Salbuurun - Traditional Kyrgyz Hunting. Taigans
(second part of the series)

On July 28th the State Committee for Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation new KEP postage stamps, dedicated to Salbuurun. This series is a continuation of the KEP project, which started last year and implied various activities within Salbuurun.

The stamps represent taigans – a unique national breed of hunting dogs that are irreplaceable assistants at traditional Kyrgyz hunting. Taigans are very well adapted to the high altitudes. Taigans are very much appreciated by hunters, because they are very manoeuvrable, persistent during pursuit and have great endurance for running.

The series consists of three stamps, depicting different stages of Kyrgyz hunting, involving hunting dogs.

Stamps description.

No. 30. 50.00 KGS. The stamp depicts a black taigan dog at the beginning of his chase for prey.

No. 31. 100.00 KGS. The taigan dog and his pursuit in its full swing.

No. 32. 150.00 KGS. The final stage of the hunting: the taigan dog is overtaking the prey - a wolf.
Technical specifications.

Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m².  
Printing method: full-colour offset lithography.  
Stamps perforation: comb 13 syncopated.  
Stamps size: 68.00 x 34.00 mm.  
Sheets size: 100.00 x 168.00 mm.  
Collective sheet size: 134.00 x 134.00 mm.  
Sheets composition: Stamps are issued in sheetlets of 4 stamps and in a collective sheet of 3 stamps (1 complete set).  
Quantity issued: 8 000 pieces each stamp, including the quantity of the collective minisheet — 4 000 pieces.  
Artist: Vladimir Melnic.  
Printer House: “Nova Imprim”.

A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Bishkek KEP Office (729002) on the stamp issuing day.  
The first day cover and special postmark are designed by Vladimir Melnic.  