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UPGRADED BANKNOTES

Bank of Jamaica wishes to advise members of the public that, as of today, 29 August 2005, the Bank will be putting into general circulation, banknotes with enhanced security features.

The new security features will make the banknotes more difficult to counterfeit and the public will also find it easier to distinguish counterfeit from genuine notes.

New Security Features

Each of the four denominations of upgraded banknotes (\$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000) now has its unique watermark, which replaces the doctor bird. The watermark on each note will be the same as the image on the front of the note. So, the watermark for the \$50 will be Sam Sharpe, the \$100, Donald Sangster, and so on.

Additionally, close to the highlight of the watermark is an image unique to that denomination. The \$1000 note will carry the butterfly, the \$500, the crocodile, the 100, the flower and the \$50, the parrot.

Added Security Features for \$1 000 and \$500 Notes

The upgraded \$1000 and \$500 now have a broader, brighter security thread with the text BOJ and the denomination boldly printed on it, and the \$1000 now has an anti-photocopy which takes the form of a series of geometrical-shaped line structures. When this note is scanned or photocopied, this feature will be exaggerated.

The public is reminded that banknotes with the hummingbird watermark and flower highlight remain legal tender and will continue to circulate alongside the upgraded notes until the stock of older notes is exhausted.