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The NBM First Deputy Governor, Mr Petru Rotaru, presented the coin dedicated to Nadia Comăneci as part of the exhibition "Olympic Bridges: Nadia Comăneci in Chișinău”

Today, 14 November 2026, the First Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM) Mr Petru Rotaru attended the opening of the documentary exhibition “Olympic Bridges: Nadia Comăneci in Chișinău”.

The event, organised by the Department for Relations with the Republic of Moldova, brought together representatives of the authorities in the Republic of Moldova and Romania, the Romanian Embassy in Chișinău and the Romanian Cultural Institute, as well as figures from the cultural and academic spheres. The event marks the 50th anniversary of the moment that changed the world of gymnastics forever: the first ever perfect 10 awarded at the Olympic Games, achieved by Nadia Comăneci in Montreal in 1976, when she was just 14 years old.

In his speech, the NBM First Deputy Governor presented the jubilee coin “The first perfect 10 in the history of gymnastics”, which was issued to honour this occasion. The NBM official emphasised that the coin pays tribute to the athlete who redefined the standards of performance and who, through that unforgettable performance, has become a source of inspiration for entire generations of athletes.

“With this issue, the National Bank of Moldova is celebrating an achievement that has transcended the boundaries of sport and become part of our collective memory. The perfect 10 awarded to Nadia Comăneci in Montreal reminds us that talent, hard work and determination can change the course of history. We are delighted that this coin, produced in collaboration with the State Mint, can pass on to collectors and the general public the story of a moment that continues to inspire,” said the NBM First Deputy Governor, Mr Petru Rotaru.

The jubilee coin completes the “Sport” series and is made of silver. It has a face value of 50 lei and a mintage of 1,500 units.

The exhibition dedicated to Nadia Comăneci features archive items of historical significance: sports equipment, cups, trophies, photographs and collectable documents. Visitors can also view previously unseen footage from the Romanian Television archives, as well as excerpts from the documentary directed by Tudor Giurgiu.

The event forms part of a series of events dedicated to the "Year of Nadia Comăneci", officially declared in Romania to mark the 50th anniversary of her performance in Montreal. Through this exhibition, the celebrations are coming to Chișinău, and pupils, teachers and the general public in the Republic of Moldova are invited to discover the story of this great champion.

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