Hong Kong Note Printing Limited prints all of the banknotes for Hong Kong’s three note-issuing banks. The note printing plant at Tai Po was purchased by the Hong Kong Government from De La Rue in January 1996 and was subsequently renamed “Hong Kong Note Printing Limited”. It is majority owned by the Government, with minority shareholdings by the three note-issuing banks and China Banknote Printing and Minting Corporation. The Company prints a total of around 300-330 million banknotes per year.
2. Litho printing: to provide background patterns, with both sides printed simultaneously.

3. Intaglio printing: printing with extremely high pressure provides an embossed impression on the surfaces of banknotes.

4. Full Sheet examination: sheets of partly printed notes are carefully checked for defects.

5. Each note is individually numbered and given a fluorescent mark as a further security feature.

6. The printed sheets are then cut into single notes.

7. Single note examination: a final quality check before packing. The packets will be stored in a vault to awaiting collection by the note-issuing banks.

13. Unfit notes are shredded and sent for landfill.