The first joint issue of KEP postage stamps. Horses

On June 30th the State Committee for Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation new issue of Kyrgyz Express Post stamps. This year, for the first time, KEP stamps are produced jointly with a foreign postal entity: the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Belarus have made stamps with a common design.

The common theme is the love of our peoples for such wonderful animals as horses. This KEP issue includes two miniatures: one represents the Kyrgyz horse (a “Novokyrgyz” breed), and the second, a “Trakehner” horse, common in Belarus.

The Kyrgyz horse is of ancient origin, and its history is closely connected with the history of the Kyrgyz people. The Kyrgyz horse has always been characterized by exceptional endurance, unpretentiousness and adaptability to the conditions of the mountainous terrain.

The Trakehner breed was created primarily for cavalry, which required horses with speed and power. Over time, the Trakehner breed lost its military significance, but it was used with great success in agriculture and equestrian sport.

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

Stamps description.

No. 65. 50 KGS. The Trakehner Horse (photo by A. Homich).

No. 66. 100 KGS. The Novokyrgyz Horse (photo by V. Voronin).
Technical specifications.

Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m².
Printing method: full-color offset lithography.
Stamps perforation: comb 14 : 14 1/2.
Stamps size: 46,00 x 27,50 mm.
Sheet size: 159,00 x 108,00 mm.
Quantity issued: 6 000 pieces each stamp.
Designer: Aliona Cojocari.
Printer House: “Nova Imprim”.

A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Bishkek KEP Office (729001) on the stamps issuing day.
Endorsing ink color: black.
The first day cover and special postmark are designed by Aliona Cojocari.

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