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10,000 gold coins to mark millennium

THE limited edition gold proof collectible launched by Bank Negara yesterday to celebrate the new millennium is made of 999.9 gold and has a legal value of RM500.

There are only 10,000 coins for sale at a retail price of RM2,000 each. Each coin weighs 25gm, and has a diameter of 35mm and a thickness of 1.4mm.

They are sold by Mariwasa Kraftangan Sdn Bhd, which produced the coins for Bank Negara, and certain branches of RHB Bank Bhd, Public Bank Bhd, Malayan Banking Bhd and Bumiputra-Commerce Bank Bhd.

The coin features the sirih junjung, which is traditionally used to welcome visitors, and the keris embossed against a globe and neutron. The jawi inscription reads Menuju Kegemilangan Abad Ke-21.

On the reverse side is the Malaysian Government seal and the official value of the coin engraved on a background of billowing clouds.

Each coin comes in a pewter case decorated with the traditional awan larat, normally used in fabric design. The lid holds a replica of the Kelantanese Kijang coin plated in 18-carat gold.

The coin was unveiled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir.

Also present was Bank Negara governor Tan Sri Ali Abul Hassan Sulaiman who said a gold commemorative coin was last issued seven years ago.

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