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Commemorative coin to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) commenced operations on 28.08.1950 and completed 60 years on 28.08.2010. To mark the 60th Anniversary, the CBSL will issue a Frosted Proof crown size multi-colour silver commemorative coin in the denomination of Rupees 5000. It is the first multi-colour coin issued by the CBSL.

In terms of section 52A (1) (a) and (b) of the Monetary Law Act (Amendment) No.6 of 1998, with the approval of the Hon. Minister of Finance, the CBSL issues commemorative coins and notes. The CBSL has issued commemorative coins to mark important events and persons since 1957 and the coin to mark the 60th Anniversary of the CBSL will be the 50th commemorative coin that is being issued.



The obverse of the coin depicts the crest of the CBSL in colour in the middle and the year 1950 and 2010 appear below the crest. The words "Central Bank of Sri Lanka" in Sinhala, Tamil and English appear on the periphery of the coin.



Reverse image of the coin illustrates a tree, which symbolizes the growth and stability of the economy of Sri Lanka. The face value of the coin "5000" in large numerals appears below the tree with the denomination in words in Sinhala, Tamil and English. The year "2010" is depicted to the right side of the tree.

The coin is round in shape and the diameter is 38.61 mm with a weight of 28.28 grams. The coin will be issued in an attractive presentation case accompanied by a certificate of authenticity from the Royal Mint Ltd, UK.

This coin will be ceremonially issued to H.E the President Mahinda Rajapaksa by Mr. Ajith Nivard Cabral, the Governor of the CBSL on 15.12.2010 at Colombo.

This is a limited issue of 5,000 coins and a coin will be sold at a price of Rs. 7,000 through the counters at the Head Office of the CBSL, 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha Colombo 1, Money Museum at No.58, Sri Jayewardenepura Mawatha, Rajagiriya, CBSL Provincial Offices at Anuradhapura, Matara, Matale, Jaffna and Trincomalee and on line through the CBSL web site; www.cbsl.gov.lk after January, 2011.

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