

Kijang Emas bullion in market today

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KUALA LUMPUR. Tuesday — Malaysia will be the 12th country in the world to issue its own bullion with the launch of the **Kijang Emas** gold coins tomorrow.

The gold coins are issued in three sizes — 1oz, 0.5oz and 0.25oz — in denominations of RM200, RM100 and RM50 respectively.

The obverse depicts the barking deer in its natural habitat in the Malaysian jungle, and the reverse fea-

tures the baring rava. Their prices are determined by prices on the international gold market.

The **Kijang Emas** is minted by the Royal Mint of Malaysia and will initially be distributed by 30 Maybank Bhd branches and 25 Bumiputra Commerce Bhd branches.

The bullion is the same as other international gold issues such as the Canadian Maple Leaf, American Gold

Eagle, Australian Nugget, South African Kruggerand, and British Britannia.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the issuance of the bullion shows the courage and spirit of competitiveness of local small- and medium-scale entrepreneurs.

He said with the relatively more stable gold prices, investment in **Kijang Emas** will balance the risk in other investment portfolios.