

LUNAR 2009 - YEAR OF THE OX

1 OZ SILVER COLOURED PROOF-LIKE COIN ISSUE

Description

Chinese New Year also known as the Lunar New Year or the Spring Festival is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. It consists of a period of celebrations, starting on New Year's Day, celebrated on the first day of the first month of the Chinese calendar

The New Zealand Mint is proud to announce our coin issues celebrating the Lunar New Year. This proof-like coin represents the Year of the Ox.

Year of the Ox

The Ox is the sign of prosperity through fortitude and hard work. This powerful sign is a born leader, being quite dependable and possessing an innate ability to achieve great things. As one might guess, such people are dependable, calm, and modest. Like their animal namesake, the Ox is unswervingly patient, tireless in their work, and capable of enduring any amount of hardship without complaint.

Ox people need peace and quiet to work through their ideas, and when they have set their mind on something it is hard for them to be convinced otherwise. An Ox person has a very logical mind and is extremely systematic in whatever they do, even without imagination. These people speak little but are extremely intelligent. When necessary, they are articulate and eloquent.

People born under the influence of the Ox are kind, caring souls, logical, positive, filled with common sense and with their feet firmly planted on the ground. Despite this fact, they still behave in a manner that professes complete and "utter" disregard. Security is their main preoccupation in life, and they are prepared to toil long and hard in order to provide a warm, comfortable and stable nest for themselves and their families. Strong-minded, stubborn, individualistic, the majority are highly intelligent individuals who don't take kindly to being told what to do.

The Ox works hard, patiently, and methodically, with original intelligence and reflective thought. These people enjoy helping others. Behind this tenacious, laboring, and self-sacrificing exterior lies an active mind.

It is important to remember that the Ox people are sociable and relaxed when they feel secure, but occasionally a dark cloud looms over such people and they engage all the trials of the whole world and seek solutions for them.

Design Background

Obverse

The obverse of the coin features the Raphael Maklouf effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, sovereign of the Commonwealth and Pitcairn Islands the year '2009' and the denomination of NZ\$2.00.



ACTUAL SIZE

Reverse

The reverse features an engraved representation of an ox (bull) with relief colour "Year of the Ox" "2009", "1 oz 999 silver".



ACTUAL SIZE

Packaging & Certificates

Each Individual coin is presented in a quality red leathrette case - embossed on the top with the chinese lunar symbol, this is accompanied by a numbered certificate. This is then packaged in a colourful outer shipper.





SPECIFICATIONS

Composition:	Silver 99.9%
Weight:	One Troy Ounce (31.10grams)
Quality:	Proof-Like
Diameter:	40.7mm
Denomination:	NZ\$2
Country of Issue:	Pitcairn Islands
Year of Issue:	2009
Mintage:	15000