containing six horizontal strips of three stamps (A-B-C). Sheet markings were pane numbers (x4 - 1A seen) to the left of R1/1 and right of R6/3 and colour dots (x4) to the right of R1/3 and left of R6/1. There were no apparent differences from the counter sheet stamps. Remainder sheets were sold at face value by the Philatelic Bureau in 2019.

Miniature sheet:

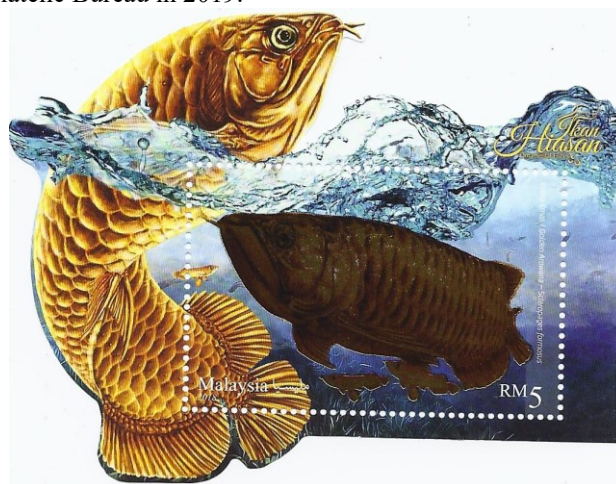
The 90mm x 68mm RM5 miniature sheet, shaped around its illustration, contained a 55mm x 36mm stamp and showed Golden Arowana (Kelisa Emas, *Scleropages formosus*). The fish on the stamp were die stamped in golden foil and then printed with the stamp design. The sheet was on the same paper as counter sheets, but the band was printed at the right of the stamp. It was perforated 13.8 x 13.4.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured a Fighting Fish (Ikan Pelaga, *Betta splendens*).

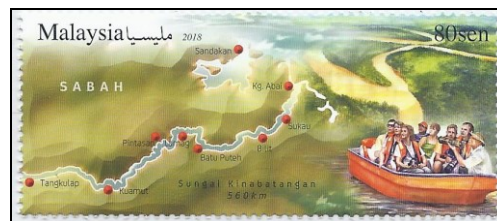
The special first day postmark included the same fish.

The folder was sold at RM6.35.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.2.1	2285	-	60s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.2.2	2287	-	60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.2.3	2286	-	60s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.2.4	-	-	Se-tenant triplet (1-3, from 8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.2.5	-	-	RM5 (from 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.2.6	MS2288	-	Miniature sheet (6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.2.7	-	-	First day cover (4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.2.7a	-	-	- (1-3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.2.8	-	-	- (6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rivers of Malaysia.



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

The 70mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:
60s.: Sungai Pahang, Pahang (459km) and fishing boats;
80s.: Sungai Kinabatangan, Sabah (560km) and tour boat.

To make-up pre-serviced first day covers, a set-tenant process sheet of ten was used, containing five horizontal pairs of stamps (60-80). There were no sheet markings. Remainder sheets were sold by the Philatelic Bureau in 2019 and released to SODA account holders on 10 June 2022.

SUNGAI-SUNGAI DI MALAYSIA
Sungai Rajang, Sarawak
563km

Rivers in Malaysia
Rajang River, Sarawak
563km

Malaysia *Malaysia*

Burung Enggang Badak

Kera Bekantan

Sungai Rajang, Sarawak
563km

Lumba-lumba Irrawaddy

Buaya Tembaga

Ukan Empurau

Orkid Papilionanthus

Sarawak

Kanowit

Song

RM8

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured a dugout canoe on river. The special first day postmark included a boat, fish and waves.

The folder was sold at RM6.35.

Exhibition sheet - Baliphex 2018 Four Nations Stamp Exhibition (3 August 2018):



The exhibition was held in "I Am Bali", 3D Interactive Museum, Monumen Bajra Sandi, Jalan Raya Puputan, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia from 3-8 August 2018. The Rivers perforated miniature sheet was reissued incorporating the Four Nations emblem. Details were as for the normal sheet.

First day facilities:

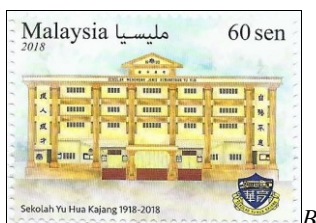
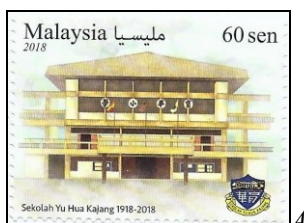
There was a Pos Malaysia cachet for the exhibition featuring the Monument of Balinese Struggle / Bali Bajra Sandhi Monument (Monumen Perjuangan Rakyat Bali), plus day postmarks as follows: 3 August: Philately Day; 4 August: Postcrossing Day; 5 August: Tourism Day; 6 August: Friendship Day; 7 August: Palmares Day; 8 August: Scout & Youth Day.

A first day cover (as for the original issue) exists pre-served with only the cachet.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
18.3.1	2289	- 60s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.3.2	2290	- 80s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.3.3	-	- Se-tenant pair (1-2, from 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.3.4	MS2291	- Miniature sheet - perforated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.3.5	footnote	- - imperforate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.3.6	-	- First day cover (3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.3.6a	-	- (1-2).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.3.7	-	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.3.8	MS2328	- Miniature sheet - Baliphex.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.3.9	-	- First day cover (8).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.3.10	-	Used on cover with special cancellation: <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Aug, <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Aug <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Aug, <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Aug, <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Aug, <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Aug.		

3 March 2018.

Centenary of Yu Hua School, Kajang.



Construction of the school began in 1917 as "Wen Hua", but the name "Yu Hua" was adopted by the time it opened in 1918 as a primary school to promote the learning of Chinese culture among the children of Hulu Langat district. A secondary school was added in 1929. Today, it has primary and secondary schools for both boys and girls.

Designed by Stanfine Printing (M) Sdn Bhd and the Sekolah Yu Hua Kajang, this issue comprised three counter sheets, a miniature sheet, a process sheet and three postcards.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

- 60s.(A): Primary school building (1975);
- 60s.(B): Secondary school building (2004);
- 60s.(C): Main building (1918).

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (4 x 5) by Enschedé using five-colour offset lithography (standard plus phosphor). Sheet markings on all values were event emblem, issue title and aerial view of school in top margin, colour dots (x5) to the left of R1/1 and below R5/1, pane number (x5 - 1A seen for all) above R1/1, to the left of R5/1 and below R5/4, Pos emblem below R5/5. Sheet A has Chinese characters in left and bottom margin with pen and ink below R5/1, school mascot with drum to the right of R1/4, with mouthorgan R2/4, in hoop, R3/4, skipping R4/4, with pole R5/4. Sheet B had musical notation in left and bottom margins with mouthorgan below R5/1-2, school mascot with crown and robe to the right of R1/4, with fans R2/4, with drum R3/4, with mouthorgan R3/4, in hoop R5/4. Sheet C had red ribbon in left and bottom margin, school mascot skipping to the right of R1/4, with pole R2/4, in crown and robe, R3/4, with fans R4/4 or playing drum R5/4. The unwatermarked 102gsm PVA Gummed Stamp Paper gave no reaction under ultra-violet light so a yellow-green fluorescent phosphor band was printed down the left-hand edge of the stamp. The comb perforations measured 14.0 x 13.5; top and bottom margins imperforate; left and right perforated through.

Process sheet:

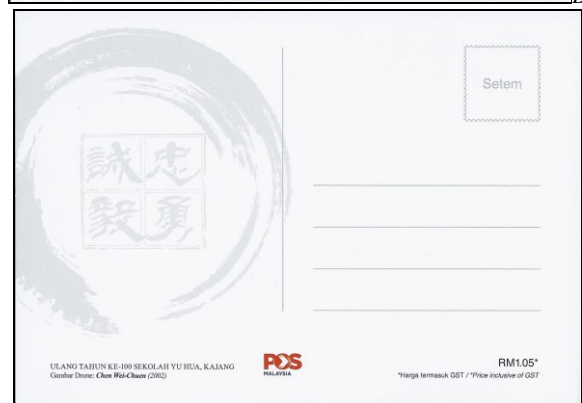
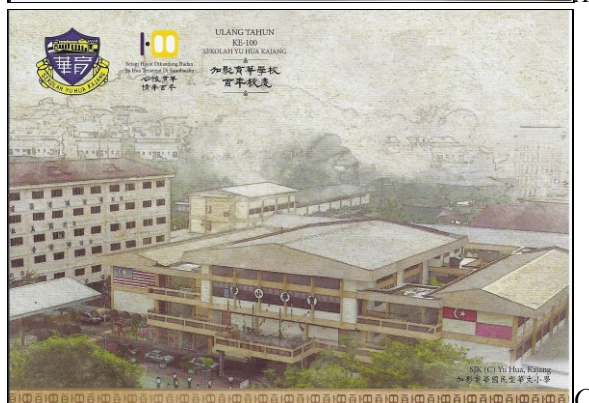
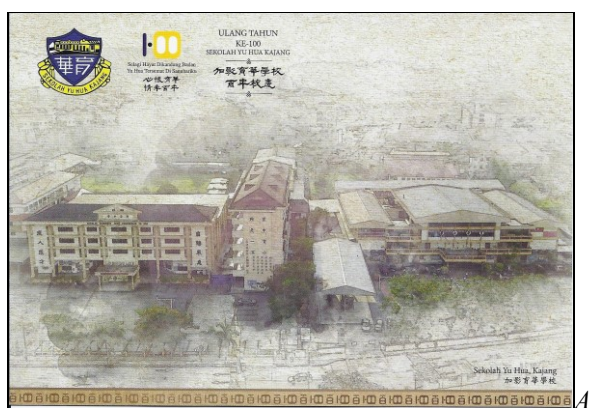
To make-up pre-serviced first day covers, a se-tenant process sheet of 18 was used, containing six horizontal strips of three stamps (A-B-C). Sheet markings were pane numbers (x4 - 1A seen) to the left of R1/1 and right of R6/3, colour dots (x4) to the right of R1/3 and left of R6/1. Remaindered sheets were sold at face value by the Philatelic Bureau in 2019.

Miniature sheet:

The 80mm square RM5 miniature sheet contained a 57mm x 62mm stamp, showing the school emblem, closely-perforated 13.5 around the design. A phosphor band is printed down the centre of the stamp, which is on the same paper as the counter sheets.

Unstamped postcards:

Three 148mm x 105mm unstamped postcards were sold at RM1.05 each including GST. They showed paintings based on views from a drone taken in 2002 by Chen Wei-Chuen (A) Overall view of the school, (B) SMJK Yu Hua (Secondary School), (C) SJK(C) Yu Hua (Primary School).



First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured the main building.

The special first day postmark included the event mascot.

The folder was sold at RM6.35.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.4.1	2292	-	60s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.4.2	2293	-	60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.4.3	2294	-	60s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.4.4	-	-	Se-tenant triplet (1-3, from 9).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.4.5	MS2295	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.4.6	-	-	Postcard (A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.4.7	-	-	Postcard (B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.4.8	-	-	Postcard (C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.4.9	-	-	First day cover (4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.4.9a	-	-	- (1-3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.4.10	-	-	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

20 March 2018**Electric Train Service (ETS).**

The services of Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) on the western side of the peninsular have been revolutionised by double-tracking and electrification, with new alignments, where necessary, from the Thai border to Tampin, with extension to Johore Bahru under way at the time of writing. The mainstays of the service on these routes are three classes of electric multiple unit trains known as Electric Train Sets (ETS) classes 91-93. Class 91 (built Hyundai-Rotem, Korea, 2009) is used on local services between Ipoh and KL Sentral. Class 92 (built CSR Zhuzhou, China 2011-12) is used on commuter services between Tanjong Malim and Pulau Sebang/Tampin and between Batu Caves and Port Klang. The 100mph-capable Class 93 (built CSR Zhuzhou 2015-16) provides the long-distance main line service between Padang Besar and Gemas.

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

Counter sheets:

The 60mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Class 91 at Ipoh station;

60s.(B): Class 92 (SCS30) at Seremban station;

80s.: Class 93 at Kuala Lumpur station.

At top right, 60s.(A) and 80s. show the ETS service emblem and the 60s.(B) shows the KTM KOMUTER emblem.

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (4 x 5) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in top margin, colour dots (x4) above R1/1 and below R5/4, pane number (x4 - 1A seen) to the left of R1/1 and right of R5/4, route map for Ipoh to KL Sentral (Class 91), Tanjong Malim to Pprt Klang and Batu Caves to Tampin (Class 92) or Padang Besar to Gemas (Class 93) around left, bottom and right margins. The unwatermarked, phosphor-coated, 102gsm Tullis Russell TR8 OBA Free PVA Gummed Stamp Paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 14.0 x 14.1; the top margin being imperforate and the rest perforated through.

Process sheet:

A process sheet of 15 was used to make up pre-serviced first day covers containing se-tenant strips of three, of which pairs of Classes 92 and 93 (60(B)-80) were applied to covers, the other separately. There were no sheet markings. Remaindered sheets were sold at face value by the Philatelic Bureau in 2019 and released to SODA account holders on 10 June 2022.

**Miniature sheet:**

The 110mm x 65mm, Class 93-shaped miniature sheet contains a 55mm x 40mm RM6 stamp, semi-circular at the left, showing the same class. The yellow, blue and red markings were highlighted with varnish. The paper was as for counter sheets. It was perforated 13.3 x 13.6.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured Class 93.

The special first day postmark included Class 93.

The folder was sold at RM6.35.

**Exhibition issue - International Banknote and Stamp Fair 2018 (14 September 2018):**

The International Banknote and Stamp Fair 2018 was held 15-16 September at 1st Avenue Mall, Penang. According to local reports, just 5000 sets of the three stamps were initially issued incorporating the emblem for the exhibition, which rapidly sold out at the exhibition on 14 September 2018. These can be identified by the event emblem inserted above the issue title at the bottom left of the stamp. They were printed in the same separate 20-set counter sheets as the initial issue.

Reissue:

Following protests, the stamps were re-released, but this time using se-tenant process sheets of fifteen (five horizontal strips of 3) with no sheet markings. It is not known whether this was a further reprint or, more likely, release of process sheets prepared with a view to production of first day covers for sale at the exhibition, but not used.

Exhibition sheet - Thailand 2018 World Stamp Exhibition (28 November 2018):

Thailand 2018 was held from 28 November to 3 December at the Royal Paragon Hall 1-3, 5th Floor, Siam Paragon, Bangkok. The ETS miniature sheet was reissued incorporating the WSE emblem. Technical details were as for the normal sheet.

First day facilities:

The special cachet used at the exhibition incorporated the train cab with stamps.

A first day cover (as for the original issue) exists pre-serviced with only the cachet.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
18.5.1	2296	- 60s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.5.2	2297	- 60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.5.3	-	- Se-tenant pair (1-2, from 6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.5.4	2298	- 80s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.5.5	MS2299	- Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.5.6	-	- First day cover (3- 4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.5.6a	-	- (1-2, 4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.5.7	-	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.5.8	2336	- 60s.(A) - IBSF.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.5.9	2337	- 60s.(B) - IBSF.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.5.10	2338	- 80s - IBSF.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.5.11	-	- Se-tenant strip (1-3) - IBSF.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.5.12	MS?	- Miniature sheet - Thailand 2018.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.5.13	-	- First day cover (12).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10 April 2018.
Musical Instruments (II).


Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised four counter sheets containing tête-bêche pairs, a process sheet and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Sitar (Indian stringed instrument);

60s.(B): Pipa (Chinese stringed instrument);

80s.(A): Sape (Sarawak Orang Ulu lute);

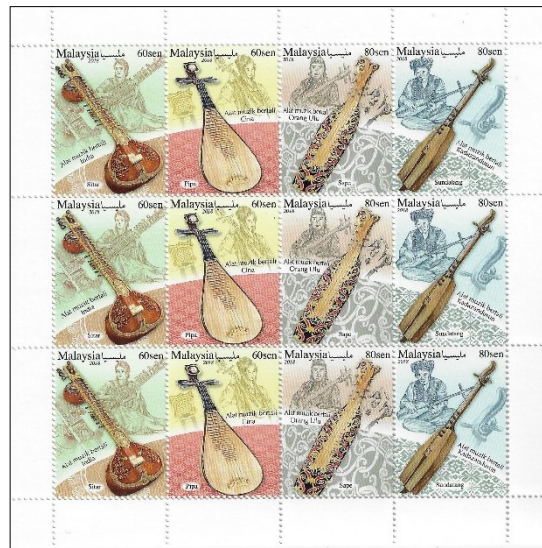
80s.(B): Sundatang (Sabah Kadazandusun stringed instrument)

The backgrounds show a performer and a cloth pattern appropriate to the culture.

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (5 x 4 with alternate stamps inverted) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in top margin, colour dots (x4) to the left of R1/1 and right of R4/5, pane number (x4 - 1A seen) to the right of R1/5 and left of R4/1, Visit Malaysia 2020 emblem to the left of R2/1 and right of R3/5, "Visit Malaysia 2020 . Travel Enjoy Respect" to the right of R2/5 and left of R3/1, Pos emblem below R4/3. The unwatermarked, phosphor-coated, 102gsm Tullis Russell TR8 OBA Free PVA Gummed Stamp Paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.6; the top margin being imperforate, the rest perforated through.

Process sheet:

A process sheet of 12 was used to make up pre-serviced first day covers containing three se-tenant horizontal strips of the four designs, forming a composite design (60A-60B-80A-80B). No distinguishing features were noted. There were no sheet markings. Remaindered sheets were sold at face value by the Philatelic Bureau in 2019 and released to SODA account holders on 10 June 2022.

**Miniature sheet:**

The 100mm x 80mm miniature sheet contained a 75mm x 56mm RM5 stamp showing a Ghazal (Malayan orchestra) with Gambus (fretless stringed instrument of Arab origin), Biola (viola), Tabla (hand drums) and Harmonium highlighted with colour and varnish. Paper was as counter sheets. Perforation was 14.4 x 14.0.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured Kreb (an Orang asli drum).

The special first day postmark included music.

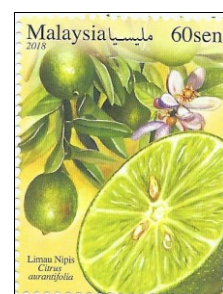
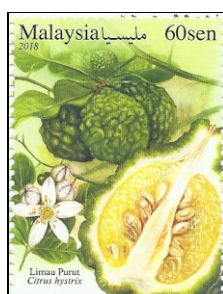
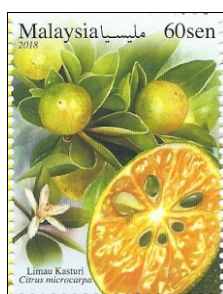
The folder was sold at RM6.35.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
18.6.1	2300	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.6.2	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.6.3	2301	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.6.4	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.6.5	2302	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.6.6	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.6.7	2303	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.6.8	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.6.9	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.6.10	MS2304	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.6.11	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.6.11a	-	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.6.12	-	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

24 April 2018

Malaysian Limes.



Limes are believed to originate in South East Asia and several types are in common use in Malaysian cuisine and for oils and fragrances.

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

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 41mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Calamondin Lime (Limau kasturi, *Citrus microcarpa*);

60s.(B): Kaffir Lime (Limau Purut, *Citrus hystrix*);

60s.(C): Key Lime (Limau Nipis, *Citrus aurantifolia*).

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (5 x 4) by Thai British Security Printing using five-colour offset lithography (standard plus phosphor). Sheet markings were issue title in bottom margin, colour dots (x5) to the left of R1/1 and right of R4/5, pane numbers (x5 - 1A seen for all) to the right of R1/5 and left of R4/1, fruit names in English (R1/3, R3/1), Bahasa (R1/1, R1/5, R2/1, R3/5) or Latin (R1/2, R1/4, R2/5). The unwatermarked 102gsm PVA Gummed OBA-free stamp paper gave no ultra-violet reaction, so the stamps were overprinted with an overall yellow-green fluorescent phosphor giving a strong after-glow. The comb perforations measured 13.4; bottom margin imperforate, rest perforated through.

Process sheet:

To make-up pre-serviced first day covers, a se-tenant process sheet of 12 was used, containing four horizontal strips of three stamps (A-B-C). There were no sheet markings. Remaindered sheets were sold at face value by the Philatelic Bureau in 2019.

Miniature sheet:

The 60mm x 68mm fruit-shaped miniature sheet shows a Pomelo (Limau Bali, *Citrus grandis*¹) and contains a 38mm diameter circular RM6 stamp showing the interior of the fruit. The right-hand segment has been peeled and is enhanced with varnish. The paper was as for the counter sheets, with just the stamp phosphor-printed. The circular perforation is similar in pitch to the counter sheets.



First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured the four featured limes.

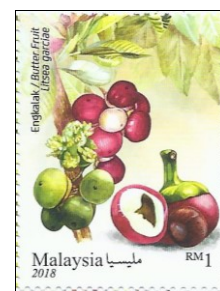
The special first day postmark included a lime omitting juice spray.

The folder was sold at RM6.35.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.7.1	2305	-	60s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.7.2	2307	-	60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.7.3	2306	-	60s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.7.4	-	-	Se-tenant triplet (1-3, from 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.7.5	MS2308	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.7.6	-	-	First day cover (4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.7.6a	-	-	- (1-3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.7.7	-	-	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

17 May 2018

Medicinal Plants (IV).



Originally planned for 14 May, this issue continues the theme of plants having medicinal value. In Perlis, the date of issue was 18 May.

Designed by World Communications Network Resources, this issue comprised three counter sheets and process sheet and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.: Dogfruit (Jering, *Archidendron jiringa*);

80s.: Freshwater Mangrove (Putat, *Barringtonia asiatica*);

RM1: Butter Fruit (Engkalak, *Litsea garciae*).

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (5 x 4) by Thai British Security Printing using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in top margin, colour dots to the left of R1/1, right of R4/5, and below R4/1, pane numbers (1A seen for all) to the right of R1/5, left of R4/1 and below R4/5, Pos emblem below R4/3. The unwatermarked paper was officially described as Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow/Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper, but was actually 102gsm PVA Gummed OBA-free stamp paper giving no ultra-violet reaction, so the stamps were overprinted with an overall yellow-green fluorescent phosphor giving a strong after-glow. The comb perforations measured 13.4; the top margin being imperforate, the rest perforated through.

Process sheet:

To make-up pre-serviced first day covers, a se-tenant process sheet was used, containing strips of three stamps (60s-80s-RM1). There were no apparent technical differences.

Miniature sheet:

The 79mm x 82mm miniature sheet, containing a 40mm x 72mm RM3 stamp was sold at RM3.20 including GST. It showed Bitter Bean (Petai, *Parkia speciosa*) with a man harvesting it. It was sold at RM3.20 including GST. Paper and phosphor were as for the counter sheets. It was perforated 13.1.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured a tray full of these fruits.

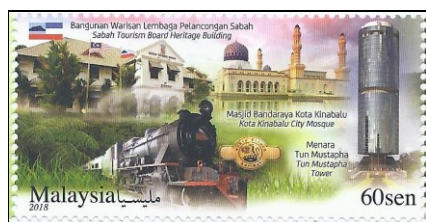
The special first day postmark included a medley of these fruits.

The folder was sold at RM6.35.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.8.1	2309	-	60s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.8.2	2310	-	80s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.8.3	2311	-	RM1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.8.4	-	-	Se-tenant triplet (1-3, from 6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.8.5	MS2312	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.8.6	-	-	First day cover (4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.8.7	-	-	- (1-3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.8.8	-	-	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

5 June 2018

Tourist Destinations (III) – Sabah.

This issue, the latest in this current tourism series, publicised tourist sites in Sabah.

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

Counter sheets:

The 60mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.: Sabah Tourist Board Heritage Building (formerly Kota Kinabalu Post Office from 16 March 1918 to 1987), KK City Mosque ("Floating Mosque", 1992), Tun Mustapha Tower (1977), North Borneo Railway Vulcan Foundry 2-8-2 of 1955;

80s.: Mount Kinabalu, Sepilok Orangutan Conservation Centre, Bornean Bristlehead (*Pityriasis gymnocephala*), Pulau Sipadan and coral reef.

They were printed in separate sheets of 10 (2 x 5 with central gutter of illustrated labels) by Thai British Security Printing using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were the issue title and Pos emblem in top margin, colour dots (x4) to the left of R1/1 and right of R5/2, pane numbers (x4, 1A seen) to the right of R1/2 and left of R5/1, "Visit Malaysia 2020" to the left of R2/1, right of R4/2 and below R1/5, "Travel - Enjoy - Respect" to the right of R2/2,

left of R4/1 and below R5/2, Visit Malaysia 2020 emblem to the left and right of R3 and below the centre gutter. The labels showed: 60a. R1 Kundasang War Memorial, R2 Sandakan Memorial Park, R3 Kota Kinabalu swordfish statue, R4 Sabah Handicraft Centre, R5 Sabah Museum Sentinel steam locomotive 13, 80s. R1 Rungus Traditional Dance, R2 Proboscis Monkey, R3 Danum Valley, R4 Kulu White Water Rafting, R5 Keningau. The unwatermarked 102gsm PVA Gummed OBA-free stamp paper gave no reaction under UV, so the stamps and labels were overprinted with all-over yellow-green fluorescent phosphor. The comb perforations measured 13.3 x 13.4.; top margin imperforate, rest perforated through

Process sheet:

To make-up pre-serviced first day covers, a se-tenant process sheet was used, containing pairs of stamps (60-80).

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 80mm miniature sheet, containing a 50mm square RM3 stamp was sold at RM3.20 including GST. It showed a map of Sabah with Bukit Trig (Keningau), Trus Madi Pitcher Plant (*Nepenthes x trusmadiensis*), Sabah Handicraft Centre (Keningau), Cinnamon stick, Keningau Oath Monument (marks formation of Malaysia), a turtle and diver. The paper and phosphor were as for the counter sheets. The perforation measured 12.0.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 55s., featured an Orangutan and young.

The special first day postmark included a pitcher plant. The Bureau default postmark was Kota Kinabalu.

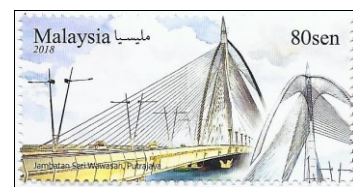
The folder was sold at RM6.35.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.9.1	2313	-	60s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.9.2	2314	-	80s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.9.3	-	-	- Se-tenant pair (1-2 from 5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.9.4	MS2315	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.9.5	-	-	First day cover (3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.9.6	-	-	- (1-2).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.9.7	-	-	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

28 June 2018.

Unique Structures.



Malaysia has a large heritage of impressive bridge designs and modern bridges seek to blend modern and heritage design aspects.

Designed by World Communications Network Resources, this issue comprised four counter sheets and one process sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 50mm x 25mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Sultan Abdul Jalil Bridge, Kuala Kangsar, Perak (arch, 2002);

60s.(B): Tamparuli Bridge, Sabah (suspension, 1933);

80s.(A): Darul Hana Bridge, Kuching Sarawak (cable-stayed, curved pedestrian bridge, 2017).

80s.(B): Seri Wawasan Bridge, Putrajaya (cable-stayed, 2003);

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (5 x 4) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in top margin, colour dots to the left of R1/1, right of R4/5, and below R4/1, pane numbers (1A seen for all) to the right of R1/5, left of R5/1 and below R4/5, Pos emblem below R4/3. The unwatermarked Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow/Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 14.1 x 14.4.

Process sheet:

To make-up pre-serviced first day covers, a se-tenant process sheet of twelve was used, containing three horizontal strips of four stamps (60A-60B-80A-80B). There were no sheet markings. Stamps were applied to the covers as pairs of the same value. Remainder sheets were sold by the Philatelic Bureau in 2019.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured Langkawi Sky bridge (cable-stayed, 2005) on the front and Pulau Bunting Bridge, Yan, Kedah (arch suspension, 2005) on the back.

The special first day postmark included a bridge detail.

The folder was sold at RM6.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.10.1	2316	-	60s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.10.2	2317	-	60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.10.3	-	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2, from 8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.10.4	2319	-	80s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.10.5	2318	-	80s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.10.6	-	-	Se-tenant Pair (4-5, from 8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.10.7	-	-	Se-tenant strip of four (1-2, 4-5, from process sheet).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.10.8	-	-	First day cover (3, 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.10.9	-	-	- (1-2, 4-5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

16 July 2018.

Launching of Telegraph Museum, Taiping.



The Telegraph Museum occupies the former Taiping Post and Telegraph Office of 1883, built by the Public Works Department under the supervision of S. Caulfield.

Designed by World Communication Network Resources, this issue comprised three counter sheets, a process sheet and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Morse transmitting key;

60s.(B): Morse receiver;

60s.(C): Gutta Percha (Nyatoh Taban Merah or Getah Percha, *Palaquium Gutta*) plant, grinding stone and submarine cable.

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (4 x 5) by Enschedé using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in top margin, colour dots (x4) to the left of R1/1, right of R5/4 and below R5/1, pane numbers (1A seen for all values) to the right of R1/4, left of R5/1 and below R5/4, Pos emblem below R5/2 and TM emblem below R5/3. The unwatermarked paper (not Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow/Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper as stated officially) gave no ultra-violet reaction and all stamps were overprinted with a yellow-green fluorescent phosphor band at the left. The comb perforations measured 13.1 x 13.4; top margin imperforate and rest perforated through.

Process sheet:

To make-up pre-serviced first day covers, a se-tenant process sheet was used, containing strips of stamps (A-B-C).

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet contained a 80mm x 42mm RM3 stamp and showed the museum as it would have been in 1885. Paper and phosphor were as for the counter sheets. The stamp was perforated 14.1 x 14.3.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the top of a telegraph pole.

The special first day postmark included a Morse key and Morse print-out. The default Bureau postmark was Taiping.

The folder was sold at RM6.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.11.1	2320	-	60s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.11.2	2321	-	60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.11.3	2322	-	60s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.11.4	-	-	Se-tenant triplet (1-3, from 6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.11.5	MS2323	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.11.6	-	-	First day cover (4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.11.7	-	-	- (1-3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.11.8	-	-	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

23 July 2018

Historical Museums in Malaysia.

The first museum in Malaysia was the Perak Museum, instigated by Sir Hugh Low, 3rd British Resident in Perak. The Sarawak Museum of 1891 closed on 23 October 2017 for conservation work on the structure and was expected to reopen in 2020. The Malacca History & Ethnography Museum opened on 19 March 1954 at the suggestion of Sir Gerald Templer and moved in 1982 to the Stadthuys, the former residence of a Dutch officer. The National Museum opened in 1953, but quickly outgrew its premises and the present, larger building on the site of the Selangor Museum (opened 1904) opened on 31 August 1963.

Designed by World Communications Network Resources, this issue comprised three counter sheets, a process sheet and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 40mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Perak Museum, Taiping (built 1883) and Perak State Railway four-wheeled coach;

60s.(B): Sarawak Museum, Kuching (1891);

60s.(C): National Museum, Kuala Lumpur (1963).

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (4 x 2 above 4 x 3) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title on horizontal gutter, pane numbers (x4 – 1A seen for all values) above R1/1, to the right of R1/4, to the left of R5/1, below R5/4, colour dots (x4) to the left of R1/1, above R1/4, below R5/1, to the right of R5/4, artefacts in R2-R4 margins, Pos emblem below R5/3. The unwatermarked Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow/Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.6 x 13.4; perforated through except gutter.

Process sheet:

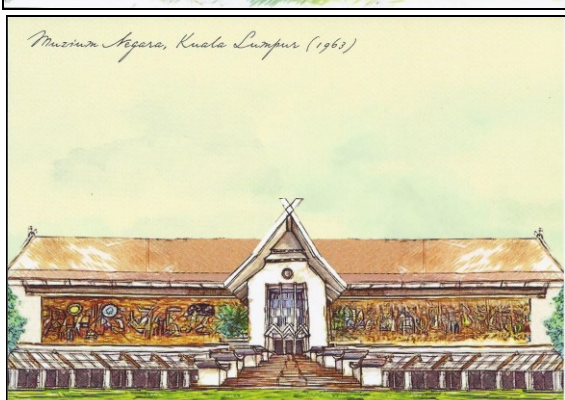
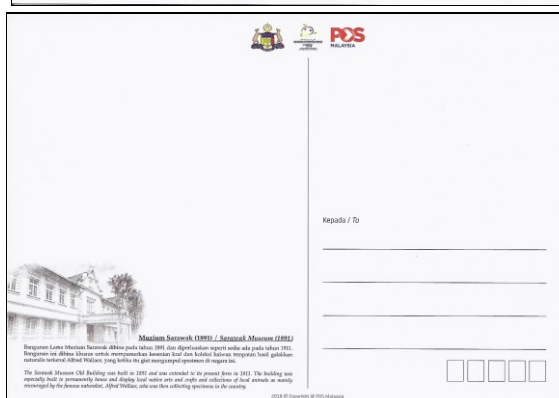
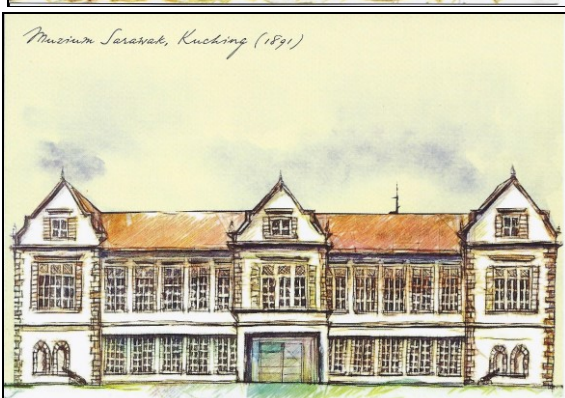
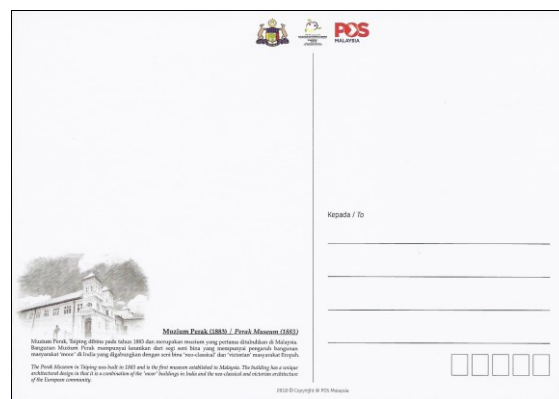
To make-up pre-serviced first day covers, a se-tenant process sheet was used, containing strips of stamps (C-A-B).

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet showed the Malacca History & Ethnography Museum, Admiral Cheng Ho statue and Queen Victoria Fountain and a map of Malacca Historical City. It contained a 70mm x 40mm RM6.50 stamp with attached 20mm x 40mm label showing the Malaysian flag. The statue had a varnish coating and was perforated 13.4.

Postcards:

Three 148mm x 105mm unstamped postcards featured an artist's elevation view of (A) Perak Museum, (B) Sarawak Museum and (C) National Museum. The set of three was sold at RM3 mint or RM7.80 serviced with the appropriate 60s stamp.

**First day facilities:**

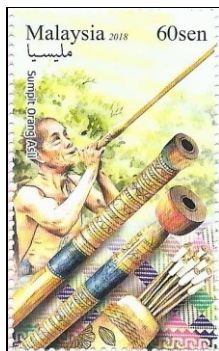
The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the Kelantan Royal Museum, Sabah State Museum and Trengganu State Museum.

The special first day postmark included a building. The Bureau default postmark was Malacca Stamp Museum.

The folder was sold at RM6.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
18.12.1	2324	-	60s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.12.2	2325	-	60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.12.3	2326	-	60s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.12.4	-	-	Se-tenant triplet (1-3, from 6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.12.5	MS2327	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.12.6	-	-	First day cover (4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.12.7	-	-	- (1-3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.12.8	-	-	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

14 August 2018**Blowpipes.**

Blowpipes are used for hunting and can be used in combat. It can be used accurately up to 200 metres. The Borneo blowpipes that were illustrated incorporated a spear at the end for close combat. Originally planned for 21 November 2017, this issue shows the various types of blowpipe used in Malaya and Borneo.

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

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 50mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Orang Asli Blowpipe;

60s.(B): Dayak Blowpipe;

60s.(C): Murut Blowpipe.

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (two panes 5 x 2 with central gutter) by Enschedé using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were Pos emblem above R1/3, pane number (x4, 1A seen for all values) 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, issue title and illustration in centre gutter, blowpipe details to the left and right of R2 and R3. The unwatermarked paper (not 103gsm Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow/Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper as stated officially) gave no ultra-violet reaction and all stamps were overprinted with a yellow-green fluorescent phosphor band at the left. The comb perforations measured 13.3 x 14.1 (not 14.286 x 14.47 as officially stated!); the gutter being imperforate and the rest perforated through.

Process sheet:

To make-up pre-serviced first day covers, a se-tenant process sheet was used, containing strips of stamps (C-B-A).

Miniature sheet:

The 10mm x 70mm miniature sheet contained an 80mm x 42mm RM3 stamp, showing a Dayak hunting a monkey. The paper and phosphor were as for the counter sheet. The sheet was perforated 14.0 x 14.3.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured Dayak blowpipe, darts, quiver, etc.

The special first day postmark included a Dayak blowpipe and dart.

The folder was sold at RM6.

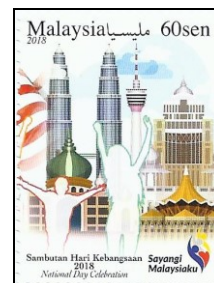


No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.13.1	2329	-	60s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.13.2	2330	-	60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.13.3	2331	-	60s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.13.4	-	-	Se-tenant triplet (1-3, from 6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.13.5	MS2332	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.13.6	-	-	First day cover (4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.13.7	-	-	- (1-3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.13.8	-	-	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

31 August 2018

National Day.



This issue marked the 61st anniversary of Merdeka with the slogan “I love my Malaysia”.

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

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps showed a composite design:

60s.(A): Celebrating people and the flag;

60s.(B): Celebrating people and buildings of Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Kota Kinabalu (Petronas Twin Towers, KL Tower, Federal Administrative Centre, National Mosque, Sabah State Administrative Building (Kinabalu Tower)).

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (5 x 4) by Cartor using standard four-colour offset lithography. The top row was se-tenant with labels above the stamps showing state flags (A) or coats of arms (B). Sheet markings were issue title and Pos emblem in top margin, colour dots (x4) to the left of R1/1 and right of R4/5, pane numbers (x4 - 1B seen for both) to the right of R1/5 and left of R4/1, and state flags (A) or coats of arms (B) on top labels, bottom margin and both R2-3 margins. The unwatermarked Phosphor-Coated Security Stamp Paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.0; top margin imperforate, rest perforated through.

Process sheet:

To make-up pre-serviced first day covers, a se-tenant process sheet of eight was used, containing four horizontal pairs of stamps (A-B). There were no sheet markings. Remaindered sheets were sold at face value by the Philatelic Bureau in 2019.

Miniature sheet:

The 80mm square miniature sheet contained a 53mm x 50mm RM5 stamp showing the flag and event emblem and perforated in a heart shape, surrounded by the coats of arms of the states. The event emblem and flag are highlighted with clear varnish. The paper is as for the counter sheets. The perforation was approximately 13.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured a map of South East Asia.

The special first day postmark included the event emblem.

The folder was sold at RM6.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.14.1	2333	-	60s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.14.2	2334	-	60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.14.3	-	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2, from 5).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.14.4	MS2335	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.14.5	-	-	First day cover (3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.14.5a	-	-	- (1-2).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.14.6	-	-	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

16 September 2018

Malaysia Day.



The 55th anniversary of the formation of Malaysia was marked by stamps showing paintings by Syed Thajudeen from his “Merdeka” series.

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

Counter sheets:

The 31mm x 52mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): “Merdeka” (oil on canvas, 2007) - Left-hand side;

60s.(B): “Merdeka” (oil on canvas, 2007) - Right-hand side.

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (4 x 5) by Thai British Security Printing using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title and Pos emblem in right (A) or left (B) margin, pane numbers (x4 - 1A seen for both) above R1/1 (A) or R1/4 (B) and below R5/4 (A) or R5/1 (B), colour dots (x4) above R1/4 (A) or R1/1 (B) and below R5/1 (A) or R5/4 (B). The unwatermarked, 102gsm PVA Gummed OBA-free Stamp Paper gave no UV reaction, so the whole area of the stamps was overprinted with yellow-green fluorescent phosphor giving a yellow-green fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.4; right (A) or left (B) margin imperforate, rest perforated through.

Process sheet:

A process sheet containing se-tenant pairs (A-B) was used to service pre-stamped first day covers.

Miniature sheet:

The 82mm square miniature sheet contained a 62mm x 72mm RM5 stamp showing “Merdeka” (oil on canvas, 2002). Paper and phosphor were as for the counter sheets, with the phosphor only applied to the stamp. It was perforated 14.6 x 14.3.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured “Jalur Gemilang” (oil on canvas, 2002).

The special first day postmark included the Malaysian star and crescent.

The folder was sold at RM6.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.15.1	2339	-	60s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.15.2	2340	-	60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.15.3	-	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2, from 5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.15.4	MS2341	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.15.5	-	-	First day cover (3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.15.5a	-	-	- (1-2).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.15.6	-	-	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 October 2018

World Post Day.



This annual UPU event featured this year cartoons of postmen on two wheels.

Designed by Datuk Dr. Mohd Noor Awang (pen name as a cartoonist: Non) and World Communications Network Resources, this issue comprised two counter sheets, a process sheet and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 41mm x 30mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.: Bicycle postman;

80s.: Motor cycle postman.

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (5 x 4) by Thai British Security Printing using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings included colour dots (x4) to the left of R1/1 and right of R4/5, pane numbers (x4 - 1A seen) to the right of R1/5 and left of R4/1, "PRINTED IN THAILAND BY / THAI BRITISH SECURITY PRINTING / PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED" below R4/2, Pos emblem below R4/3, postboxes of China, Japan, Cyprus, UK respectively (60s.) or Malaysia (80s.) to the left and right of R2 and R3. Officially described as being on Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow/Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper, this issue was actually printed on the same unwatermarked, 102gsm PVA Gummed OBA-free Stamp Paper as the previous issue, which gave no UV reaction, so the whole area of the stamps was overprinted with yellow-green fluorescent phosphor giving a yellow-green fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.4; the top margin being imperforate, the rest perforated through.

Process sheet:

A process sheet containing se-tenant pairs (60-80) was used to service pre-stamped first day covers.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet contained an imperforate RM3 stamp, with a composite design merging the cartoons shown on the two counter sheet stamps. The whole surface of the sheet received the phosphor overprint.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured a postman trying to decide where to deliver a letter.

The special first day postmark included a mesh of loops holding hands. Pre-serviced first day covers received the "MCMC Cyberjaya" postmark.

The folder was sold at RM6.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.16.1	2342	-	60s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.16.2	2343	-	80s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.16.3	-	-	Se-tenant pair (1-2, from 5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.16.4	MS2344	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.16.5	-	-	First day cover (3).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.16.5a	-	-	- (1-2).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.16.6	-	-	- (4).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

22 October 2018

Installation of Sultan Sallehuddin of Kedah.



Sallehuddin Ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah was installed as 29th Sultan of Kedah, having acceded to the throne in 2017.

Designed by Tigris Malaya Studio, this issue comprised three counter sheets, a process sheet and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 50mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): The Sultan in ceremonial dress;

60s.(B): The Sultan in military dress;

60s.(C): The Sultan in civilian dress;

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (5 x 4) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title in top margin, colour dots (x4) to the left of R1/1 and right of R4/5, pane numbers (x4 - 1A seen for all) to the right of R1/5 and left of R4/1, regalia in both margins opposite R2 and R3, Pos emblem below R4/3. The unwatermarked, Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow/Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 14.0 x 14.4.; the top margin being imperforate and the rest perforated through.

Process sheet:

A process sheet of nine containing three horizontal se-tenant strips of three (A-B-C) was used to service pre-stamped first day covers. There were no sheet markings. Remainder sheets were sold at face value by the Philatelic Bureau in 2019.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 80mm miniature sheet contained a 42mm x 70mm RM5 stamp showing the Sultan and Sultanah Maliha. The sheet also shows two crowns and four kris. On the same paper and phosphor as the counter sheets, it was perforated 14.2 x 14.4.

There was no presentation pack.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the Sultan and Sultanah.

The special first day postmark included the Kedah coat of arms. Pre-serviced first day covers were cancelled with the "Alor Setar" postmark.

The folder was sold at RM6.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
18.17.1	2345	-	60s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.17.2	2346	-	60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.17.3	2347	-	60s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.17.4	-	-	Se-tenant pair (1-3, from 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.17.5	MS2348	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.17.6	-	-	First day cover (4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.17.6a	-	-	- (1-3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.17.7	-	-	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

25 October 2018

Centenary of Jit Sin School, Penang.



The growth of the town of Bukit Mertajam was centred around the Hock Teik Cheng Sin Temple, which also promoted Chinese education through the Bukit Mertajam Charity School. The Jit Sin School was founded on 2 March 1918 following restructuring of the Charity School. It has since absorbed other local schools and is actually operated as four separate schools. This issue was postponed at a very late stage from 9 October 2018, which date was still in the folder, the special postmark and the first day cover text. Pos Malaysia was quoted as saying that the stamps would not be able to arrive from France until 10 October.

Designed by World Communications Network Resources, this issue comprised three counter sheets, a process sheet and a miniature sheet.

Counter sheets:

The 41mm x 31mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Jit Sin National Secondary School;

60s.(B): Jit Sin Independent Secondary School (built 1961);

60s.(C): Jit Sin National Primary Schools A & B.

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (two columns of eight and a half-column of four with an illustration and issue title above and to the right) by La Poste, France using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were pane number (x4 - 1A seen for all) above R1/1, to the left of R8/1 and below R8/3, colour dots (x4) above R1/2, to the left of R1/1 and below R8/1, Pos emblem below R8/2. The unwatermarked, paper is officially described as being 103gsm Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow / Green Phosphor Gummed Stamp Paper, but, instead, La Poste has used a high OBA, non-phosphor paper that gave a blue-white fluorescent reaction without after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.1 x 13.4; the right margin being imperforate and the rest perforated through where adjacent to stamps.

Process sheet:

A process sheet of 15 containing five horizontal se-tenant strips of three (A-B-C) was used to service pre-stamped first day covers. There were no sheet markings. Remainder sheets were sold at face value by the Philatelic Bureau in 2019.

Miniature sheet:

The 100mm x 70mm miniature sheet contained an 80mm x 40mm RM8 stamp showing the school crest and dated pictures of various school buildings occupied through the century. The sheet has additional embossing (clock tower), silver (school crest), gold (Chinese text at top) and graduated coloured hot foil (Chinese text at right) printing. It is on the same paper as the counter sheets and perforated 13.1 x 13.0.

First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured the Independent school.

The special first day postmark included the

Independent school clock tower. Bureau pre-serviced covers showed the postmark location as the school and were dated 9 October.

The folder was sold at RM6.

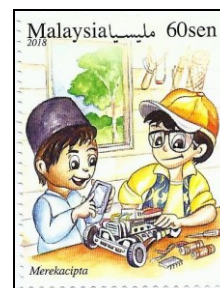
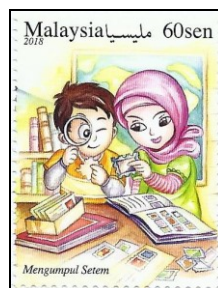
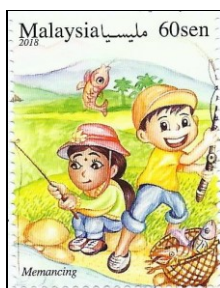
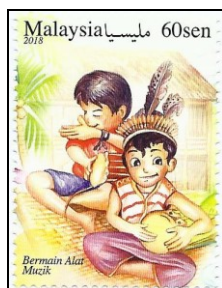
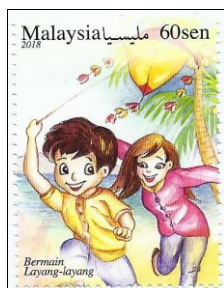


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18.18.2	2351	-	60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.18.3	2349	-	60s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.18.4	-	-	Se-tenant pair (1-3, from 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.18.5	MS2352	-	Miniature sheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.18.6	-	-	First day cover (4).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.18.7	-	-	- (1-3).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
18.18.8	-	- (5).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

12 November 2018.

Stamp Week 2018 – Malaysian Lifestyle (II).



The year's Stamp Week issue seeks to promote active hobbies among children as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Designed by Reign Associates, this issue comprised five counter sheets, a process sheet and five unstamped postcards.

Counter sheets:

The 30mm x 40mm counter sheet stamps showed:

60s.(A): Kite-flying;

60s.(B): Music performing;

60s.(C): Fishing;

60s.(D): Stamp collecting;

60s.(E): Model-making.

They were printed in separate sheets of 20 (5 x 4) by Southern Colour Print using standard four-colour offset lithography. Sheet markings were issue title and Pos emblem in right-hand margin, colour dots (x4) above R1/1 and below R4/5, pane numbers (x4 - 1A seen for all) above R1/5 and below R4/1 and illustrations in otherwise-blank left, bottom and top margins. The unwatermarked, 102gsm Tullis Russell TR8 OBA Free PVA Gummed Stamp Paper gave a greenish-white fluorescent reaction and a yellow-green after-glow under ultra-violet light. The comb perforations measured 13.4 x 13.6; imperforate at right, rest perforated through.

Process sheet:

A se-tenant process sheet of 20 containing four se-tenant horizontal strips of five (A-B-C-D-E) was used to service pre-stamped first day covers. Sheet markings were colour dots (x4) above R1/1 and below R4/5, pane numbers (x4 - 1A seen) above R1/5 and below R4/1. Remainder sheets were sold at face value by the Philatelic Bureau in 2019.

Unstamped postcards:

A set of five unstamped postcards were issued, showing:

(A): Moon kites and football;

(B): Playing traditional and modern musical instruments;

(C): Fishing;

(D): Stamp collecting and exhibition;

(E): Off-road driving.

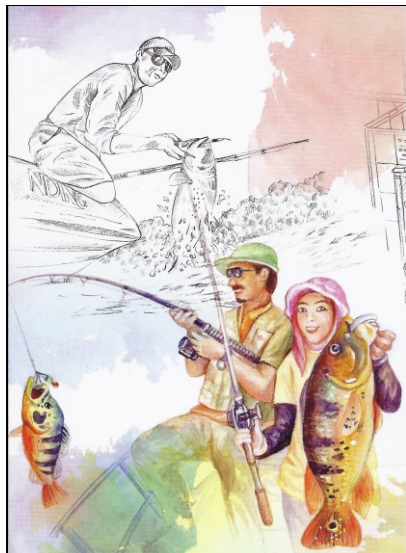
They were available serviced with the corresponding stamp. The postcards form a composite design.



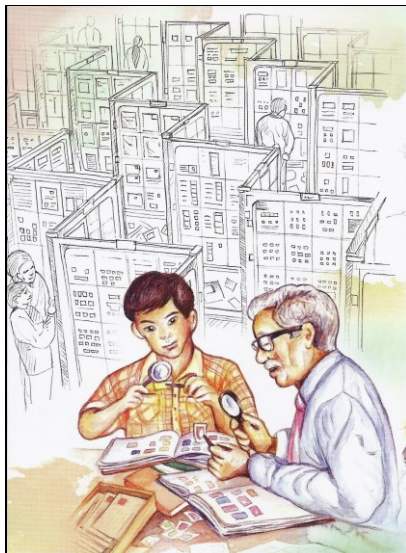
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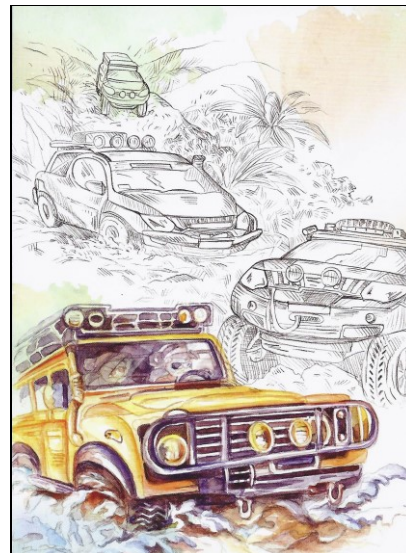
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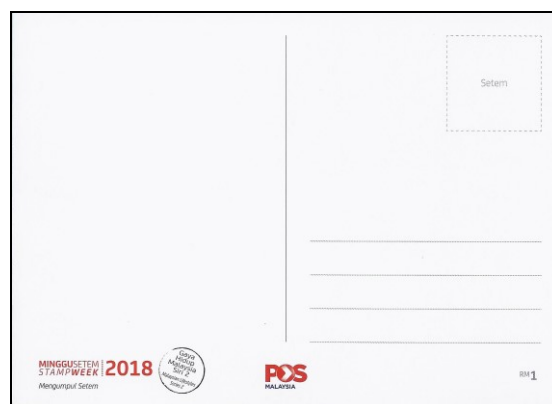
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First day facilities:

The first day cover, sold at 50s., featured children having a picnic, playing ball and swimming.

The special first day postmark included a kite.

The folder was sold at RM6.



No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
18.19.1	2353	- 60s.(A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.2	2354	- 60s.(B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.3	2355	- 60s.(C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.4	2356	- 60s.(D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.5	2357	- 60s.(E).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.6	-	- Se-tenant strip (1-5, from 6).	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.7	-	- First day cover (6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.7a	-	- (1-5)	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.8	-	- Postcard (A).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.8a	-	- First day postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.9	-	- Postcard (B).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.9a	-	- First day postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.10	-	- Postcard (C).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.10a	-	- First day postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.11	-	- Postcard (D).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.11a	-	- First day postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.12	-	- Postcard (E).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.19.12a	-	- First day postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

15 November 2018.

Stamped Envelope - Medals won in the 18th Asian Games.

The 18th Asian Games was held at Jakarta and Palembang from 18 August to 2 September 2018. Malaysia won seven gold, thirteen silver and sixteen bronze medals.

This issue comprised one pre-stamped postal stationery envelope.

The envelope showed the games mascots waving the Malaysian flag with other participating flags. The circular RM2 “stamp” was hot foil pressed in gold around illustrations of the seven victorious sports. It had a simulated perforation measuring approximately 12. It was sold for RM3.

The special first day postmark showed a victorious athlete with medal.

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.	Mint	Used
18.20.1	-	- Envelope.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.20.2	-	- First day postmark.	-	<input type="checkbox"/>

A cancelled issue for 2018 was 14 September 2018 - Centenary of Chung Hwa School, Kelantan.

NOTES

¹ *Citrus grandis* also applies to the Grapefruit, of which Pomelo is an ancestor, so the alternative scientific name *Citrus maxima* is used for differentiation.