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60 Years of the Space Age

On November 15th, 2017, the State Committee for Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a series of Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamps: “60 Years of the Space Age”.

On October 4, 1957, the first artificial Earth satellite was launched into outer space. This event initiated the Space Age and marked a breakthrough for mankind in the exploration of space.

60 years of the Space Age are marked by many outstanding scientific and technical achievements. Among these achievements, the first manned space flight, made on April 12, 1961 by the Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, should be distinguished. On July 20, 1969, the first human, Neil Armstrong (USA), stepped onto the surface of the Moon, initiating the exploration of our natural satellite within the Apollo program. In the 2000s, the People's Republic of China achieved outstanding results in space exploration, including manned flights and the creation of space stations in the Earth's orbit.

A new series of KEP postage stamps includes 3 miniatures depicting the following topics:

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Stamps description

No. 72. 50 KGS. Sputnik-1, USSR, 4.10.1957.

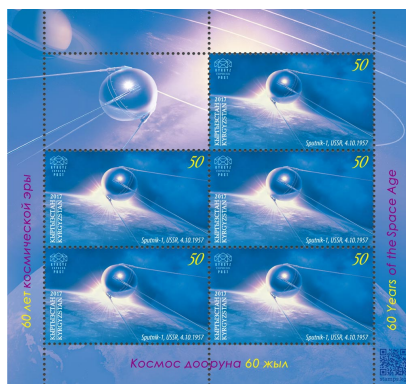
No. 73. 75 KGS. Apollo Program, USA, 1961 – 1975.

No. 74. 100 KGS. Space Laboratory “Tiangong-2”, PRC, 2016.



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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.

Sheets size: 113.00 x 108.00 mm.



Stamps are issued in sheetlets of 5 stamps and one coupon. Stamps are also issued in collective minisheet of 3 stamps (1 complete set). On the sheet borders there is a text: "60 Years of the Space Age" in Kyrgyz, English and Russian languages.

Each sheetlet has a QR code in the lower right corner. On the collective minisheet the QR code is placed in the lower left corner.

Quantity issued: 8 500 pieces each stamp, including the quantity of the collective minisheet — 3 500 pieces.

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.

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

The first day cover and special postmark are designed by Aliona Cojocari.

Quantity issued: 400 pieces.

Endorsing ink color: black.