

Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Currency Interchangeability Agreement

Design

1. As this is a joint issue by Brunei Darussalam and Singapore, the \$20 notes will have common predominant orange colour and common back design. The following are the design elements for the common theme on the back of the note:

- Two interlocking “C”s (which stand for “Currency”) is featured with the text “BRUNEI DARUSSALAM · SINGAPORE” inscribed on one arm, and “CURRENCY INTERCHANGEABILITY AGREEMENT 1967-2007” inscribed on the other. At the intersection, the state crests of both countries and the text “FORTY YEARS” symbolize the nexus of the Agreement.
- Distinctive national landmarks of Brunei Darussalam and Singapore are featured. For Brunei Darussalam, the Sultan Omar ‘Ali Saifuddien Mosque with the Royal Barge and the Water Village (*Kampong Ayer*) are featured. For Singapore, the Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay and buildings along its city waterfront are featured.

2. Both countries have retained the respective front designs currently in use by each country. For Brunei Darussalam, the front design is the Portrait of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Ipomoea Pes-capre (*Tapak Kuda Laut*), a medicinal plant with purplish flowers found along beaches of Brunei Darussalam. This long and resilient creeper plant is chosen to symbolise the Currency Interchangeability Agreement that has withstood the test of time till today. For Singapore, the front design includes the Portrait of Singapore's first President, the late Encik Yusof bin Ishak, a stalk of the “Dendrobium Puan Noor Aishah” orchid (named after the wife of the late President Yusof Ishak) and a row of motifs of the Oncidium Goldiana orchid, a renowned Singapore heritage orchid species.

The size of the both notes is 149 mm x 72 mm.

Security Features

3. The security features on the \$20 polymer notes are:

Brunei \$20 polymer note:

- One see-through window with the crest of Brunei Darussalam printed in red at the centre of the window.
- Shadow image of His Majesty’s portrait and initials “HB” is clearly visible with transmitted light.
- The asymmetrical serial numbering style has progressively larger digitals in adjacent positions. One set of the serial numbers appears horizontally, the other vertically.
- Widespread use of intaglio (raised ink) printing on His Majesty’s portrait, the flowers, surrounding texts and other areas gives the note an embossed feel.
- The numeral “20” is printed on the gold patch in transparent raised printing and will appear at varying angles.
- Colour Switching feature – colour will change from green to gold at varying angles.

Singapore \$20 polymer note:

- Two see-through windows - one on the top-left hand side, and the other at the bottom-right corner.
- Shadow image of President Yusof bin Ishak is clearly visible with transmitted light.
- A stylised gold Singapore Lion symbol with a hidden image, beside the top-left hand window. An image of the Singapore Arms will appear at varying angles.
- The security thread in the shape of the Singapore island.
- Clear window embossed with the numeral “20”. At the top and bottom of the window is a repetitive pattern of the numeral “20”.
- Colour Switching feature – colour will change from red to gold at varying angles.

There are 2 versions of the \$20 notes, namely the Commemorative Version and also the Circulation Version.

Commemorative Version

4. The commemorative notes have a special over-print with the state crests of both countries and bear the text "40TH ANNIVERSARY CURRENCY INTERCHANGEABILITY AGREEMENT". They will be sold in a set. Each set consists of one piece of B\$20 and one piece of S\$20 with matching serial numbers, adding up to a total face value of \$40 signifying the 40th Anniversary. Of the 12,000 sets which will be made available to the public, 10,000 sets will be issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) and 2,000 sets by the Brunei Currency and Monetary Board (BCMB). Each set is sold at \$88 (GST inclusive).

Circulation Version

5. Besides the commemorative version, BCMB and MAS will also issue a circulation version.

Public information

6. Respective issuing authorities will inform the public on the sales and distribution of the new \$20 polymer notes.

THE NEW \$20 POLYMER NOTES ISSUED BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND SINGAPORE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CURRENCY INTERCHANGEABILITY AGREEMENT

