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HSBC'S NEW HK\$100 BANKNOTE AVAILABLE

HSBC announced today that the bank's new HK\$100 banknotes will be available for exchange at all of HSBC's Hong Kong branches from tomorrow, 3 September 2019.

In keeping with the visual language of the 2018 note series, which showcases facets of life in Hong Kong, the theme for the HSBC HK\$100 note is the revered Hong Kong tradition of Cantonese Opera, illustrated with a couple meeting in a Chinese garden.

Peter Wong, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, said, "The notes that we use every day are the most tangible symbols of our city's history and culture. We are proud to play a part in preserving our Cantonese Opera heritage and promoting it to the world with this new HK\$100 design."

The HK\$100 was one of the original denominations issued by HSBC in 1865, the bank's first year of operations. It was issued alongside the HK\$5, HK\$10, HK\$25, HK\$50 and HK\$500, and has never been out of circulation.

Diana Cesar, Chief Executive, Hong Kong, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, said, "Cantonese Opera continues to thrive in Hong Kong, attracting young people to learn and appreciate the art. This theme, beautifully captured in watercolour before being converted into engravings, expresses HSBC's connection with the Hong Kong community and our shared heritage."

To celebrate the new HK\$100 note, HSBC is launching an AR (augmented reality) filter in which the user's "selfie" photo taken on a smartphone is turned into a Cantonese Opera character. Access the filter and news about further promotional activities by following www.facebook.com/HSBCHK/ later this week.

Find out more about the 2018 series of banknotes at www.hsbc.com.hk/banknotes-2018/

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Notes to editors:

- In HSBC's 2018 new series of banknotes, the iconic HSBC lion is painted in watercolour. To bring an extra sense of uniqueness and authenticity to this series of HSBC banknotes, an iridescent pattern is added onto the mane of the lion, which shimmers when the banknote is tilted under bright light
- The vertical side of the HK\$100 illustrates the Hong Kong tradition of Cantonese Opera with a couple meeting in a Chinese garden. The costumes, make-up, and gestures combine to capture the essence of this cultural performance
- When Hong Kong banknote colours were standardised in the 1970s, Hong Kong's citizens began naming the notes. The HK\$100 was nicknamed "hung saam yu" or "golden thread fish"
- The first HK\$100 issued by HSBC in 1865 – the year the bank was founded – was actually white in colour and would have bought its owner almost 1 tonne of rice

Photos



Photo 1

Diana Cesar, Chief Executive, Hong Kong, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (second from left), introduces the story behind the HSBC new \$100 banknote, together with Norman Chan, Chief Executive, Hong Kong Monetary Authority (first from left), Mary Huen, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (second from right), and Gao Yingxin, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited (first from right).



Photo 2
 Diana Cesar, Chief Executive, Hong Kong, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, takes a “selfie” using HSBC’s augmented reality filter that turns the user into a Cantonese Opera singer.



Photo 3
 From now until 22 September, members of the public are invited to visit the exhibition at the Xiqu Centre, West Kowloon Cultural District, to find out more about the design of HSBC’s new \$100 banknote.

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