

## Commemorative Banknote in Celebration of the Centenary of Bank of China

To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bank of China (“BOC”), Bank of China (Hong Kong) takes great pleasure in issuing the *Commemorative Banknote in Celebration of the Centenary of Bank of China* (“Commemorative Banknote”) in the denomination of HK\$100.

### 1. Design of Banknote

The Commemorative Banknote is tinted mainly in red. The front side of the Banknote features the spectacular Great Wall of China and the grand Bank of China Building in Beijing, symbolising the solid foundations and unique capabilities of BOC given its long history. On the reverse side of the Banknote is the modern metropolis of Hong Kong as an international financial centre with the famous landmark – Bank of China Tower. These prominent features provide a perfect representation of BOC as a global brand and the Bank’s contribution to Hong Kong’s long-term stability and prosperity. In a simple and elegant design with vivid colours, created from masterful and delicate craftsmanship, the Banknote is of high value to collectors.

### 2. Arrangement of Issuance

A total of 2,000,000 pieces of the Commemorative Banknote are issued. They are packaged as “A Century of Glory and Global Services” Single Note, “A Century of Heritage and Sustainability” 3-in-1 Uncut Notes and “A Century of Excellence and Prosperity” 30-in-1 Uncut Notes, with a total of 1,220,000 sets available. Details are as follows:

Category	Quantity (Thousand sets)	Price Per Set (HK\$)
“A Century of Glory and Global Services” Single Note	1,100	\$150
“A Century of Heritage and Sustainability” 3-in-1 Uncut Notes	100	\$600
“A Century of Excellence and Prosperity” 30-in-1 Uncut Notes	20	\$6,000
Total	1,220	

To be in line with the principles of “Openness, Equality and Fairness”, the Commemorative Banknote will be put on public sale/subscription from 13 February (Monday) to 20 February (Monday) 2012. The Single Note will be available at the branch counters of 50 designated branches of Bank of China (Hong Kong) on a first-come-first-served basis, and each person is eligible to a maximum of two sets per purchase. The 3-in-1 Uncut Notes and 30-in-1 Uncut Notes are available for online or branch subscription, and each person is limited to subscribe for a maximum of only one set for each category. Eligible subscribers must be aged 18 or above and must provide valid Hong Kong identity card/passport number and valid Hong Kong address.

Another 168 banknote charity sets will be sold through bidding. Details will be announced later.

Although the Commemorative Banknote is the legal tender of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, it is not intended for general circulation. All such banknotes are packaged and sold at prices higher than their face values. Proceeds generated from the sale of the Banknotes, after deducting the face values and all the relevant costs (including the design, printing, packaging, marketing and distribution, and the like), will all be donated to the BOCHK Charitable Foundation and other charitable organisations of Hong Kong.

### 3. Major Security Features

The Commemorative Banknote shares the same colour and size as the 2010 series HK\$100 note, incorporating the major security features.

- **Dynamic Windowed Motion Thread:** *A dynamic windowed motion thread is woven on the reverse side of the Banknote, reflecting the BOC logo when the Banknote is tilted slightly.*
- **Dynamic Colour-changing Pattern:** *The four Chinese characters meaning “In celebration of anniversary” shift colours from gold to green with a shimmering bar rolling up and down when the Banknote is tilted.*
- **Watermark:** *A bauhinia flower watermark and a highlight watermark of the denomination numeral “100” can be seen when the Banknote is held against light.*
- **Fluorescent See-through Pattern:** *The bauhinia flower patterns on the front and back match perfectly when the Banknote is held against light, with two fluorescent colours visible under ultraviolet light.*
- **Serial Numbers:** *Two respective sets of serial numbers are printed horizontally and vertically on the front panel in enlarging fonts, with the vertical one on the left in fluorescent yellowish under ultraviolet light.*
- **Concealed Denomination:** *The “100” concealed in the pattern of the Bank of China Tower is visible when the back panel is tilted against light.*
- **Invisible Fluorescent Fibres:** *Blue and yellow fibres (randomly embedded in the Banknote) are visible under ultraviolet light.*
- **Coloured Fluorescent Pattern:** *Fluorescent patterns of the Great Wall of China and the serial number on the front of the Banknote can be seen under ultraviolet light.*
- **Intaglio Printing:** *The Banknote imparts an embossed feel, particularly for the lettering and tactile lines of the front panel.*