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Saimaluu Tash Petroglyphs

On May 18, 2021 the Ministry of Digital Development of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a series of Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamps: "Saimaluu Tash Petroglyphs".

Saimaluu Tash is the largest accumulation of petroglyphs in Central Asia and one of the largest in the world. It is located on the eastern slope of the Fergana Range in the Jalal-Abad region of Kyrgyzstan. The Saimaluu Tash State Nature Park (32,050 hectares) was established there in 2001.

"Saimaluu Tash" translated from Kyrgyz means "patterned stone", which perfectly describes this magnificent place. This location holds more than 90,000 drawings, relating to different historical periods. The oldest images from the Saimaluu Tash stones date back to the 3rd and 1st millennia BC, and the most recent ones date back to the 8th century AD. The subjects of the drawings are very broad and reflect religious beliefs and views of the world of ancient people. There are images of deities, wild and domestic animals, birds and people, as well as many other images.

Saimaluu Tash drawings have become one of the symbols of Kyrgyzstan. Patterns and motifs of petroglyphs are present in the design of the World Nomad Games and also are widely used in souvenir products.

For this series, KEP also issues three postcards, which are used to realize three maximum cards.

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Stamps description

No. 172. 50 KGS. Animals

No. 173. 150 KGS. Sunhead

No. 174. 175 KGS. Agriculture

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.



Stamps are issued in minisheets of 5 stamps (with 1 label). Stamps are also issued in a collective minisheet of 3 stamps (1 complete set and 3 labels).

Minisheets size: 113.00 x 108.00 mm.

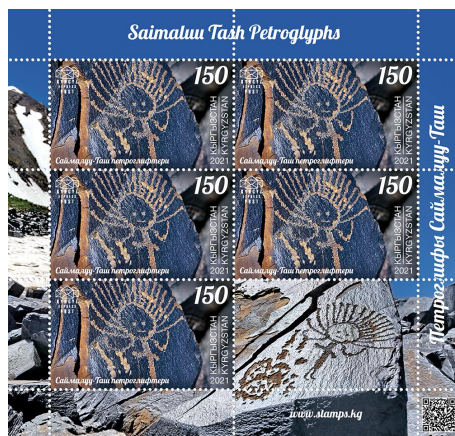
Collective minisheet size: 90.00 x 108.00 mm.

Quantity issued: 5 500 pieces each stamp, (including the quantity of the collective minisheet – 1 500 pieces).

Photographer: Vladislav Ushakov.

Designer: Daria Maier.

Printer House: "Nova Imprim" (Chişinău, Moldova).



A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Bishkek KEP Office (729001) on the stamps issuing day.



The first day cover, postcards and special cancellation are designed by Daria Maier. Photographer: Vladislav Ushakov. Cover size: C6 (162 x 114 mm).

Cover printing method: full-color offset. Postcard printing method: digital.

Quantity of covers issued: 250 pieces. Quantity of postcards issued: 200 pieces each.

Endorsing ink color: black.

