The Anniversaries of Great Personalities

On December 31st, 2017 the State Committee for Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a series of five Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamps: “The Anniversaries of Great Personalities”.

In 2017, humanity celebrates the jubilee dates of great personalities who have made an invaluable contribution to the development of world civilization: 350th birth anniversary of J. Swift, 100th birth anniversary of Arthur C. Clarke, 150th birth anniversary of M. Skłodowska-Curie, 225th birth anniversary of Gioachino Rossini, 125th birth anniversary of J. R. R. Tolkien.

Besides the mentioned stamps, KEP also issues 5 postal cards, dedicated to the great personalities. These cards, together with the new stamps and a special pictorial first day cancellation, were used to make five maximum cards.

Stamps description.

No. 85. 50 KGS. Jonathan Swift (1667-1745). The 350th birth anniversary.
No. 86. 50 KGS. Sir Arthur Charles Clarke (1917-2008). The 100th birth anniversary.
No. 87. 75 KGS. Maria Skłodowska-Curie (1867-1934). The 150th birth anniversary.
No. 88. 100 KGS. Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868). The 225th birth anniversary.
No. 89. 100 KGS. John Ronald Reuel Tolkien (1892-1973). The 125th birth anniversary.
Technical specifications.

Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m².
Printing method: full-color offset lithography.
Stamps perforation: comb 14:14½.
Stamps size: 46.00 x 27.50 mm.
Sheets size: 120.00 x 108.00 mm.
Collective sheet size: 120.00 x 108.00 mm.
Stamps are issued in sheetlets of 4 stamps. Stamps are also issued in collective minisheet of 5 stamps (1 complete set and 1 coupon). On the sheet borders there is a text: “The Anniversaries of Great Personalities” in Kyrgyz, English and Russian languages.
Each sheetlet has a QR code in the lower right corner.
Quantity issued: 8 000 pieces each stamp, including the quantity of the collective minisheets — 2 000 pieces.
Designer: Vladimir Melnic.
Printer House: “Nova Imprim”.

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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 Vladimir Melnic.

Quantity issued: 400 copies.

Endorsing ink color: black.

Postal cards for maximum cards: printing method - full-color offset; quantity issued - 300 copies each.