

News Release

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HSBC 150TH ANNIVERSARY BANKNOTE COLLECTION PERIOD BEGINS ON 9 JUNE

The collection period for HSBC's 150th Anniversary Banknote will start from 9 June until 28 June 2015 at designated locations, including the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Kowloonbay International Trade & Exhibition Centre, and designated HSBC branches and premises.

Successful public subscription applicants are reminded to refer to their confirmation letter, which details their assigned collection date, time and location. Applicants must also collect their Anniversary Banknotes in person, presenting both their confirmation letter and the original personal identification document (Hong Kong Identity Card or Passport) used for their application.

As outlined in the application documents, third-party authorisation will not be available for collecting the banknote set(s). Delivery via courier or mail will also not be provided. Should an applicant fail to turn up during the assigned collection date, the uncollected set(s) will be forfeited and the proceeds of any payment made will be donated to charities.

Only successful applicants who have paid in full will be permitted to collect the banknote set(s). Payment will not be accepted at the point of collection.

If a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above, or a Black rainstorm warning signal is in force in Hong Kong on the assigned collection date, the Bank will announce an alternative date for collection on the website www.hsbc150banknote.com.hk.

For the Selected Number Anniversary Banknote auction, successful bidders should have received a confirmation letter with the relevant collection details.

Please visit the above website for further information. Alternatively, all successful applicants can call the hotline at 2880 0180 (9 am to 9 pm daily).

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Notes to editors:

HSBC issued two million pieces of Anniversary Banknotes with a face value of HKD150 to commemorate its founding in Hong Kong 150 years ago. The Anniversary Banknotes are available in three presentations: in sets of a single note, 3-in-1 uncut notes and 35-in-1 uncut notes. In addition to the public subscription, an auction was also held for the Selected Number Anniversary Banknotes that carry special serial numbers and the prefixes "HSBC", "AA" or "HK".

Net proceeds from the sale will donate to local charities, The Community Chest of Hong Kong and The Hongkong Bank Foundation, to benefit the community.

The banknote design seeks to underscore HSBC's long and close relationship with Hong Kong in the past century and a half, and the strengths the Bank both contributed to and received from it.

Sharing the same size as the 2010 series HKD500 notes, it incorporates major security features such as an iridescent pattern, enhanced watermark, fluorescent see-through pattern and colour-changing windowed metallic thread. It is legal tender in Hong Kong, though not intended for general circulation.

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