

NEW SECURITY FEATURES FOR THE \$1,000 BANKNOTE

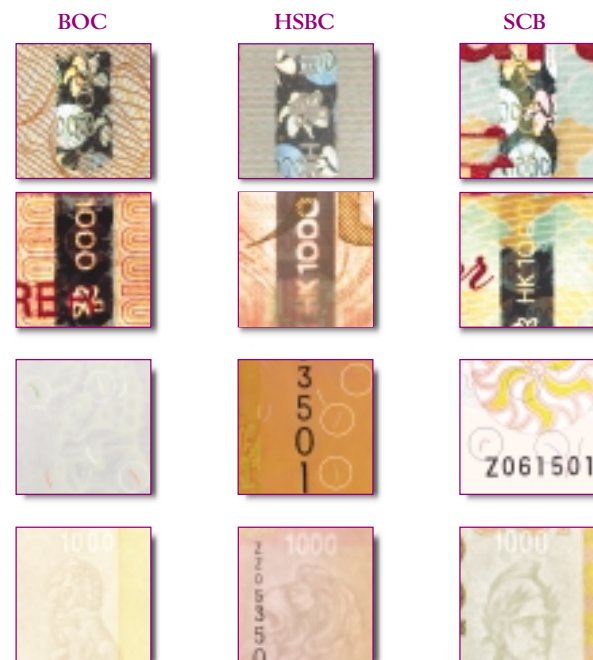
Three new security features have been added to the \$1,000 banknotes issued by Hong Kong's three note-issuing banks:

- for the Bank of China (BOC), on notes dated 1 January 2001 onwards
- for The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC), on notes dated 1 September 2000 onwards
- for the Standard Chartered Bank (SCB), on notes dated 1 January 2001 onwards

NEW SECURITY FEATURES

A 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.



B Embedded fluorescent fibres

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

C Highlight watermark

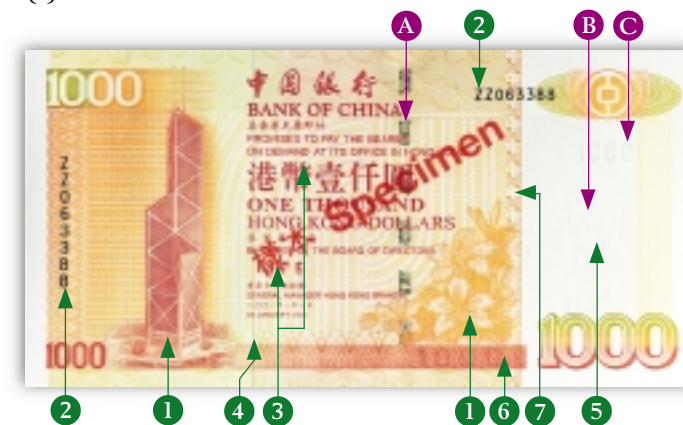
- A very bright watermark, showing the number 1000 when the note is held against the light.

EXISTING SECURITY FEATURES

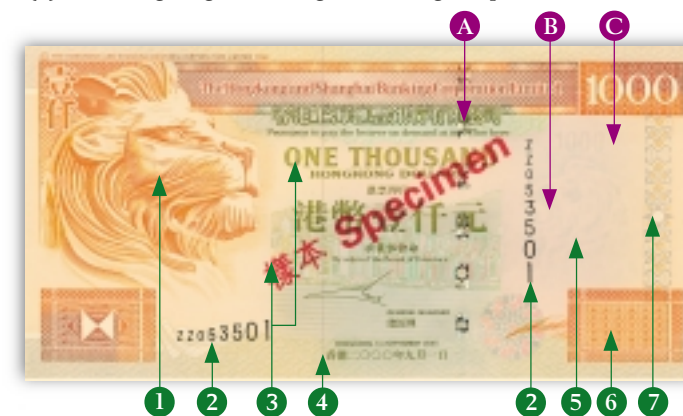
- 1 Intaglio printing: giving an embossed feel.
- 2 Serial number: printed on the left and right sides of the banknotes.
- 3 Two fluorescent denomination blocks: visible under ultraviolet light.
- 4 Security thread: visible from both sides.
- 5 Watermark: can be viewed against the light on both sides.
- 6 Concealed denomination: visible when the note is tilted.
- 7 See-through patterns: exactly aligned on both sides.

LOCATIONS OF KEY SECURITY FEATURES

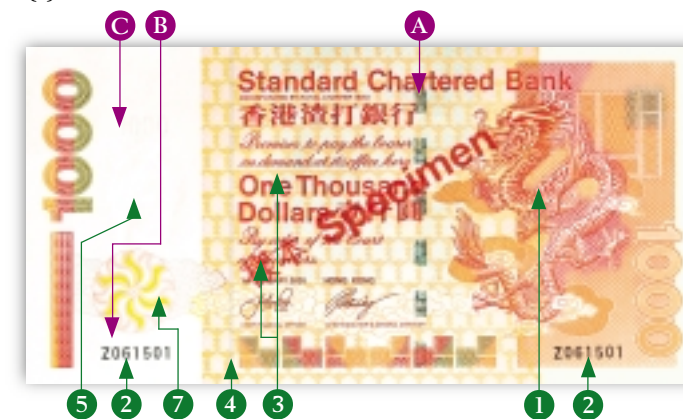
(a) Bank of China



(b) The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited



(c) Standard Chartered Bank



Are the existing \$1,000 banknotes of the three note-issuing banks still legal tender?

Yes.

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.

How can I find out more about Hong Kong banknotes?

Visit the HKMA's website at <http://www.hkma.gov.hk> or telephone our public enquiry line at 2878 8222.

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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