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Issuance of a New Circulation Standard Coin Series

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) issued a new series of circulation coins with face value of Rs.10, Rs.5, Rs.2 and Re.1 with objectives of reducing the cost of coins minting, increasing the durability of coins, giving more portability and identifying easily by visually impaired people. The first coins pack was officially presented to the Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, Mahinda Rajapaksa by Dr. Indrajit Coomaraswamy, Governor of CBSL on 27 November 2018.

The coins will be issued into circulation from 03 December 2018 through licensed commercial banks. These new coins are circulated along with the existing coins of the same denominations issued earlier.

Features of the New Coin Series

All four denominations of coins of the new series are made of stainless steel that is less expensive than other metals and more durable than plated coins. The diameter and thickness of coins are resized to maintain a progressive pattern and the weight of coins is reduced to give more portability. Further, different edges are incorporated for easy identification of coins by visually impaired people.

Specification of the Coins









Denomination	Metal	Diameter	Thickness	Shape	Edge
Rs.10	Stainless Steel	26.4 mm	1.80 mm	Round	Eleven lobbed
Rs. 5	Stainless Steel	23.5 mm	1.80 mm	Round	Milled with regular indentations
Rs. 2	Stainless Steel	22.0 mm	1.75 mm	Round	Notched
Re. 1	Stainless Steel	20.0 mm	1.75 mm	Round	Intermitted Milled

The Obverse Side of the Coins

The coins carry a common obverse design depicting the Armorial Ensign of Sri Lanka with the word “Sri Lanka” in English, Sinhala and Tamil languages at the periphery of the coins. The year 2017 is indicated at the bottom of the coins.

The Reverse Side of the Coins

The reverse of the coins depict the face value of the coins in large numerals and the value in words in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages at the center of the coins. A decoration of lotus petals appears around the periphery of the coins.

Denomination	Re.1	Rs.2	Rs.5	Rs.10
Obverse Side				
Reverse Side				

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