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## **NUMISMATIC PROGRAM 2012**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

The General Accounting Office (G.A.O.) of the Ministry of Finance, is pleased to announce the Hellenic Numismatic Program of 2012, introducing the following numismatic products:

- Collectors' blister skin pack with a 2euro Commemorative Coin issued to celebrate the "10 years of the Euro" (2002-2012).
- Brilliant Uncirculated (BU) sets of Greek Euro Coins, containing all eight denominations, dedicated to "The island of Santorini" which has been selected to be the winner in a public web voting competition organized by the Travel & Leisure NY, concerning the best island in the world for 2011.
- Brilliant Uncirculated (BU) sets of Greek Euro Coins, comprised of all eight denominations, as well as of one silver collector coin (triptych), dedicated to the famous Greek *Doctor George Papanikolaou*, commemorated on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.
- Gold Collector Coin, with the face value of 100€, having two themes: either the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Liberation of the City of Thessaloniki* or the *Outbreak of the Balkan Wars*.
- Mini Gold Collector Coin, with the face value of 50€ dedicated to the Archeological Site of Pella (Macedonia).
- Silver Collector Coin, with the face value of 10€ dedicated to the **«Hellenic Culture &** Civilization».
- Proof Coin Sets especially for collectors, in limited edition.

The above numismatic products will be distributed by the Bank of Greece and its branches all over the country.

All relevant details concerning specific dates of issue, full description of each product, terms of sale etc, will be disclosed in separate Ministry Announcements to follow.

The Deputy Minister of Finance

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