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NEW ISSUES

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First Commemorative Issue for the Bicentennial of Independence

A new series of five stamps to celebrate the bicentennial of Guatemalan independence from Spain, was issued on June 1, 2021, the first commemorative issue related to this event. It is composed of five values with different designs: Q5, the Belén Conspiracy; Q10, Atanasio Tzul; Q10, Dolores Bedoya; Q10, Act of Independence; and Q25, Central American Federation shield. The stamps were designed by Ziomara de León and are shown in figure 1.



Figure 1

First day envelopes were sold in the Philatelic Department and a special cancellation was available, which is shown in figure 2. Something special about this issue is that each stamp includes at the bottom a perforated tab or label with a QR code, a two-dimensional version of the well-known barcode, and by focusing your cell phone camera on each bar code, a detailed description of each stamp can be accessed on the web.