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***On issue of the commemorative coins
“Space Station “Mir” and “Kolobok”***

The National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan announces the issue, effective from 28 April 2012, of the commemorative coins “Space Station “Mir” of “Space” series of coins: bicolor coins of “proof” quality of the face value of KZT 500 and nickel-silver coins of the face value of KZT 50; and commemorative silver coin of “proof” quality “Kolobok” (“Doughboy”) of the “Fair Tales of the Nations of Kazakhstan” series of coins, of the face value of KZT 500.

The commemorative coins “Space Station “Mir” from the “Space” series of coins” are the seventh pair of coins made of silver/tantalum and coins made of silver-nickel alloy, which continue the series devoted to outstanding events in the history of space research and penetration into the secrets of the Universe.

“Mir” (“Salyut-8”) is a Soviet (later on Russian) orbital station of the third generation, which is a complex multipurpose scientific and research complex. It was carried into orbit in February 1986; on 23 March 2001 it was dumped in the Pacific Ocean. Foreign space crews started visiting “Space Station “Mir” starting from 1995. Totally 104 cosmonauts from 12 countries worked at the station.

The commemorative bicolor (composite) coin is made using tantalum, the metal which is widely used in the aerospace industry.

Both coins – silver-nickel and bicolor - have identical images on the obverse and reverse. Image on the bicolor coin of “proof” quality is set on a mirrored surface.

A bicolor (composite) coin has a form of circle consisting of the concentrically located ring and disks. The internal disk of the coin is made of tantalum, while the outer ring is made of silver.

In the central part of the face (obverse) of coin there is a composition, which symbolizes the unity of the human being and Universe and relationship between the past and future. In the right sector indicated is the coin nominal value (“500 TENGE” – on a bicolor coin and “50 TENGE” on a silver-nickel coin). Below the nominal value there is a trademark of Kazakhstan Mint (on a bicolor coin there is inscription “Ag 925 14.6 gr. Ta 26,8 gr.” set in two lines, which denotes the metal, of which the coin is made, its fineness and weight. On full-circle there is inscription “ҚАЗАҚСТАН РЕСПУБЛИКАСЫ” (KAZAKSTAN RESPUBLIKASY”) in the state language REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN in the English language.

In the center of the back side (reverse) of the coins there is an image of “Mir” Space Station on the low earth orbit. In the upper part there is an emblem of “Space Station “Mir”. On full-circle there is inscription «МИР» ҒАРЫШ СТАНЦИЯСЫ (“MIR GARYSH STANTSIIYASY”) in the state language; a number “2012”, which denotes the year of mintage and inscription “SPACE STATION “MIR” in the English language.

Images and inscription on the obverse and reverse of the coins are relief. There is protruding edge around the full-circle.

The commemorative coins are made of:

- 1) bicolor coins: a ring – silver of 925/1000 standard; disk – tantalum of 26.8 g weight, diameter – 38.61 mm, quality of manufacture – “proof, montage – 5 thousand, lateral surface (gurt) is grooved;



- 2) silver-nickel coins: diameter – 31 mm, weight – 11.17 gram, mintage – 50 thousand; lateral surface (gurt) is grooved.



“Kolobok” (“Doughboy”) is the second coin in the series of coins devoted to fairy tales of the nations of Kazakhstan.

“Kolobok” is a Russian fairy tale.

In the central part of the face (obverse) of coin there is the emblem of the Republic of Kazakhstan against the background of ornamental pattern. In the lower part there is a figure “500” and inscription “TENGE”, which denotes the coin nominal value. In the left and right sectors of the coin there is a mirrored element of the national ornament. On full-circle there is inscription “ҚАЗАҚСТАН РЕСПУБЛИКАСЫ” (KAZAKSTAN RESPUBLIKASY”) in the state language and “РЕСПУБЛИКА КАЗАХСТАН” (REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN”) in the Russian language.

On the back side (reverse) of the coin, along the perimeter thereof, there are images of the fairy tale characters; in the center there is inscription “BAUYRSAK” in the state language and “KOLOBOK” in the Russian language. In the upper part there are: inscription “Ag 925 31,1

gr.”, denoting the metal, of which the coin is made, its fineness and weight; a number “2012” denoting the year of mintage, and the trademark of Kazakhstan mint.

Images and inscription on the obverse and reverse of the coins are relief. There is a protruding edge on the full-circle.

The lateral surface (gurt) is grooved.

The commemorative coins are made of sterling silver, weight – 31.1 gram, diameter - 38.61 mm, quality of manufacture – “proof”, mintage - 4 thousand.



Commemorative coins of face value of KZT 500 and 50 are mandatory for acceptance at their face value throughout the Republic of Kazakhstan for all types of payments as well as for credit to the accounts, placement on deposits, for letters of credit and for money transfers; they are changed and exchanged without limitation in all banks of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Commemorative coins are made at the Republican State Enterprise on the Right of Economic Management “Kazakhstan Mint of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan”.

The coins are designed in accordance with the Concept of Design of Banknotes and Coins of the National Currency – Kazakhstani Tenge approved by the Decree No. 1193 of 25 September 2003 of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The commemorative coins of “proof” quality are intended for sale at the collection value. They are produced in a souvenir package and are attached with a numbered certificate of quality of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the state, Russian and English languages.

One thousand of commemorative nickel-silver coins are packed in special thermal vacuum wraps for sale.

Coins may be purchased in all branches of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan. In Almaty coins can be purchased at 98 Panfilov Street. Telephone for reference: (727) 273-83-98.

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