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Banknote to commemorate the 50th Royal Wedding Anniversary

To honor Their Majesties the King and Queen on the auspicious occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 28, the Bank of Thailand will issue two commemorative banknotes: one valued at Baht 500,000, and another worth Baht 50. The decision to issue the notes was made by the Committee on the Commemorative Banknotes for the 50th Royal Wedding Anniversary (CBRWA) chaired by Privy Council Chairman Gen. Prem Tinsulanonda.

The Bank will produce 1,998 Baht 500,000 banknotes, half of which will bear the Royal Initial of His Majesty, while another half will be imprinted with the Royal Initial of Her Majesty. Each of these banknotes will be sold for one million baht. The additional proceeds from the sale of this banknote will be presented to Their Majesties the King and Queen for their royal cause.

The new Baht 50 commemorative banknote will have a print run of 999,999. All Baht 50 banknotes will carry the prefix 9 T because the letter T or “*Ta*” in Thai means His Majesty the King. This banknote will be sold together with a commemorative brochure at Baht 200 each.

Both commemorative banknotes will be 126 mm. x 205 mm., the largest size of all Thai currencies and the same size as Thailand’s inaugural banknote issued in 1902 during the reign of King Rama V. The size of the banknote also allows the Bank of Thailand to add more information about this auspicious occasion.

One side of this banknote will bear a photograph of Their Majesties the King and Queen, as the main picture. There will also be royal portraits: of His Majesty’s accession to the throne on May 5, 1950; of Their Majesties on the occasion of Her Majesty’s official appointment as Queen; and of Their Majesties’ Royal Initials.

The reverse side of the banknote will bear a photograph of Their Majesties the King and Queen on their royal wedding on 28th April 1950, as the main picture. A photograph of Their Majesties with their royal children while they were young, and photographs of Their Majesties at work.

The Bank of Thailand will begin selling the commemorative banknotes on Friday 28 April 2000. Persons interested in buying these banknotes can contact all BOT offices, all commercial banks, the head office of the Government Saving Bank, the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives, the Exim Bank, and all Bang Chak gas stations.

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