



**NATIONAL BANK
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN
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*On issue of the commemorative coins
“FAISAL” and “ZAHIR”*

The National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan announces the issue, effective from 24 August 2012, of the commemorative gold coins of “proof” quality “FAISAL” and “ZAHIR” from “Famous Mosques of the World” series of coins; face value is KZT 500.

The commemorative gold coins “**FAISAL**” and “**ZAHIR**” have identical images of the obverse. In the central part of the face (obverse) of the coin there is a composition consisting of an image of stylized arch, which symbolizes an entrance into Islamic shrines; heraldic spiral and inscription “500 TENGE” denoting the face value of the coin. To the right of the face value figures there is an inscription “Au 999”, which denotes the fineness of metal a coin is made of. On full-circle there is inscription “ҚАЗАҚСТАН ҰЛТТЫҚ БАНКІ” (KAZAKSTAN ULTTYK BANKI”) (NATIONAL BANK OF KAZAKHSTAN”) in the state language; logo of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan and number “2012” denoting the year of coinage and trademark of Kazakhstan mint.



In the center of the back side (reverse) of the coin “FAISAL” there is an image of FAISAL mosque; in the upper sector there is an inscription “FAISAL”; in the lower sector there is an inscription “ISLAMABAD” in English.

In the center of the back side (reverse) of the coin “ZAHIR” there is an image of ZAHIR mosque (Malaysia); in the lower sector there is an inscription “ZAHIR” in English.

The images and inscriptions on the obverse and reverse of the coins are relief.

The lateral surface (gurt) is grooved.

The commemorative coins are made of gold of 999/1000 standard; weight – 3,11 gram, diameter - 16 mm; quality of manufacture – “proof”, mintage – 3 thousand of each type.

- 1) sterling silver, weight – 31.1 gram, diameter - 38,61 mm, quality of manufacture – “proof”, mintage - 4 thousand, lateral surface (gurt) is grooved;
- 2) nickel-silver alloy, diameter - 31 mm, weight – 11.17 gram, mintage – 300 thousand, lateral surface (gurt) is grooved.

Commemorative gold coins of KZT 500 face value are mandatory for acceptance at their face value throughout the Republic of Kazakhstan for all types of payments as well as for credit to the accounts, placement on deposits, for letters of credit and for money transfers; they are changed and exchanged without limitation in all banks of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Comments of the National Bank of Kazakhstan

FAISAL Mosque (Islamabad, Pakistan) is one the largest mosques in the world. It is a famous mosque in the Islamic world, which is distinguished exclusively due to its size and architecture. It covers the area of 5,000 sq m and can hold 300,000 believers.

ZAHIR Mosque is one of the most respected mosques of Malaysia. Every year a festival of Qari' is held in the Mosque. The Mosque is among ten most beautiful mosques of the world.

Commemorative coins are made at the Republican State Enterprise on the Right of Economic Management “Kazakhstan Mint of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan”.

The coins are designed in accordance with the Concept of Design of Banknotes and Coins of the National Currency – Kazakhstani Tenge approved by the Decree No. 1193 of 25 September 2003 of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The commemorative coins of “proof” quality are intended for sale at the collection value. They are produced in a souvenir package and are attached with a numbered certificate of quality of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the state, Russian and English languages.

One thousand of commemorative nickel-silver coins are packed in special thermal vacuum wraps for sale.

Coins may be purchased in all branches of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan. In Almaty coins can be purchased at 98 Panfilov Street. Telephone for reference: (727) 273-83-98.

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