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### **Banknote to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Royal Wedding Anniversary**

To honor Their Majesties the King and Queen on the auspicious occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 28 and on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his accession to the throne on May 5, the Bank of Thailand will issue two types of commemorative banknote: one valued at Baht 500,000, and another worth Baht 50. The announcement was recently made by Mr. Techapit Sangsingkeo, Assistant Governor, Bank of Thailand. According to Mr. Techapit, proceeds from the sale of this banknote will be presented to Their Majesties the King and Queen for their royal cause.

The design of these banknotes reflects the meanings of Their Majesties' Royal Wedding Anniversary as well as His Majesty's accession to the throne. Firstly, the color tone is mostly yellow and blue, which are the birthday colors of Their Majesties the King and Queen respectively. Secondly, the golden borderline symbolizes the golden jubilee of the Royal Wedding.

To allow more space for printing Their Majesties' royal background and activities, 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 most outstanding feature of this commemorative banknote is the imprinting of Their Majesties' picture as the principal portrait. On the reverse side, there will be photographs: of Piemsuk Throne Hall in Klai Kangwon Palace where Their Majesties stayed after their royal wedding; and of Their Majesties with their royal children. This is the first time in Thai banknote history that the principal photograph features Their Majesties while the reverse side features the picture of the royal children. The other special feature is the paper used for printing this banknote is thicker than other banknotes. Moreover, the paper is sealed with golden foil, which bears the portrait of Their Majesties.

Half of the Baht 500,000 banknotes will bear the Royal Initial of His Majesty, while another half will be imprinted with the Royal Initial of Her Majesty.

All the Baht 50 banknotes will carry the prefix tor for the Thai serial numbers because the letter tor or “Ta” in Thai means His Majesty the King. As for the Arabic serial number, the note will carry the prefix R or “Rex” or “Regina” which in Latin means Their Majesties.

### **Sales:**

The print run for the Baht500,000 will be 1,998. Each of these banknotes will be sold for one million baht together with a crystal frame contained in a beautiful silk box. It is now open for reservation.

### **Reservation**

1. Bank of Thailand, Headquarters, tel. 2836778-9
2. Bank of Thailand, Northern Branch, Chiang Mai, tel. (053) 224151
3. Bank of Thailand, Northeastern Branch, Khon Kaen, tel. (043) 243039
4. Bank of Thailand, Southern Branch, Songkhla, tel. (074) 235921

### **Forms of Payment**

-Deposit on the reservation day Baht 200,000 for each note of normal serial number.

-Deposit on the reservation day Baht 500,000 for each note of special serial number.

-Pay the balance on the day of receiving the banknote.

-Receipt of the purchase can be used as tax deductible.

The print run for the Baht 50 commemorative banknote will be 999,999. This type of banknote will be sold together with a commemorative brochure at Baht 200 each.

**Sales Date:** May 8, 2000 during official office hours.

**Points of Sales:**

1. Government Saving Bank, head office and all branches nationwide.
2. Krungthai Bank, head office and all branches nationwide.
3. Provincial Treasury Office, nationwide.
4. Bank of Thailand, Headquarters and Surawong branch.
5. Bank of Thailand, northern branches, Chiang Mai and Lampang.
6. Bank of Thailand, northeastern branch, Khon Kaen.
7. Bank of Thailand, southern branch, Songkhla.

**Conditions of Sale**

Due to the limited number of this banknote and the aim to distributed them to as many people as possible, sales are therefore limited to one note each per person, and the buyer is required to show his ID card together with its copy on the day of his purchase.

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