

Collector coins of the Republic of Armenia-2017

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Dear reader,

The annual journal “Collector Coins of the Republic of Armenia” presents the collector coins

issued by the Central Bank of Armenia in 2017, which are dedicated to the events of pan-armenian significance and birth anniversaries of prominent Armenians.

Year 2017 marked the 25th anniversaries of the formation of the Armenian Army and the liberation of Shushi. On the occasion of such milestone events for the Armenian statehood, the Central Bank of Armenia issued the gold and silver collector coins “25th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army” and the gold collector coin “25th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi”.

In 2017 the Republic of Armenia and the other member states of the Collective Security Treaty

Organization celebrated the 25th year of signing the Treaty and the 15th year of establishing the Treaty’s Organization. Highlighting the activities of this international organization, which are aimed at strengthening peace, regional security and stability, the Central Bank of Armenia issued the silver collector coin “CST-25 and CSTO-15”.

The 25th anniversary of Armenia’s membership to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank was another internationally significant event. The membership of many countries to these two major international institutions has greatly contributed to maintaining the stability of the global currency system. On the occasion of this event, the Central Bank of Armenia issued the silver collector coin “Anniversary of Armenia’s Membership to the IMF/WB”.

Year 2017 was also remarkable for celebrating jubilee anniversaries of prominent Armenian figures, and the 200th anniversary of birth of the world-famous marine artist Hovhannes Aivazovsky might be the most outstanding one. This jubilee was solemnly celebrated not only in Armenia but also in other countries around the world (e.g. Russia, Ukraine, USA). The Central Bank of Armenia issued the gold collector coin dedicated to

Hovhannes Aivazovsky; it portrays a fragment of the artist's famous canvas "The Ninth Wave".

In 2017 more collector coins were issued in celebration of the 175th birthday of prominent Armenian businessman, benefactor Alexander Mantashian and of the 125th birthday of the founder of Armenian cinematography Hamo Becnazaryan. These issuances signify the huge role the Armenian enthusiasts played in contributing to the social and cultural life.

As in previous years, the Central Bank of Armenia participated in international numismatic programs in 2017. In addition to the silver collector coins "Boston Labyrinth" and "Vaals Labyrinth" issued in 2016 under the program "Labyrinths of the World", the collector coins which depicted the labyrinths of Barcelona and Masone were issued in 2017. Also in 2017, in the framework of the international numismatic program "Noah's Ark", the Central Bank of Armenia issued the gold collector coin "Noah's Ark" in four-weight categories, which were highly appreciated by the Armenian and international community.

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