On June 22, 2018 the State Committee for Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a series of two Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamps: “Bridges”.

Bridges are not only important engineering facilities that help overcome obstacles to road traffic but, since ancient times, bridges have been considered a symbol of progress, stability, cohesion and cooperation.

For Kyrgyzstan, which has a highly complex mountainous terrain, bridges have always played and continue to play a primary role in the field of communications. Construction and operation of bridges in our country has always been given special attention.

For this series, KEP also issued two postcards, which were used to make two maximum cards. When preparing the issue of stamps and cards of this series, photos of Ivan Turkovskii were used.

Stamps description

No. 98. 50 KGS. The automobile bridge near the town of Kara-Kul (Jalal-Abad region). This bridge is part of the strategically important Bishkek-Osh highway, linking the north and south-west of Kyrgyzstan.

No. 99. 150 KGS. The railway bridge across the Naryn River near the village of Kuduk (Jalal-Abad region). This is the largest railway bridge in Kyrgyzstan with a length of 210 meters.
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: 113.00 x 108.00 mm.
Collective sheet size: 113.00 x 80.00 mm.
Stamps are issued in sheetlets of 4 stamps.
Stamps are also issued in collective minisheet of 2 stamps (1 complete set). On the sheet borders there are names of the series in Kyrgyz and English languages. Each sheetlet has a QR code in the lower right corner.
Quantity issued: 7 000 pieces each stamp, including the quantity of the collective minisheets — 2 000 pieces.
Photographer: Ivan Turkovskii.
Designer: Daria Maier.
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 Daria Maier.
Quantity issued: 400 copies.
Endorsing ink color: black.

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