

## Historical and cultural ties between Kyrgyzstan and China. Li Bai

(on the 25th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Kyrgyz Republic and the People's Republic of China)

On June 29th 2017 the State Committee for Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a miniature sheet of Kyrgyz Express Post with the topic: "Historical and cultural ties between Kyrgyzstan and China. Li Bai (on the 25th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Kyrgyz Republic and the People's Republic of China)". This miniature sheet comprises two postage stamps.

China and Kyrgyzstan are neighboring countries, with friendly relations. Mutual understanding and support have developed between them. China was one of the first countries to recognize the independence of Kyrgyzstan.

One of the symbols of historical and cultural ties between Kyrgyzstan and China is the fact that the great Chinese poet of the Tang Dynasty, Li Bai (701-762), was born in Suyab, near the modern city of Tokmak, in the north of Kyrgyzstan.

The literary heritage of Li Bai comprises about 1,100 works, of which about 900 are poems.

Besides the mentioned stamps, 2 postal cards, dedicated to Li Bai, are issued. These cards, together with the stamps from new souvenir sheet and a special pictorial first day cancellation, were used to make two maximum cards.

### Souvenir sheet description.

Souvenir Sheet no. 9

**No. 63.** 50 KGS. Li Bai portrait (artist L. Iaçco)

**No. 64.** 100 KGS. Illustration for the Li Bai poem «The Ching-Ting Mountain».

On the sheet borders there is a fragment of the poem by Li Bai and an inscription in Kyrgyz and Chinese languages: "Historical and cultural ties between Kyrgyzstan and China". A QR-code is placed in the lower right corner.

### Souvenir Sheet no. 9



**No. 63**

**No. 64**

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## Technical specifications.

Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Printing method: full-color offset lithography.

Stamps perforation: comb 13, syncopated.

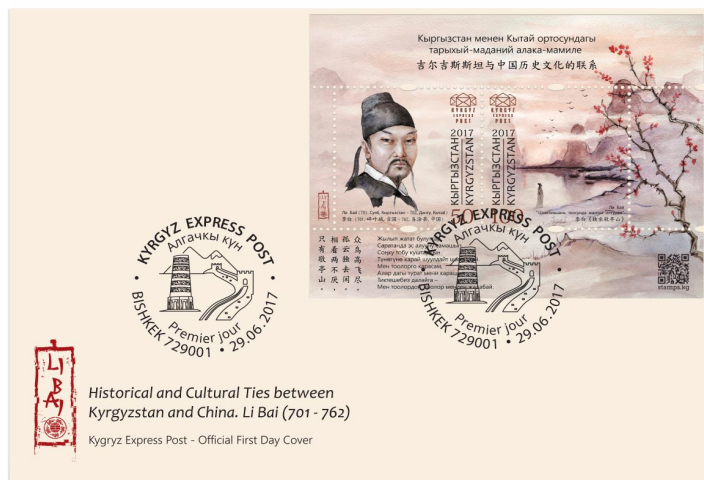
Stamps size: 34,00 x 34,00 mm.

Souvenir sheet size: 89,00 x 66,00 mm.

Quantity issued: 6 000 pieces.

Designer: Lilian Iaço.

Printer House: "Nova Imprim".



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

Cover size: C6 (162 x 114 mm). Printing method: full-color offset. Quantity issued: 400 copies.

Endorsing ink color: black.

The first day cover and special postmark are designed by Lilian Iaço.

Postal cards for maximum cards: printing method – full-color offset; quantity issued – 250 copies each.

