

Collector coins of the Republic of Armenia-2020

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Dear reader,

We are pleased to present the annual journal "Collector Coins of the Republic of Armenia 2020".

In 2020, as had become customary, the Central Bank of Armenia issued a number of collector coins to celebrate anniversaries of famous individuals: the 100th birth anniversaries of world-renowned French-Armenians Henri Verneuil (a filmmaker) and Jansem (painter), the 125th birth anniversary of the famous Armenian actor Hrachya Nersisyan and the 150th birth anniversary of the talented painter Yeghishe Tadevosyan. Each of these great individuals hold a special place in the history of both Armenian and the world culture thanks to their success and accomplishments in the field of cinema, theater and painting.

Another important anniversary we celebrated in 2020 was the 150 years of birth of Gevorg Chavush, a hero of the Armenian national liberation movement. On this occasion, the Central Bank of Armenia issued the "Gevorg Chavush-150" C collector coin, adding to the series of collector coins dedicated to Armenian commanders from different periods in history.

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of victory over the Nazi Germany and its allies in the Great Patriotic War was a remarkable event for the people of the former USSR. The Central Bank of Armenia was among central banks of the former Soviet countries to have issued the collector coin dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the victory, thus once again highlighting the role of the sons of Armenia, who heroically fought against the enemy and contributed greatly to the victory.

Emphasizing the role of state and social figures in preserving the national identity of Armenian people, the Central Bank of Armenia issued a collector coin dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the birth of Khrimyan Hayrik, the 125th Catholicos of All Armenians. That issue marked the historical significance of Khrimyan Hayrik in the social, political and cultural life of Armenian people, his unwavering devotion to the homeland.

In 2020, in close cooperation with the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin the Central Bank of

Armenia issued a silver collector coin “Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin”, which was unprecedented for its artistic design and application of complex technical solutions.

Remaining committed to the currency issue policy steered to increasing awareness of centuries-old history and culture of the Armenian people through notes and coins, the Central Bank of Armenia presents each year collector coins to international numismatic contests. We were pleased to know that at the 14th international contest “Coin Constellation 2020”, held in Russia, the collector coin of the 2019 issue dedicated to the 150th birth anniversary of the worldfamous Armenian composer and musicologist Komitas won the 3rd place in the “Collector Coin of the Year” category. This subsequent prize is undoubtedly a result of distinguished styling of Armenian collector coins and application of modern minting technologies.

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