



PRESS RELEASE

**PRESS CONFERENCE
FOR THE BND 50 COMMEMORATIVE POLYMER NOTE, COMMEMORATIVE COINS
AND THE 5TH SERIES OF COINS IN CIRCULATION,
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF
HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN AND YANG DI-PERTUAN OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM'S
ACCESSION TO THE THRONE**

WEDNESDAY, 13 MUHARRAM 1439H CORRESPONDING TO 4 OCTOBER 2017M

1. His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, as Patron of the Advisory Committee for the Golden Jubilee Celebration and Chairman of the Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam (AMBD) Board of Directors has consented to officiate the Launching Ceremony of the BND 50 Commemorative Polymer Note, Commemorative Coins and the 5th Series of Coins in Circulation, in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee Celebration of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Accession to the Throne on Wednesday, 13 Muharram 1438H corresponding to 4 October 2017M, which took place at the Banquet Hall, Prime Minister's Office.

2. Subsequent to the event, a press conference was held by AMBD led by Yang Mulia Pg Maslina binti Pg Haji Mahmud, Acting Executive Director, Currency Management Unit, accompanied by Yang Mulia Hj Nurhuaida Fakhria binti Hj Damit, Head of Corporate Communications; Juffry bin Emran, Senior Manager, Currency Management Unit; and Noor Izzah binti Hj Abu Bakar, Manager, Currency Management Unit. They shared the details of the BND 50 Commemorative Polymer Note, Commemorative Coins and the 5th Series of Coins in Circulation, issued in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee Celebration of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Accession to the Throne.

DESIGN OF THE COMMEMORATIVE BND 50 POLYMER NOTE

3. The new BND 50 polymer note represents a number of significant features to mark the Golden Jubilee Celebration of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Accession to the Throne. The new note is yellow in colour, signifying the royal colour. The obverse side of the note features a new portrait of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in Royal Brunei Armed Forces ceremonial uniform.

4. This commemorative note also shows an image of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam crowned by His Majesty's late father, Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, with the Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah Mosque in the background.

5. The reverse side of the note features an image of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the People's Monarch, interacting with the members of the public

accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince; reflecting their concern and care towards His Majesty's subjects.

6. The main security feature is the face value BND 50, located on the top right corner of the note, which is a newly introduced security feature for a Brunei Darussalam polymer note called spark live. The spark live is a silkscreen printed optical variable feature with a rolling bar effect from green to gold colour. The designer for this commemorative note is Yang Mulia Pengiran Khamarol Zaman bin Pengiran Haji Tajudin.

DESIGN OF THE COMMEMORATIVE COINS

7. Besides the commemorative note, AMBD is also issuing limited edition commemorative coins in gold and silver, which features the portrait of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam surrounded by 50 *Payung Diraja*, symbolising 'Raja Payung Negara', which reflects His Majesty's personality as a compassionate leader, protecting and safeguarding the country, as well as ensuring that His Majesty's subjects welfare are well taken care of. The reverse side features the image of the *Mahkota* used during His Majesty's Coronation Ceremony on 1 August 1968.

DESIGN OF THE 5TH SERIES COINS IN CIRCULATION

8. This Golden Jubilee Celebration is also more meaningful with the introduction of a new series of circulation coins to commemorate this auspicious event. The obverse side of the new coin series features a new portrait of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. The reverse side of this 5th coin series represent the significant royal regalia used during the Coronation Ceremony. The designer for this coin series is Yang Mulia Pengiran Amir bin Pengiran Haji Sablon.

9. Alongside this, AMBD is also issuing 50 cents coins with special jawi inscription "*Sempena Sambutan Jubli Emas Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah Menaiki Takhta*" in limited quantity of 500,000 pieces for circulation.

10. AMBD is also allocating a number of these 50 cents coins in special packaging, which will be distributed to students in all pre-schools, primary and secondary schools as well as sixth-form centres in all four districts nationwide later in the year.

11. In conjunction with the celebration, the following limited edition commemorative products will be available for sale at AMBD:

- (i) Single numismatic note with special "HB50" prefix (acrylic box)
This set will be sold at BND 200.
- (ii) Commemorative set notes BND25 and BND50 (folder)
This set will be sold at BND 160.
- (iii) BND 50 Commemorative polymer sheet (folder)
This set will be sold at BND 55.
- (iv) 3-in-1 Numismatic Uncut BND50 sheet (acrylic box)
This set will be sold at BND 400.

- (v) 8-in-1 Numismatic Uncut BND50 sheet (tube)
This set will be sold at BND 1,000.
- (vi) 40-in-1 Numismatic Uncut BND50 sheet (tube)
This set will be sold at BND 3,800.
- (vii) Commemorative Coin in Gold
This set will be sold at BND 3,500.
- (viii) Commemorative Coin in Silver
This set will be sold at BND 400.
- (ix) 5th Series Special Collection Coin Set
This set will be sold at BND 20.

12. Members of the public who wishes to purchase these limited edition products can place their pre-orders from 12pm on Wednesday, 4th October 2017, until Wednesday, 25th October 2017. The link for the pre-order can be found at <https://www.ambd.gov.bn/HB50>. Sets that are oversubscribed will be subjected to balloting and will be available for collection by the public from Monday, 6 November 2017.

13. For the new commemorative notes and coins for circulation, members of the public may exchange them at face value from branches of Baiduri Bank, Bank of China, Hong Kong (BOCHK), BIBD, HSBC Brunei, Maybank, RHB Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, UOB, and Perbadanan TAIB commencing from Monday, 9th October 2017, onwards.

14. For more information, please visit AMBD website at <http://www.ambd.gov.bn/hb50>.

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