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The Issuing of the New Series of 500 Baht Banknotes

Mr. Itichai Chanthrindhu, Director, Bank note Management Office, Note Issue Group, Bank of Thailand (BOT) announced that the BOT will issue the new series of 500 Baht banknotes on August 1, 2001 renewing the current series that have been used since 1996, lasting for 5 years. The significant characteristics are as follows:

Dominant color:	Purple with intaglio and offset printing techniques
Size:	Width 72 mm; length 156 mm
General Designs:	The major front portrait is the portrait of H.M. the King Bhumibol Adulyadej in the uniform of the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.
	The major back portrait is the portrait of the Royal Statue of H.M. King Nangklao (King Rama III).
Security Features:	1. Silver hologram foil stripe with the royal initial emblems “ภปจร.” (Phor Por Ror) of H.M. the King and number “500” in Thai, which will be seen in different reflecting colors and in various dimensions when viewed at different angles as the note is flipped back and forth.
	2. Intaglio latent image “500”, hidden inside the elaborate design, becomes visible when the note is viewed from the lower left corner toward the middle part of the note.
	3. The portrait of H.M. the King, Thai words and the numerals indicating denomination, printed by intaglio process, give a tactile feel to finger touch.

	<p>4. The Arabic numerals indicating denomination “500”, printed with optically variable intaglio ink (OVI), change from green into violet when the lower edge of the note is flipped.</p>
	<p>5. H.M. the King’s portrait watermark and the translucent remote watermark “Prajumyam” can be clearly observed by viewing the note against the light.</p>
	<p>6. Vertically embedded inside the paper is the metallic color windowed security thread, which appears intermittently on the back, containing non-staggering translucent “500” and microletterings “500 ๖๖๖ Baht”, readable by viewing the note against the light.</p>
	<p>7. The Cotton Rose Petals, two each on the front and the back, are printed on both sides and registered to make a complete remote floral design “Cotton Rose” when viewing the note against the light.</p>
	<p>8. The special luminescent characteristics which appear under ultraviolet light:</p> <p>8.1 The green color behind H.M. the King’s portrait will luminesce into green.</p> <p>8.2 The red alphabetical codes and serial numbers will luminesce into orange.</p> <p>8.3 The invisible fibers scattering in the pale blue paper will luminesce into red, yellow, and blue.</p>

The current series of 500 Baht denomination is, however, still legal tender.

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