

Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Hong Kong Dollar Commemorative Banknote

Sale Arrangement

There are altogether 4 million pieces of the HKD Olympic Banknote which are the legal tender of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. BOCHK has to pay the equivalent US dollar backing to the Exchange Fund of Hong Kong according to their face values. All the HKD Olympic Banknotes have been packaged and will be sold at the prices higher than their face values. They will come in five different packages with a total of 3.14 million sets available for public sale. These include Radiant Joy (Single HKD Note), Triumphant Spirit (4-in-1 Uncut HKD Notes), Brilliant Jubilation (35-in-1 Uncut HKD Notes), Harmonious Union (a package of one HKD Note and one MOP Note) and United Pleasure (a package of 4-in-1 Uncut HKD Notes and 4-in-1 Uncut MOP Notes).

The sales quota allocated to Hong Kong will be 2.93 million sets, representing 3.76 million pieces of notes. The rest will be sold in Macau and the overseas areas appointed by the International Olympic Committee. If the same type of banknote is sold beyond the Hong Kong Region, its sales price will not be lower than that in Hong Kong.

The HKD Olympic Banknote will be made available for public sale in accordance with the principles of "Openness, Fairness and Transparency." The sales period will be divided into 2 phases. The first phase is from July 16 to 31 at the 50 designated branches of BOCHK. The second phase is from August 8 to 22 at the related venue of the Olympic Equestrian Events. The HKD Olympic Banknotes will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis at the designated branches. Each person will be limited to purchase 1 set of each type of the HKD Olympic Banknote for each time. Subject to the sales situation, BOCHK may adjust the sales quantity of the single note. To ensure fairness and to avoid number selection, BOCHK has already adjusted the order of the serial numbers of the HKD Olympic Banknote before distribution to the branches. Also, the number of the HKD Olympic Banknotes has all been covered by the packaging. All the notes will be sold in a random manner, and customers are not allowed to select designated serial numbers.

The HKD Olympic Banknote is the legal tender of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, but not intended for used as general local banknotes in circulation. When the HKD Olympic Banknote is used or paid locally, it may not be accepted by the vending and ticketing machines. BOCHK will only exchange the HKD Olympic Banknote according to its face value.

	Quantity (Thousand sets)	Price (HK\$/Set)	Allocation ⁽¹⁾ (Thousand sets)		
			Hong Kong	Macau	Overseas
Radiant Joy (Single HKD Note)	2,810	138	2,650 ⁽²⁾	10	150
Triumphant Spirit (4-in-1 Uncut HKD Notes)	30	338	30	0	0
Brilliant Jubilation (35-in-1 Uncut HKD Notes)	20	1,388	20	0	0
Harmonious Union (A package of one HKD Note and one MOP Note)	250	268	210	40	0
United Pleasure (A package of 4-in-1 Uncut HKD Notes and 4-in-1 Uncut MOP Notes)	30	868	20	10	0
Total	3,140	---	2,930	60	150

Remarks:

- (1) If the same type of banknote is sold beyond the Hong Kong region, its sales price will not be lower than that in Hong Kong.
- (2) Most of the sets (2.59 million) will be sold in the 1st Phase of sales period while the remaining 60,000 sets will be sold during the 2nd Phase at the Olympic Equestrian Games Venue.

Security Features

The HKD Olympic Banknote shares the same color and size as the HKD20 note issued in 2003. In maintaining its major security features, the HKD Olympic Banknote also incorporates new security features such as bright and highlighted watermarks as well as colour-changing windowed thread. The major security features include:

Bright and Highlighted Watermarks

A very bright watermark showing the denomination numeral, the National Stadium and the wordings of “The 29th Olympic Games” when the banknote is held against the light.

Colour-changing Windowed Thread

A 4mm-wide security thread woven in the paper. The colour of the thread shifts between green and purple when the Banknote is viewed at different angles. It also shows the wordings of “Beijing Olympic Games” when the banknote is tilted at certain angles.

Iridescent Images

Shimmering iridescent image showing three bauhinia flowers on the front panel when the banknote is tilted under bright light.

Denomination Numeral in Optical Variable Ink

The colour of the denomination numeral shifts between gold-green and silver-blue at the bottom right corner of the front panel when the banknote is viewed at different angles.

Other security features:

Fluorescent Machine Readable Barcode

Yellow machine readable barcode visible on the front panel under ultraviolet light.

Invisible Fluorescent fibres

Red, blue and green fibres (randomly embedded in the paper) visible under ultraviolet light.

Invisible Denomination

Visible when the left corner of the front panel is tilted under light.

See-through Pattern

Exactly aligned on both sides when the banknote is held against the light.

Serial Numbers

Printed horizontally and vertically on the front panel Novel vertical serial number is used on the left. The serial numbers change to blue under ultraviolet light.

Visible Fluorescent Image

The image changes to yellow under ultraviolet light.

Intaglio Printing

Given an embossed feel, particularly on finger feel lines at the right and left sides.

Micro Lettering

Used in many areas of the new banknotes.