

Commemorative Coins on the Occasion of the 60th Birthday of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (1/4/2015)

The Treasury Department has produced commemorative coins in celebration of the fifth cycle, or 60th, birthday anniversary of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on 2 April 2015.

The Treasury Department Headquarters on Soi Areesamphan, Rama VI Road, in Bangkok, is a major distributor of the coins. In the regional areas of the country, the commemorative coins are available at all Provincial Treasury Offices.

There are three types of coins. The first one is in the form of a gold coin, with a value of 30,000 baht. The second type, a silver coin, is priced at 16,000 baht. The third is in the form of a copper and nickel coin, worth 50 baht.

Commemorative medals on ribbon bands have also been produced. There are two types for men and women, worth 1,600 baht each. They are available at the Royal Thai Decorations and Coins Pavilion within the Grand Palace in Bangkok and at all Provincial Treasury Offices nationwide.

Thailand is holding year-long celebrations for the 60th birthday anniversary of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn from 1 January to 31 December 2015. As part of the celebrations, the Ministry of Science and Technology established a building for the Sirindhorn Center for Geo-Informatics, located at the Space Krenovation Park (SKP), in Si Racha, Chon Buri province.

Her Royal Highness on 20 March 2015 officially opened the building, which was a result of cooperation between the Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA), under the Ministry of Science and Technology, and Wuhan University of China. The center serves as a venue for technology transfer and human resource development on space technology and geo-informatics in the ASEAN region.

Wuhan University signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Science and Technology of Thailand on the establishment of the Sirindhorn International Center for Geo-Informatics in April 2007. Her Royal Highness visited Wuhan, capital city of central China's Hubei province, in April 2013, when she attended the inauguration of the new site for the Sirindhorn International Center for Geoinformatics.

Her Royal Highness recognizes the high-level research carried out by the center and its contribution to public welfare. She hoped that the center would continue to make scientific advancements that lead to better information and early warnings about severe weather and natural disasters.

Her Royal Highness is well-aware that science and technology are important tools that can help a country achieve the goal of sustainable development.