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Happy New Year (2026 - The Year of the Red Fire Horse)

On December 29, 2025 the Ministry of Digital Development and Innovative Technologies of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamp: "Year of the Horse".

According to the traditional lunar calendar, the New Year will begin on February 17, 2026, when the second full moon after the winter solstice occurs, and will end on February 5, 2027.

The tradition of celebrating the New Year in China originated approximately 3,500 years ago. The event was presumably first celebrated during the Shang Dynasty, which reigned from 1600 to 1046 B.C. The date was officially fixed during the Han Dynasty (206 B.C. – 220 A.D.).

The coming year, 2026, will be the **Year of the Red Fire Horse** – the seventh animal of the twelve-year Chinese zodiac cycle, symbolizing energy, strength, freedom and rapid progress. This sign also represents the Eastern symbol of wisdom, heroism, and talent.

In Chinese culture, the horse is considered a proud and noble animal, the embodiment of speed, endurance, loyalty, honesty and inner freedom. The Fire element enhances these qualities, filling the year with passion, enthusiasm and creative drive.

In Chinese tradition, the Year of the Horse is believed to be a time of active change, new ideas and great achievements.

Kyrgyz Express Post congratulates all its friends, partners, and collectors on the upcoming Year of the Red Fire Horse! May it bring you good health, inspiration and success in all your good endeavors.

Happy New Year!

For this stamp, KEP also issues a postcard, which is used to realize a maximum card.

Stamp description

No. 274. 150 KGS. Year of the Horse



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Technical specifications

Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m².

Printing method: full-color offset lithography.

Stamp perforation: comb 13 syncopated.

Stamp size: 34 × 34 mm.

Stamp is issued in minisheets of 5 stamps with one label. On the sheet borders there is a text: "Happy New Year!" in Kyrgyz, Russian, English and Chinese languages.

Minisheet size: 134 × 100 mm.

Quantity issued: 7 500 stamps (1 500 minisheets).

Designer: Diana Roșcovan.

Printer House: "Nova Imprim" (Chișinău, Moldova).

A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Bishkek KEP Office (729001) on the stamp issuing day.



The first day cover, postcards and special postmark are designed by Diana Roșcovan.

Cover size: C6 (162 × 114 mm).

Quantity of covers issued: 400 pieces.

Quantity of postcards issued: 500 pieces.

Endorsing ink color: black.

