

Medal in Commemoration of the 375th Anniversary of the Acquisition of Kalmykia by Russia, 1984.

In brass; the medallion measures 37.0 mm tall including the eyelet, 32.1 mm in width. The inscription "375 Years" on the obverse is in Kalmyk language, while the reverse is inscribed in Russian "375 Years since the Kalmyk's people voluntarily joined Russia". There is the Moscow Mint logo "MMD" to the reverse of the suspension device.

In excellent condition. The details are perfect. The gilt finish is bright, almost without tarnish. The original ribbon is well preserved.

Kalmykia is a vast steppe region bordered by the northeastern shore of the Caspian Sea, the Volga River, and the Kuban Cossack territory. It is populated by descendants of the nomadic tribes that had moved into the area following the Mongol expansion of XIII C and used to be a part of the Mongolian Oirat confederation. In the early years of the XVII C., in the midst of the Russian Civil War (the Time of Trouble), the Kalmyks who lived to the west of the Volga accepted Russian overlordship in exchange for broad grazing and trading rights. They would continue to maintain a semi-independent lifestyle well into the 1930s. During the Soviet period, the region received the status of an autonomous republic within the Russian Federation and retains it to this day.

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