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***On Results of the Sixth International
Commemorative Coins Contest
“International Numismatic Prizes Vicenza
Numismatica – 2012”***

On 25 September 2012, in the city of Vicenza, Italy, there were announced the results of the annual contest of commemorative coins “Vicenza Numismatica - 2012”. Collectible coins issued last year around the world participated in the contest.

By the decision of the jury the commemorative coin of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan **“The First Cosmonaut”** from the series **“Space”** was awarded a prize in the nomination **“Special Response”** for the unique technology of a coin production using for the first time a tantalum insert as an outer ring, and for the **“unconventional”** imaging of the significant event of global impact – the 50th anniversary of the first human space flight.



“The First Cosmonaut” is the sixth coin in the series “Space”, its nominal value is KZT 500; a coin was put into circulation on 29 March 2011.



Bi-colored (composite) coin has the round form consisted of the concentric situated ring and disk. The inner disk of coin is made of silver, and an outer ring is made of tantalum.

In the center of the obverse of the coin there is the composition symbolized the unity of human being with the world and the connection between the past and present. In the right sector there is the nominal value of the coin – “500 TENGE”. Below the nominal value placed is the trademark of Kazakhstan Mint and legend "Ag 925 16.7 gr. Ta 24 gr." placed in two lines and denoting the metal a coin is made of, its fineness and weight. Legend “ҚАЗАҚСТАН РЕСПУБЛИКАСЫ” (Republic of Kazakhstan) in the state language and “REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN” in the English language is placed on the full-circle.

In the center of the reverse of the coin there is an image Yu.A. Gagarin, the first cosmonaut, 2011 is 50th anniversary of his space flight. In the left part there is an image of orbital spacecraft on near-earth orbit, numbers "1961-2011" meaning the year of first man space flight and the year of coinage. On the full-circle there is name of the coin in Kazakh «ТҮНҒЫШ ҒАРЫШКЕР», and in Russian “ПЕРВЫЙ КОСМОНАВТ” (The First Cosmonaut) divided by signature of Yu.A. Gagarin.

Lateral surface (gurt) is grooved.

Weight of coin is 40.7 gram (tantalum ring weights 24 gram, a disc made of silver of 925/1000 fineness weights 16.7 gram).

Diameter is 38.61mm; “proof” quality; mintage – 5 thousand pieces.

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