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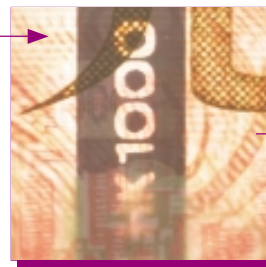


## NEW SECURITY FEATURES FOR THE \$1,000 BANKNOTE

\$1,000 banknotes issued by The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) with the date 1 September 2000 carry three new security features. These features are additional to the existing security features, and will further deter counterfeiting. HSBC \$1,000 banknotes with these new features will be available towards the end of December 2000.

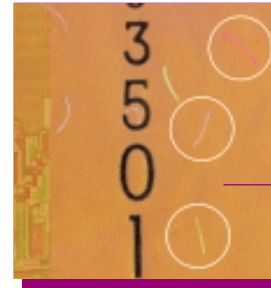
### HOLOGRAPHIC WINDOWED THREAD

- A vertical shiny metal thread, 3mm wide, is woven into the paper.
- Holographic images of the bauhinia flower and '1000' appear on the thread.
- When the thread is held against the light, 'HK1000' and the bauhinia flower appear in cleartext.



### EMBEDDED FLUORESCENT FIBRES

Red, blue and green fibres randomly embedded in the paper show up under ultraviolet light.



### HIGHLIGHT WATERMARK

A very bright watermark, showing the number 1000 when the note is held against the light.



### EXISTING SECURITY FEATURES

- **Intaglio printing:** giving an embossed feel.
- **Asymmetrical serial number:** printed both horizontally and vertically.
- **Fluorescent denomination blocks:** visible under ultraviolet light, now reduced from 4 to 2.
- **Security thread:** visible from both sides, now moved to the left.
- **Watermark:** can be viewed against the light on both sides.
- **Concealed denomination:** visible when the note is tilted.
- **See-through patterns:** exactly aligned on both sides.



*Is the existing HSBC \$1,000 banknote still legal tender?*

Yes.

*Will new security features be applied to the \$1,000 banknotes of the Bank of China and Standard Chartered Bank as well?*

The two banks are preparing to incorporate suitable new security features into their \$1,000 banknotes.

*Will new security features be applied to banknotes of other denominations?*

A review of the design and security features for all of Hong Kong's banknotes is now in progress. A decision on the security features for banknotes of other denominations will be taken as part of this review.

*What should I do if I think that a banknote may be counterfeit?*

Retain the banknote and take it to the nearest police station as soon as possible. Alternatively, call the Commercial Crime Bureau at 2860 5012 or 2860 5013.



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