Happy New Year!

On February 3rd 2017 the State Committee for Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a series of Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamps: “Happy new Year!”.

New Year is a favorite holiday in both Western and Eastern cultures.

Given the diversity of Christmas traditions in different countries, KEP has decided to dedicate its first issue in 2017 to both western and oriental particularities of New Year celebration.

The first stamp of the issue reflects the imagery of the New Year holiday, typical of Western cultures: Christmas tree, decorated with toys and candles, as well as the sleigh of Santa Claus with gifts for children and adults.

The second stamp represents the Fire Rooster, which is a symbol of the coming New Year, according to the Chinese calendar, on January 28, 2017. In the Chinese tradition, the rooster symbolizes insight, orderliness, conservatism and self-confidence.

Stamps description.

No. 53. 50 KGS. Christmas tree, decorated with star, toys and candles, as well as the sleigh of Santa Claus with gifts.
No. 54. 100 KGS. The Fire Rooster – New Year symbol according to the Chinese calendar.
Technical specifications.

Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m².
Printing method: full-colour offset lithography, partial gloss finish + pantone bronze.
Stamps perforation: comb 13, syncopated.
Stamps size: 34.00 x 34.00 mm.
Sheets size: 134.00 x 100.00 mm.
Stamps are issued in sheetlets of 5 stamps and 1 label.
Quantity issued: stamp no. 53 - 5 000 pieces, stamp no. 54 - 8 000 pieces.
Designer: Vitaliu Pogolșa.
Printer House: “Nova Imprim”.

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

Cover size: C6 (162 x 114 mm).
Printing method: full-colour digital offset.
Quantity issued: 500 copies.
All covers are numbered.
Endorsing ink color: black.