A new medal by Linda Crook celebrates Joe Cribb’s role as Keeper of Coins and Medals at the British Museum from 2003 to 2010. An eminent numismatist with a particular interest in the coins of Asia, Joe is the author of numerous books and articles on a wide range of numismatic subjects. Highlights of his forty years at the British Museum include the 1986 exhibition Money from Cowrie Shells to Credit Cards and the creation of the Museum’s ground-breaking Money Gallery.

The medal (reproduced here at life-size) features symbolic animals derived from South Asian coins along with an invented coin inscription quoting Chairman Mao: ‘Let the past serve the present.’ The medal may be purchased for £320. Cheques should be made payable to the British Museum and sent to Janet Larkin, Department of Coins and Medals, British Museum, London WC1B 3DG, UK. For more information, contact jlarkin@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk.