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The Issue of A New Series of 20 Baht Banknote (Series 15)

The Bank of Thailand will issue a new series of 20 baht banknote (series15) on March 3rd, B.E. 2546 (2003) to substitute the current series that has been used over 21 years. The new banknote depicts the portrait of His Majesty King Ananda Mahidol (Rama VIII) as the principle portrait on the reverse of the banknote.

Mrs.Nopamart Manoleehagul, an Assistant Governor for Operations, announced that the Bank of Thailand will issue a new 20 baht banknote with the portrait of King Rama VIII illustrated on the back of the banknote on March 3rd, B.E. 2546 (2003) to commemorate the honor and the great merits of King Rama VIII who ,on March 2nd , B.E. 2477 (1934) , ascended the throne and reigned with ten righteous principles.

The general characteristics of a new series of 20 baht banknote are as follows :

1. Features and Colors :

a) **Front** : In the middle part to the right is the portrait of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the reigning monarch, printed in dark green on the dark green, bluish violet, orange, light green and green background design. In the middle part to the left is the Royal Initial Emblem “ภ.ป.ร.” (Phor Por Ror) of H.M.King Bhumibol Adulyadej, printed in dark green on the dark green, orange and light green background design as well as the elaborate design.

b) **Back** : In the middle part to the right is the portrait of His Majesty King Ananda Mahidol (Rama VIII) printed in dark green over the picture of the Rama VIII bridge ; the middle part to the left depicts the Royal Activity when His Majesty visited his subjects in Sampeng (The Chinatown Area in Bangkok).

c) Other Characteristics :

- The note paper is white and incorporated with mould-made three dimensional multi-tone watermark depicting the portrait of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. The remote watermark depicting the classical Thai “Dok Jok” design is easily noticeable by its special translucent property, as well as clearly visible on both sides when viewed against transmitted light.

- The scattered invisible fibers, which obviously luminesce in blue, red and yellow under ultraviolet light, are incorporated in the paper.

- Vertically embeded inside the paper is the metallic security thread, containing translucent micro-characters “20” in Arabic and “Baht” in both Thai and Roman letters consecutively.

- The remote Arabic numerals “20” see-through design in the white circle, one part of its is printed on the front and another one on the back ; both of which form a complete Arabic numerals “20” when the front note is viewed against transmitted light.

- On the lower right corner of the front is the line of the classical Thai “Dok Jok” designs, with the embossing of two circles on the right to increase tactile feeling for the blind.

- Background and elaborate designs on the front side are printed in orange with special ink which turns into luminescing orange under ultraviolet light.

- The Thai alphabetical code with Thai serial number and the Roman alphabetical code with Arabic serial number are printed with special red ink, which turns into luminescing orange under ultraviolet light.

2. Size of Banknote : Width 72 mm. ; Length 138 mm. (equivalent to the previous series of 20 baht banknote)

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