



BANK OF JAMAICA ISSUES UPGRADED BANKNOTES

Bank of Jamaica wishes to advise that, as of Monday, 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.

Features of Upgraded Notes

- Each of the four denominations (\$50, \$100, \$500, \$1 000) now has a unique watermark, in that, the image of the portrait printed on the front of each note is also its watermark. These individual watermarks have replaced the hummingbird or doctor bird which was the watermark used on all notes.
- Each denomination also has a highlight close to the watermark, on which is printed a unique image as well as the denomination. The unique images for each denomination are:
 - \$ 1 000 - Butterfly
 - \$ 500 - Crocodile
 - \$ 100 - Flower
 - \$ 50 - Parrot

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

- These high value denominations now have a broader, brighter security thread with the text BOJ and the denomination boldly printed on it. This thread is more easily visible and makes the notes more counterfeit resistant.
- The back of the \$1 000 note now has an anti-photocopy feature, 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 previous design of 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.

SECURITY FEATURES FOR UPGRADED BANKNOTES

EXISTING FEATURES		NEW FEATURES
<p>FEEL THE BANKNOTE</p> <p>Run your fingers over the note for the familiar feel of banknote paper and to find the places where the ink is thicker.</p>		<p>LOOK FOR THE WATERMARK</p> <p>Hold the banknote up to the light and see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$50 - image of Sam Sharpe \$100 - image of Sir Donald Sangster \$500 - image of Nanny of the Maroons \$1000 - image of Michael Manley
<p>CHECK THE SECURITY THREAD FOR THE \$50 AND \$100 BANKNOTE</p> <p>The security thread comes to the surface at regular intervals, so that the complete thread is only visible against the light. When viewed under ultra violet light the thread glows blue/gold. The thread displays the text 'BOJ' and the denomination of the note, e.g. BOJ 50 or BOJ 100</p>		<p>CHECK FOR THE WATERMARK HIGHLIGHT</p> <p>Place the banknote on a dark surface and see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$50 - the shadow of a parrot and 50 \$100 - the shadow of a flower and 100 \$500 - the shadow of a crocodile and 500 \$1000 - the shadow of a butterfly and 1000 <p>The same images appear as a bright highlight in the paper when the note is held up to the light.</p>
<p>LOOK AT THE IRIDESCENT COATING ON THE \$500 AND \$1000 BANKNOTE</p> <p>This consists of a vertical band of colour which changes when viewed at an angle. The image on the \$500 is a band of 'clubs' and on the \$1000, a band of butterflies</p>		<p>CHECK THE SECURITY THREAD FOR THE \$500 AND \$1000 BANKNOTE</p> <p>Tilt the banknote up and down and the colour will change from red to green.</p> <p>Hold the banknote up to the light and the strip will appear as a continuous line with the text 'BOJ' and the denomination of the note, eg. BOJ 500 or BOJ 1000</p>
<p>LOOK AND FEEL THE FEATURE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED</p> <p>Each note has a different symbol on the front to aid the partially sighted.</p>		