

New Coins Series Issued Into Circulation From Jan 16
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 10 (Bernama) -- Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) today announced that the new Malaysian coins will be issued into circulation from January 16 this year onwards.

In a statement here, the central bank said the public will be able to obtain the new coins through their normal business transactions.

BNM said the new coins to be introduced in phases were legal tenders and will co-circulate with the existing series.

The existing series will be gradually phased out, it said.

BNM said in ensuring a smooth transition to the new coins series, machine vendors had been given sufficient time to calibrate their machines to accept these new coins.

Themed 'Distinctively Malaysia', the series of new coins draw inspiration from distinctive features that define the nation's rich culture and heritage.

The design motifs were crafted in the form of nature, flora and fauna and traditional handicraft found in Malaysia.

The new coins series which are in the denomination of five sen, 10 sen, 20 sen and 50 sen, are smaller and lighter making it more user-friendly for the public.

"The yellow and silver coloured coins enable the public to easily distinguish the different denominations," the central bank said.

It noted that the edged designs and the different sizes will facilitate the visually impaired to identify and differentiate the denominations.

In addition, BNM said that the latest advancements in minting technology which incorporates improved counterfeit resistance security features have been embodied in the new coins.

The new metal alloy used for minting also has enhanced durability against wear and corrosion.

For further information on the new coins, the public can contact BNMTELELINK at 1-300-88-5465 or call 03-26988044 ext 8658 or visit BNM's website at www.bnm.gov.my.

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