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Creative Innovations and Advanced Printing Technologies in Contemporary Postage Stamps from Malaysia Addenda to November 2021

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An earlier article in this journal covered innovative and advanced technologies employed to produce postage stamps issued from Malaysia, up to 24 April 2018 (Gee and Das, 2018). In this article, we list issues since that date, till close to the end of the year 2021. The cut-off date for entries was 1 December 2021.

Over the reporting period, Pos Malaysia continued to issue these 'unusuals', including stamps that are circular (one issue), hexagonal (five issues) or octagonal in shape (one issue), extra-long or tall stamps (two issues), or stamps belonging to the following categories: die-cut sheetlets or perforations (16 issues), printed with optically variable ink (28 issues), with microprinted text (five issues), photomosaic stamps (four issues), or printed using thermographic technique (one issue), embossed (four issues), varnished (two issues), with spot lamination (eight issues), sprayed with glitter dust (one issue), printed with silver ink (four issues), or gold ink (four issues) or with gold foil (two issues) or silver foil (two issues), gold hot-foiled, pre-printed stamp on cover (two issues), and finally, stamps with images visible under black (UV) light (four issues). Some items show more than a single special feature, for which we have listed them in chronological order, rather than by category. Since the standard flat-bed scans often fail to show some of these features, additional images, especially close-ups, are presented. Reproduced images are not to scale.

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Malaysia. Achievement in 18th Asian Games



Sampul Surat Peringatan • Commemorative Cover



Tersanya Sukan SEA ke-29 melabuhkan tirainya dengan rangkulan 145 pingat emas, 92 perak dan 86 gangsa. Seramai 844 orang atlet (469 lelaki dan 375 wanita) dan 390 pegawai dipilih bagi mewakili negara. Seramai 396 orang atlet muda menyumbang 95 pingat emas, 94 pingat perak dan 96 pingat gangsa manakala 268 orang atlet lain menyumbang 71 pingat emas, 29 pingat perak dan 41 pingat gangsa. Sebanyak 18 rekod Sukan SEA telah berjaya dipecahkan oleh atlet negara dalam acara mempanah (5), olahraga (4), menembak (6) dan renang (3) dan sebanyak 8 rekod kebangsaan telah berjaya dicatat dalam sukan olahraga dan renang (1 rekod).

Pencapaian Malaysia pada kali ini diraikan dengan pengeluaran Sampul Kenangan bersertem di mana Pingat Emas Sukan SEA dipaparkan di dalam setem bernilai RM2 dengan cetakan foil emas. Maskot Sukan SEA pula dipaparkan di atas sampul berpakaian lengkap baju trek khas berwarna emas.

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The 29th SEA Games brought in a haul of 145 gold, 92 silver and 86 bronze medals. A total of 844 athletes (469 men and 375 women) and 390 elected officials represented the country. 396 young athletes contributed 95 gold, 94 silver and 96 bronze medals while 268 athletes contributed 71 gold, 29 silver and 41 bronze medals. A total of 18 records of the SEA Games were broken by national athletes in archery (5), athletics (4), shooting (6) and swimming (3), while 8 national records were made in athletics and swimming (1 record).

This momentous victory is celebrated by the issuance of a Pre-stamp Commemorative Cover. The Gold SEA Games medal is portrayed in the pre-printed stamp valued at RM2 with gold foil stamping, while the Sea Games Mascot is featured wearing the special gold coloured track suit.

POS
MALAYSIA

Harga : RM3.20

*Harga termasuk GST / Prices inclusive of GST

Date of Issue: 19 December 2017

Face Value: RM 3

Catalogue No: N/A

Remarks: Gold hot foil stamping on preprinted stamp of cover

Malaysia's Achievements at the 18th Asian Games Jakarta-Palembang 2018



Date of Issue: 15 November 2018

Face Value: RM 2

Catalogue No: N/A

Remarks: Gold hot foil stamping on preprinted stamp of cover

Historical Museums in Malaysia



Date of Issue: 23 July 2018

Face Value: RM 6.50

Catalogue No: SG MS2327

Remarks: Thermographic printing gives a sandy-feel on Admiral Cheng Ho's statue



Baliphex 2018 Four Nations Stamps Exhibition



Date of Issue: 3 August 2018

Face Value: RM 8

Catalogue No: SG MS2328

Remarks: Extra-long stamp (ca. 180 mm); die-cut in wavy shape, incorporating two hornbills and a proboscis monkey (overprint of 'Rivers in Malaysia')

Malaysia Day Celebrations



Date of Issue: 31 August 2018

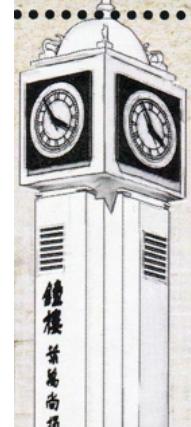
Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG MS2341

Remarks: Die-cut heart-shaped perforations; Malaysian flag; logo and words 'Sayangi Malaysiaku' with spot lamination

Jit Sin School



 <p>1.9 Silver ink</p>	 <p>Embossed</p>
<p>堂學義腳山大 Gradient printing on silver foil</p>	 <p>Gold ink printing</p>

Date of Issue: 9 October 2018

Face Value: RM 8

Catalogue No: SG MS2352

Remarks: Silver ink school logo / Embossed clock tower / Gradient printing on silver foil of vertical Chinese characters “Jing Ai Qun Pu” (= Respect Love Diligence Moderation) / Gold ink printing of horizontal Chinese characters “Bukit Mertajam Hall”

Thailand 2018 World Stamp Exhibition



Date of issue: 28 November 2018

Face Value: RM 6

Catalogue No: SG awaited

Remarks: Die-cut in the shape of front of train; stamp shaped like a flat-bottomed cylinder; spot lamination on front of train, the FIAP World Stamp Exhibition, Bangkok, Thailand 2018 logo and the top coloured lining of train (overprint of Electric Train Service; SG MS2299)

State Definitive Series. Wild Orchids (14 States)



Date of Issue: 4 December 2018

Face Value: RM 1.55 (perforate); RM 5.00 (imperforate)

Catalogue No: SG awaited

Remarks: OVI (optically variable ink) lettering: wavy "POS MALAYSIA" across individual stamps visible when sheetlets are tilted to one side (as shown in top figure). Images of perforate (left) and imperforate (right) versions, alphabetically by state, follow.

Federal Territories (Wilayah Persekutuan)



Johor



Kedah



Kelantan



Melaka



Negeri Sembilan



Pahang



Penang



Perak



Perlis



Sabah



Sarawak



Selangor



Terengganu



Malaysian Festivals (Series 3)



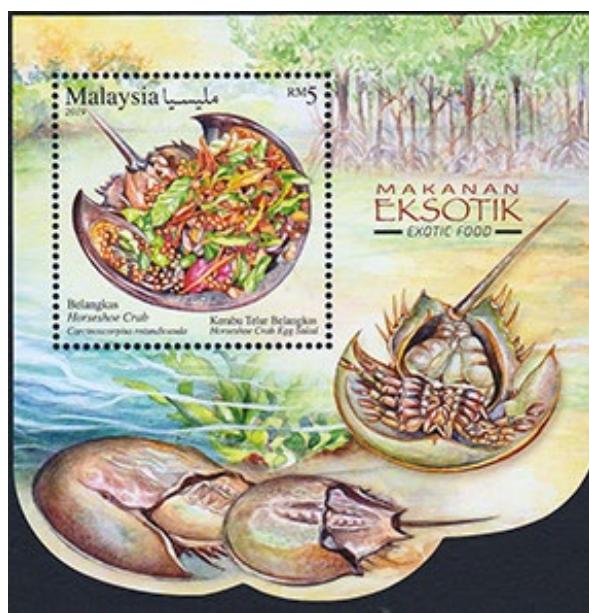
Date of Issue: 15 January 2019

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG MS2364

Remarks: Die-cut in the shape of a longhouse; glitter dust on costumes of people

Exotic Foods



Date of Issue: 19 February 2019

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG MS2368

Remarks: Die-cut at bottom, outlining the horseshoe crabs

Centenary of Sekolah Chong Hwa



Date of Issue: 21 March 2019

Face Value: Undenominated cinderella sheetlet

Catalogue No: SG uncatalogued

Remarks: UV spot lamination with prismatic effect to simulate torch flame. The 100 dots represent the school's centenary

Honey Bees in Malaysia



Date of Issue: 9 April 2019

Face Value: 60 sen (x 3), RM 4

Catalogue No: SG MS2377

Remarks: Die-cut in the shape of a honey bee; miniature sheet with two hexagonal stamps; stamps also hexagonal, a reflection of the shape of the honeycomb cells

Places of Worship (Series 2)



ULANG TAHUN KE-200 GEREJA ST. GEORGE, PULAU PINANG

Date of Issue: 11 May 2019

Face Value: Undenominated cinderella sheetlet

Catalogue No: SG uncatalogued (regular set SG 2378–2382)

Remarks: Silver ink letterings "Ulang Tahun ke-20 Gereja St. George, Pulau Pinang"

Sour Fruits



Date of Issue: 19 June 2019

Face value: RM 3

Catalogue No: SG MS2386

Remarks: Octagonal stamp

150th Anniversary of Sarawak's First Stamp



Date of Issue: 18 July 2019

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG MS 2387

Remarks: Gold ink on Sarawak SG1 stamp

Wildlife Conservation



Date of Issue: 28 July 2019

Face Value: RM 5 (x 2)

Catalogue No: SG MS2391 (tiger); SG MS2392 (rhino)

Remarks: Die-cut in the shape of the head and forebody of a tiger and a rhino, respectively, as well as gold and silver ink, respectively, applied on the miniature sheets

Installation of KDYMM Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XVI Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah



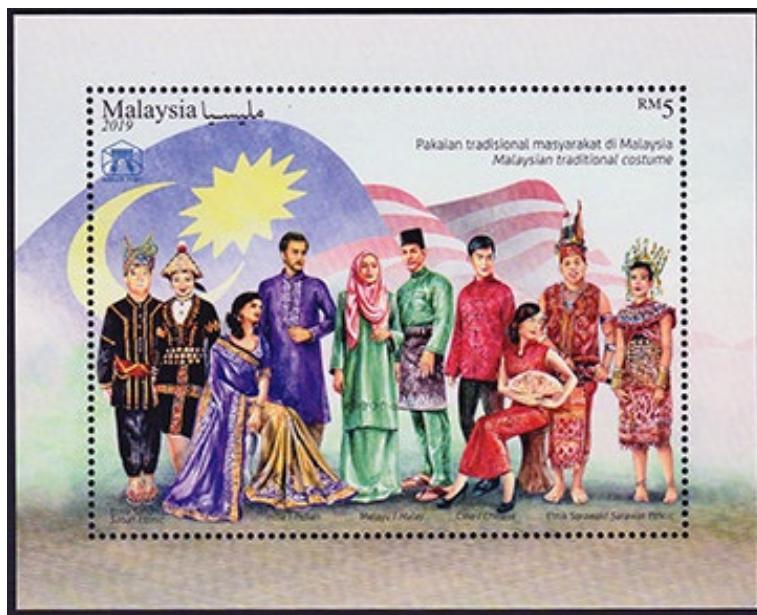
Date of Issue: 30 July 2019

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG MS2396

Remarks: With a narrow gold ink line at bottom of stamp

National Costumes



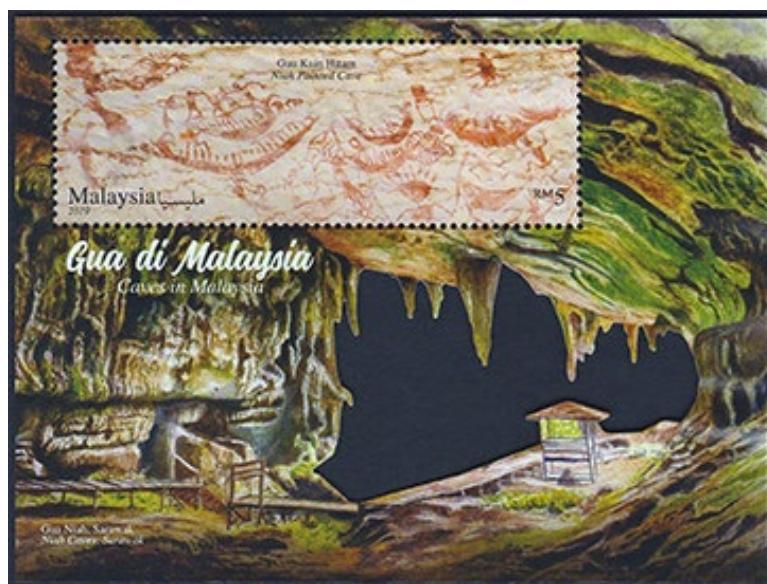
Date of Issue: 8 August 2019

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG MS2398

Remarks: With spot UV lamination

Caves of Malaysia



Date of Issue: 22 August 2019

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG MS 2402

Remarks: Die-cut in the shape of cave mouth, with stalactites

Malaysia Day. Our Food



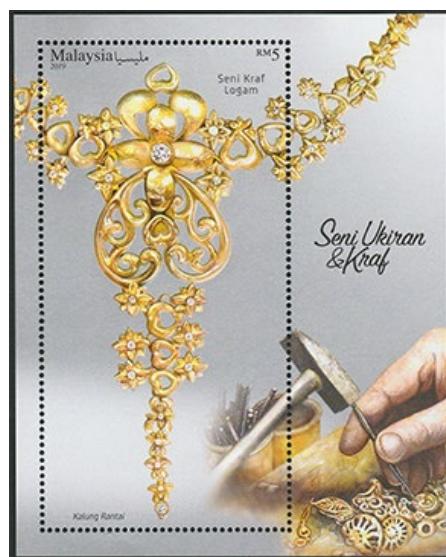
Date of Issue: 16 September 2019

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG MS 2406

Remarks: Die-cut in the shape of ice-shaving machine, used in making 'Air Batu Campur'; with spot lamination on the dessert

Carvings and Crafts of Malaysia



Date of Issue: 4 December 2019

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG awaited

Remarks: Embossed metal necklace ("Kalung")

National Definitive Series. Iconic Marine Life



Date of Issue: 18 June 2020 (sheetlet and miniature sheet) / 23 June 2020 (first recorded release of counter sheets: see the following blog for further details: <https://myfdc.me/definitive-reprints-and-estimated-release-dates/national-iconic-marine-life-reprints>)

Face Value: RM 1.30, RM 1.40, RM 1.50, RM 1.70, RM 1.90, RM 5

Catalogue No: SG awaited

Remarks: Miniature sheet die-cut in the shape of sea turtle hatching from egg; stamp in miniature sheet circular shaped; hatchling and adult sea turtle varnished. Microtext 'Pos Malaysia' and name of animal depicted, in Bahasa Malaysia, at bottom of each stamp of counter sheet (missing in original issue, in sheetlet format; other differences between the two releases listed in Das et al., 2020).

Enlarged images showing microtext on each of the stamps are illustrated in the following page.



“POSMALAYSIAPENYUKARAH” on turtle’s plastron (RM 1.30)



“POSMALAYSIALUMBALUMBAPUTIH” on edge of left flipper of dolphin (RM 1.40)



“POSMALAYSIAUPAUS” on trailing edge of left flipper of whale shark (RM 1.50)



“POSMALAYSIAKIMABESAR” on left side of inner mantle of giant clam (RM1.70)



“POSMALAYSIADUGONG” on edge of right flipper of dugong (RM 1.90)

Wild Flowers (Series 3)



Date of Issue: 9 July 2020

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG awaited

Remarks: Die-cut in the shape of flowers, buds and leaves; varnish on flower in stamp

Rukun Negara 50 Years



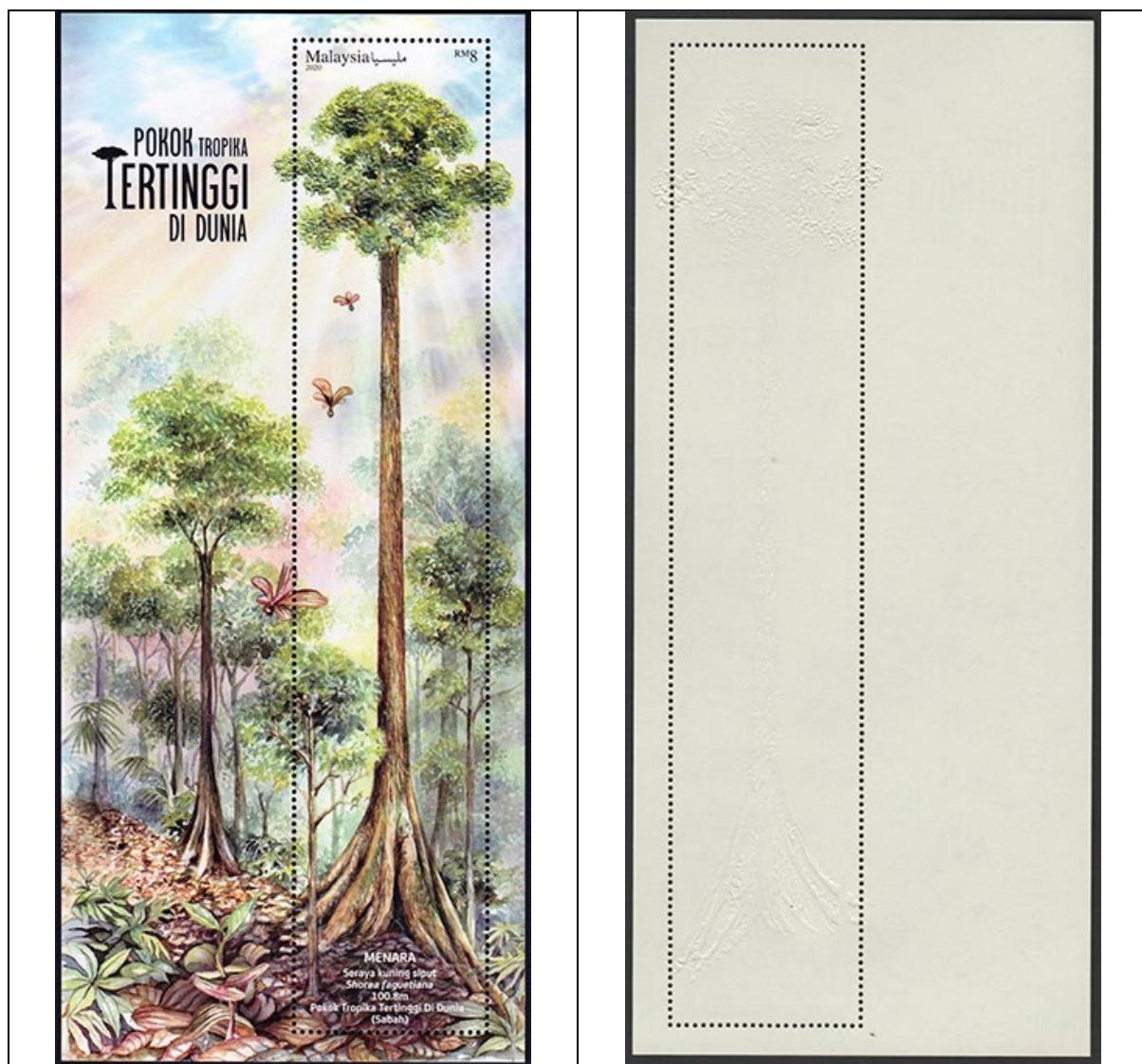
Date of Issue: 18 August 2020

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG awaited

Remarks: Gold foil maps of Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak, including letterings; Die-cut perforations

Tallest Tropical Tree in the World



Date of Issue: 29 December 2020

Face Value: RM 8

Catalogue No: SG awaited

Remarks: Embossed tree; reportedly one of the 'tallest' stamps in the world, measuring 190 x 80 mm

125th Anniversary of Johor Constitution



Date of Issue: 31 December 2020

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG awaited

Remarks: Silver ink frame and spot lamination on stamp

Cattle Breeds in Malaysia



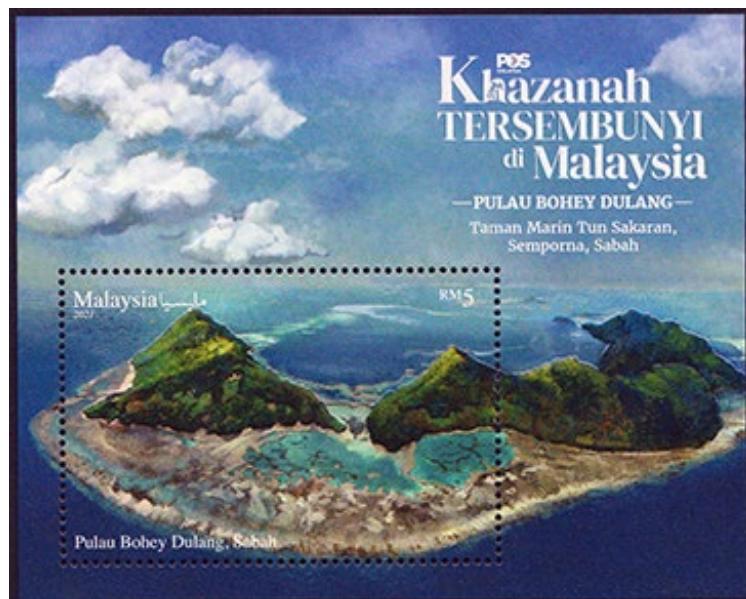
Date of Issue: 18 March 2021

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG awaited

Remarks: Die-cut in the shape of cow's head and neck; cow image on stamp with gold foil

Hidden Treasures of Malaysia – Islands



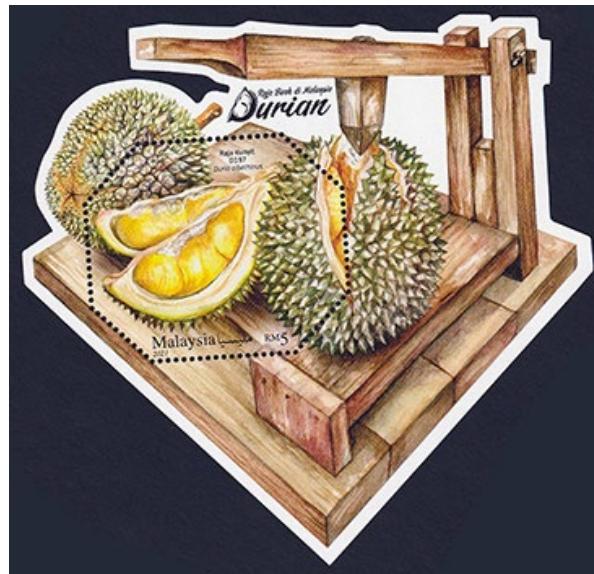
Date of Issue: 5 August 2021

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG awaited

Remarks: Spot lamination and embossing over images of islands on stamp and selvage of MS, creating a relief-like effect

King of Fruits in Malaysia – Durian



Date of Issue: 19 August 2021

Face Value: RM 5

Catalogue No: SG awaited

Remarks: Die-cut in the shape of durian and wooden stand; spot lamination on the opened durian

Covid-19 Frontliners

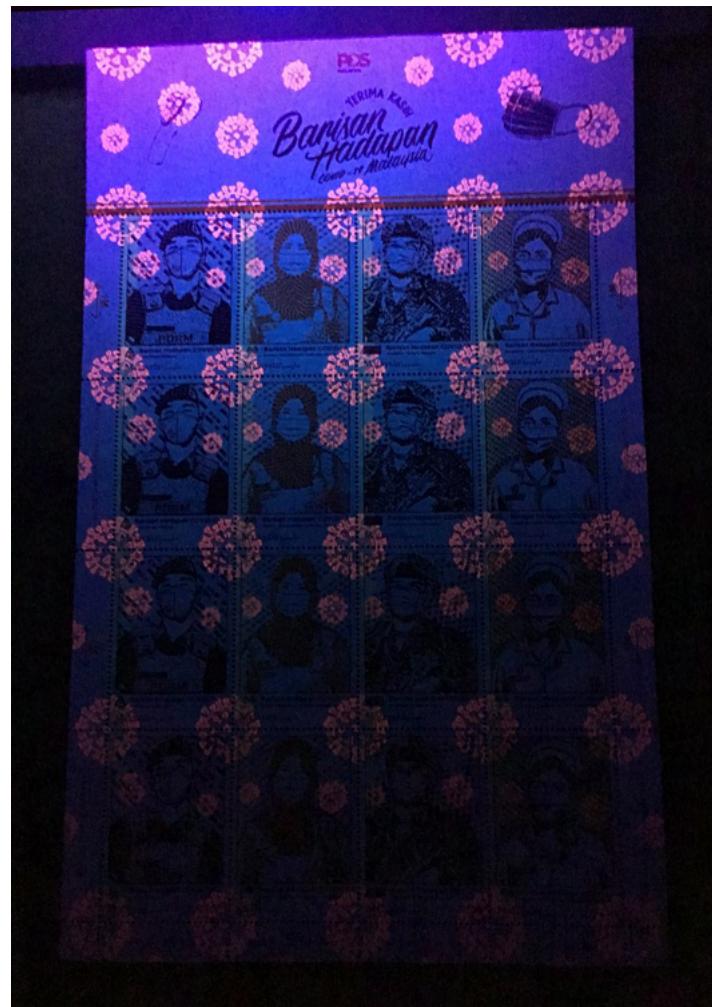


Date of Issue: 9 September 2021

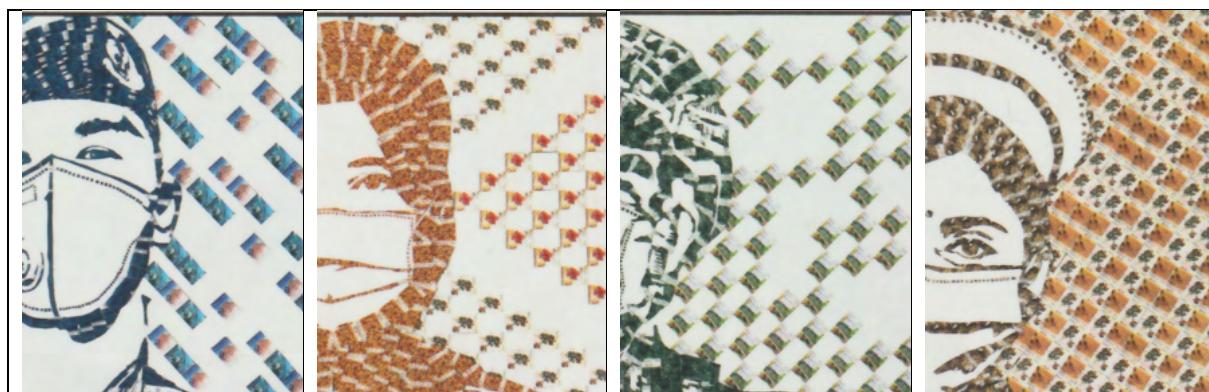
Face Value: RM 1.70 (x 4)

Catalogue No: SG awaited

Remarks: Covid-19 virus visible under UV light; photomosaic stamps: each portrait composed of about 1,000 personalised (SetemKu) stamps



Glow-in-the-dark features under UV light



Close-ups of the north-east corners of the four stamps from the 'Frontliners' issue, showing elements of photomosaic, created with SetemKu (personalised) stamps.

50th Anniversary PERKESO / SOCSO Golden Jubilee



Date of Issue: 1 October 2021

Face Value: 60 sen

Catalogue No: SG awaited

Remarks: Die-cut miniature sheet; silver foiled lettering “50 PERKESO” and building on stamp

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