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### NOTICE TO MDC TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A virtual election for MDC-TC Chair will take place as follows:

- 1. NOMINATIONS** can be received by the Secretariat until 16 October 2020
- 2. CANDIDATE LIST** will be circulated on 19 October 2020
- 3. VOTING** will take place 19 October until 16 November 2020 via email to the Secretariat
- 4. RESULT** will be announced on 18 November 2020 during the course of the MDC-TC Virtual Global Plenary Meeting

➔ Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat if you have any questions  
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### NOTICE FOR MINT DIRECTORS

The MDC Working Group has supported the Secretariat scheduling 'out of session' meetings via Webex in October and December - primarily to enable discussion between Mint Directors about current Mint activities, COVID-19 responses and recent innovations. The proposed dates are 15 & 16 October. By scheduling two meetings, we hope this will allow every Mint Director the opportunity to attend.

5.30pm (AEDT), 15 October 2020

11.30am (AEDT), 16 October 2020

SAVE THE DATE

Further information will be sent out in the next few weeks.

### ROYAL MINT, UK, AGATHA CHRISTIE: 100 YEARS OF MYSTERY 2020

The new £2 uncirculated coin is available in different metals, with prices ranging from £10 for a brilliant uncirculated version to £1,115 for a gold coin.

The reverse design features a missing puzzle piece, which is symbolic of a Christie narrative and you can take part in your own Christie mystery and hunt for hidden clues and surprises in the packaging.

➔ <https://www.royalmint.com/our-coins/events/agatha-christie/agatha-2020-brilliant-uncirculated-coin/>



### ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT LAUNCHES WORLD FIRST INITIATIVE – DONATION DOLLAR



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After a tumultuous year with severe bushfires in Australia followed by the COVID-19 pandemic, giving back has been more important than ever. Recent research commissioned by the Royal Australian Mint shows that 1 in 5 Australians feel they will need charity in the next 12 months.

This month the Royal Australian Mint launched Donation Dollar – the first ever circulated coin designed to be donated. The launch of this world first initiative came just days before International Day of Charity.

The initiative has generated national and international media coverage and has been well received by the Australian public as well as the coin collector community.

The Donation Dollar initiative intends to remind Australians to give back to those in need. As legal tender, the Donation Dollar can be donated wherever cash donations are accepted. One coin has been minted for every Australian. Australians who find the coin in their change can donate it to a charity of their choice, a struggling local business or someone in need.

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Prior to the launch of the Donation Dollar, the Royal Australian Mint commissioned market research on the Donation Dollar concept. The research showed that:

- ➔ Over half (57%) of respondents would be likely to donate the Donation Dollar coin if found in their change, compared to just 15% who would be unlikely to donate it if found.
- ➔ Among those who already give to charity at least yearly, 46% indicated that the Donation Dollar concept would encourage them to give a little or lot more often to charities in general.
- ➔ Around 1 in 5 respondents who do not give to charity at all also indicated they would give a little or a lot more to charities in general following the impact of the Donation Dollar concept.

Although small, this coin has the power to make a real difference on Australia's landscape. If every Australian donated a Donation Dollar just once a month, it has the potential to raise an additional 300 million dollars annually for those who need it most.

Providing an opportunity to teach people young and old about the importance of giving back, this initiative is a chance for all Australians to unite around a common good.

This article was written to hopefully encourage other Mints to consider creating something similar, at a time in the world where a little image on a coin can make a difference to the everyday lives of our most vulnerable citizens.



## JAPAN MINT: NEW 500 YEN COIN

While people are encouraged to use cashless payments by the government also in Japan, the number of 500 yen coin, which has been issued since 1982 as the highest face value circulating coin of the nation, is currently 4.9 billion in circulation and continues to increase. 20 years have already passed since the last recoinage in 2000, and there is a concern about an increasing risk of counterfeiting the coins in future.

Last year, the Ministry of Finance of Japan decided to manufacture a new 500 yen coin by changing the materials etc. of the current 500 yen coin with a view to strengthening the ability to prevent counterfeiting, and scheduled to issue the new 500 coin for the first half of fiscal 2021 (April-September 2021). This will be the second recoinage of the 500 yen coin since 2000.

The new 500 yen coin features the change of the materials from the single material, nickel-brass (Copper 72.0%, Zinc 20.0%, Nickel 8.0%) of the current coin, to the bicolor clad (two-color, three-layer structure/ nickel-brass, cupronickel and copper/ Copper 75.0%, Zinc 12.5%, Nickel 12.5%) as well as the application of "helical ridges with two different pitches" to the edge of the coin, which is the first time worldwide for the technology to be used to manufacture ordinary coins (coins for mass production) in addition to the micro lettering



and numbers will be newly inscribed on the inside rim of the front of the coin.

Though the diameter will not be unchanged, the weight will be slightly heavier than the current coin from 7.0 grams to 7.1 grams.

The design will be basically the same as the current coin except bicolor. (The details of the design will be decided by a cabinet order upon consideration.)

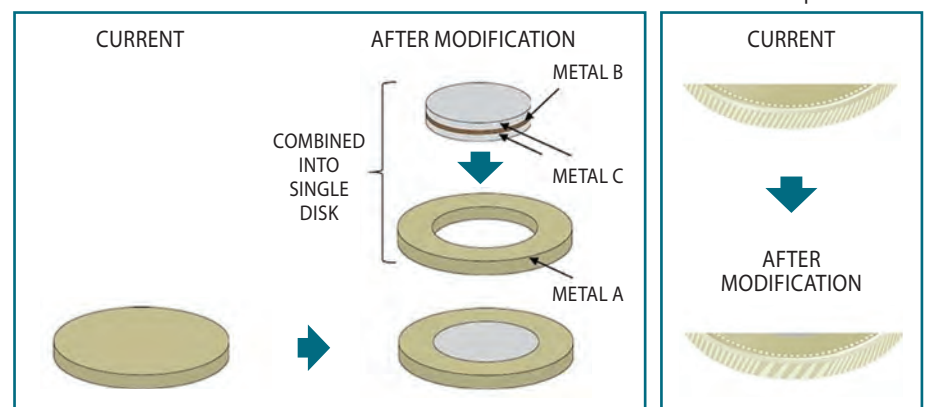
### PROVISIONAL DESIGNS OF THE NEW 500 YEN COIN



### MAIN ANTI-COUNTERFEITING TECHNOLOGIES USED TO MANUFACTURE THE NEW 500-YEN COIN

1. Bicolor clad (Two-color, three-layer structure)

2. Helical ridges with two different pitches



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