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BOCHK 2018 New Series HK\$100 banknotes will be available

Bank of China (Hong Kong) (“BOCHK”) announces today that the BOCHK 2018 New Series HK\$100 banknotes will be put into circulation on 3 September 2019. With traditional Cantonese opera highlighted as a key design element, the design of the new BOCHK \$100 banknote illustrates Chinese cultural heritage. The banknote features a Bauhinia flower, the floral emblem of Hong Kong, and the city’s landmark Bank of China Tower on the front panel, with the silhouettes of classic Cantonese opera characters and hand fans in the background. The back panel captures the beauty and charisma of a female Cantonese opera artist (*fadan*), whose headdress, costume and peony fan are uniquely elaborate. Distinctive from the traditional horizontal design, the reverse side of the new banknote is vertically orientated.

Mr Gao Yingxin, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive of BOCHK, said, “The inscription of Cantonese opera on the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity illustrates its unique artistic standing. Among various Cantonese opera characters, *fadan* stands out the most with her immaculate makeup and glamorous costumes. For that reason, BOCHK chose to feature *fadan* as a key design element for its 2018 New Series HK\$100 banknote. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the UNESCO inscription of Cantonese opera, making the launch of this banknote all the more meaningful. We hope that this new BOCHK banknote will leave a unique and precious mark on the history of banknote design.”

The BOCHK 2018 New Series banknotes showcase the city’s vibrant lifestyles and attractions through five major design themes. The new banknote series reflects the Bank’s close affinity with Hong Kong people while expressing its vision of building an even brighter tomorrow together. The HK\$100 banknotes will be introduced following the earlier launch of the HK\$1,000 and HK\$500 banknotes. The other two denominations HK\$50 and HK\$20 will go into circulation in early 2020. Details will be announced in due course.

For information about the BOCHK 2018 New Series banknotes, please visit:

<https://www.bochk.com/en/aboutus/corpprofile/banknotes.html>

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