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***Kazakhstan commemorative banknote of KZT
10,000 nominal value devoted to the 20th
Anniversary of Independence of the Republic of
Kazakhstan has been recognized as the best
banknote of 2011***

In April 2012 the International Bank Note Society (IBNS) summed up the results of its contest, in which the commemorative banknote of KZT 10,000 nominal value, devoted to the 20th anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan was recognized as the “Best Bank Note of 2011”.

International Bank Note Society is an independent association of the paper money collectors worldwide who annually select the Best Bank Note of the Year by means Internet voting on its website theibns.org.

This aim of this non-profit educational organization is to study banknotes and paper currencies worldwide along educational, scientific and historical lines. Currently the IBNS has over 2,000 members in more than 90 countries.

The significance of the award is emphasized by the fact that the winner is selected by the persons not interested in promotion of one or another banknote and selection is based on the esthetic perception of design quality of print and methods used for protection against fraud.

By selecting the Kazakhstani banknote as the winner among a few tens of new banknotes issued worldwide, the International Bank Note Society has recognized the best its design and ideology as well as technical execution and protection.

Banknote was issued in July 2011 and is devoted to the 20th Anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Banknote of the highest nominal value was designed collaboratively by the designers of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan and its foreign partner “De La Rue”. The Banknote Factory of the National Bank of Kazakhstan undertook the printing.

Design of the commemorative banknote supports the style of the currency notes in circulation: the face of the banknote contains predominantly the vertical images, while those on the reverse side are horizontal. The dominant colour is blue-violet.

The face of the banknotes features the “Kazakh Eli” monument, which was opened on the eve of the 10th anniversary of the city of Astana and symbolizes the independence of Kazakhstan. Flying doves symbolizing harmony, peace and concord are featured in the bottom right part of the banknote.

Design includes a wide range of advanced protective elements such as security thread Optiks, StripeChrome and secure ink SPARK.

The central image on the reverse side features Ak-Orda Presidential Palace. There is an inscription “ҚАЗАҚСТАН ТӘУЕЛСІЗДІГІНЕ ЖИЫРМА ЖЫЛ” (Kazakstan Teuelsizdigine zhiyrma zhyly) in the upper left corner; below placed is the logo of celebration of the 20th universe of Independence. There are a number of security elements on the reverse side of the banknote: transparent window and latent image under the commemorative inscription, which appears in the form of the word “ON” when looking against the light. In order to protect banknotes against counterfeiting there is an image on the reverse side, the components of which form a single picture with those on the face when looking against the light.



Kazakhstani banknotes have been also granted awards before. In 2007 the new series of banknotes of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan was awarded as the best new series of the year by International Association of Currency Affairs (IACA).

In 2007 in Bangkok the banknote of nominal value of KZT 10,000 with Optiks element was awarded the first place in the nomination “The Best New Banknote”.

In 2008 “SPARK” secure element on the KZT 5,000 banknotes devoted to the 15th anniversary of tenge was recognized as the best.

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