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A Commemorative coin to celebrate 150th Anniversary of Ceylon Tea

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) issued a commemorative coin with a face value of Rs. 10 to celebrate 150 years of Ceylon Tea and to recognize its contribution to the national economy as an important and long-standing export oriented commodity in Sri Lanka.

The first set of coins were officially presented to the Hon. Minister of Finance, Mr. Mangala Samaraweera and Hon. Minister of Plantation Industries, Mr. Navin Dissanayake by Dr. Indrajit Coomaraswamy, Governor of CBSL, at the ceremony held at CBSL on 12.07.2017.

The coin will be issued into circulation from 13.07.2017 through licensed commercial banks and can be used for payments amongst other currency notes and coins in circulation.

Details of the Coin

Obverse



The Lion emblem in the center of the coin is the icon that depicts 'Ceylon Tea - Symbol of Quality', gazetted as the intellectual property of the Sri Lanka Tea Board. The periphery of the coin is adorned by indications the of year the commencement of the Tea Industry in Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon), which is 1867, and the completion of its 150th year in 2017. It is complemented by the image of 'two leaves and a bud', on both sides of the emblem, which signifies the high leaf standard that ensures the production of fine Ceylon tea. The bottom of the rim indicates that the coin is issued in celebration of 150 years of Ceylon Tea

Reverse



The face value of the coin "10" in large numerals and the value in words in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages appears at the center of the coin. The year 2017 is indicated at the bottom of the coin. The country's name in Tamil, Sinhala and English languages appears at the periphery of the coin with two wreaths of rice ears at the bottom.

Specifications:

Denomination	Rs.10
Coin Type	Circulation Standard
Quantity	5,000,000 pieces
Metal	Stainless Steel – AISI 430
Diameter	26.40 millimeters
Thickness	2.30 millimeters
Shape	11 lobbed
Edge	Plain

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