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**F**ollowing the issue of new \$100 and \$500 banknotes in 2003, the three note-issuing banks in Hong Kong\* will put into circulation the remaining new **\$20, \$50 and \$1,000** banknotes towards the end of 2004.

The security features and colour schemes for all denominations have been standardised. The size of the banknotes remains the same as for the old series.

The old series banknotes remain legal tender and will continue to circulate along with the new series.

\* The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited and Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited.

**Q1: Why are the new series banknotes being issued?**

**A1:** The old series banknotes were designed nearly 10 years ago, so it is time to add new security features to help prevent counterfeiting. We have also taken this opportunity to standardise the security features to aid recognition.

**Q2: Why are the \$20, \$50 and \$1,000 banknotes dated 2003 and not 2004?**

**A2:** Because these banknotes, together with the \$100 and \$500 banknotes issued in 2003, belong to the same series.

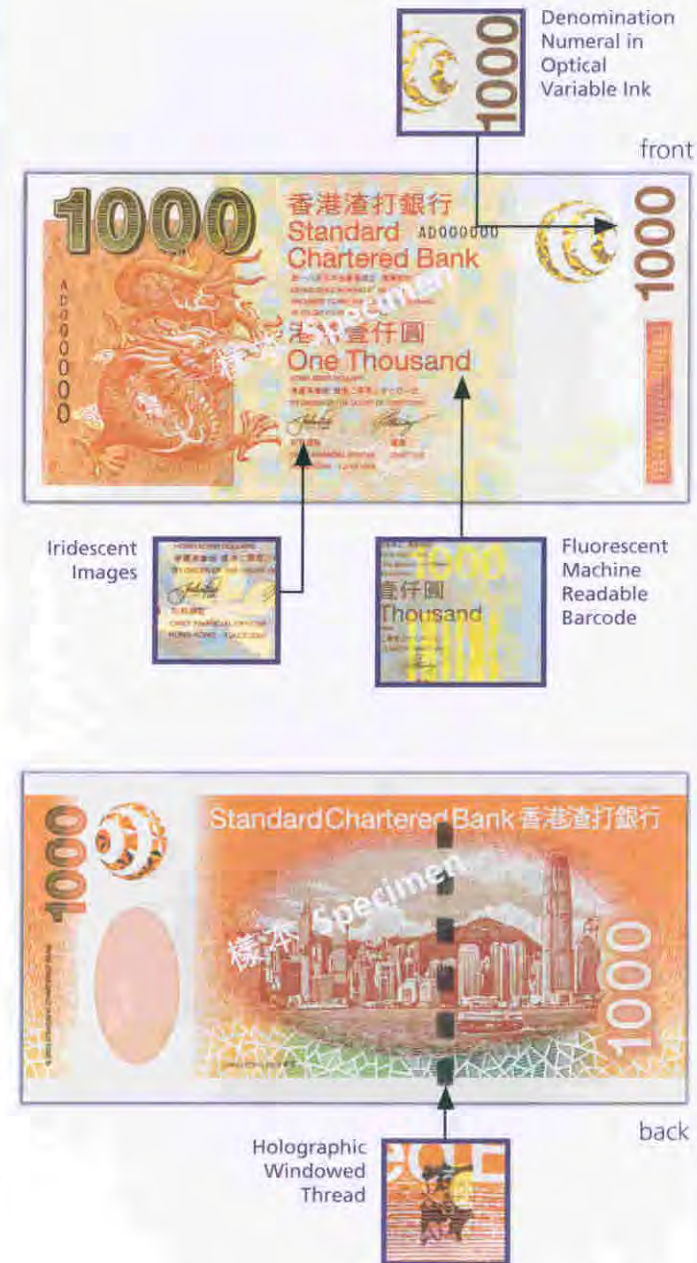
**Q3: Who designed and printed the new banknotes?**

**A3:** The note-issuing banks produced the designs for their banknotes. All new banknotes are printed by Hong Kong Note Printing Limited.

**Q4: What should I do if I think that a banknote may be counterfeit?**

**A4:** Retain the banknote and take it to the nearest police station as soon as possible. Alternatively, call the Commercial Crime Bureau at 2860 5012 or 2860 5013.

# Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited



# SECURITY FEATURES

## New Security Features

### Denomination Numeral in Optical Variable Ink

The colour of the denomination numeral shifts between gold and green when the banknote is viewed at different angles.

### Fluorescent Machine Readable Barcode

Machine readable barcode visible under ultraviolet light.

### Holographic Windowed Thread

A 4mm-wide security thread with holographic images woven in the paper.

### Iridescent Images

Shimmering iridescent image showing bauhinia flowers when the banknote is tilted under a bright light.

## Existing Security Features

### Concealed Image / Denomination

Visible when the banknote is tilted.

### Intaglio Printing

Giving an embossed feel.

### Invisible Fluorescent Fibres

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

### Multitone and Highlight Watermarks

Can be seen when the banknote is held up to the light.

### Security Thread

Visible from both sides.

### See-through Feature

The patterns on the front and back fit perfectly when the banknote is held up to the light.

### Serial Numbers

Novel vertical serial number on the left and horizontal serial number on the right.