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The Bank of Thailand to Launch New 1000-Baht Banknote (Series 16)

Mr. Prasarn Trairatvorakul, Governor of the Bank of Thailand, unveiled the new 1000-Baht banknote (series 16) today and announced that it will enter into circulation on 21 August 2015. The design is to glorify His Majesty King Chulalongkorn for his incomparable contributions to the country.

The new banknote has been enhanced with security features to facilitate authentication by machine as well as the general public, including the visually impaired. The color and size of this new 1000-Baht remains unchanged; which is brown in color and 72×162 mm in size. Highlights of the security features are;

- 1. Watermark: HM King's portrait watermark and the translucent watermark "๑๐๐๐" can be clearly observed by viewing the note against the light.
- 2. Color-shifting Ink with Latent Image: The color of Thai Ornament at the bottom left corner of the note will change from gold to green upon tilting, and the latent image of hidden numerals "1000" becomes visible.
- **3.** Iridescent Ink: Arabic numerals "1000" and Thai patterns are printed vertically with reddish iridescent ink.
- **4.** Hologram Foil Stripe: Reflective holographic foil on the right hand side of the note contains the Royal Emblem with Arabic numeral "1000" in center, switching to Thai numeral "๑๐๐๐" when tilting the note.
- **5.** Windowed Color-shifting Security Thread with Moving-Box Animation: The special security thread on the reverse side illustrates moving-box effect and changes from magenta to green upon tilting.
- **6.** Tactile Marks: seven horizon lines leading to the four tactile marks in the shape of flowers, representing the braille's alphabet "T", symbolizing Thousand (1000), can be identified by touch.

The new 1000-Baht banknote can be exchanged at every commercial bank across the country. The existing and the previous series of 1000-Baht banknote remain legal tender.

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