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New 50-krone banknote - 11 August

Tomorrow, 11 August, a 50-krone banknote will be issued as the first in a new Danish series. The banknote will be presented today during a press conference at Danmarks Nationalbank.

The new banknote series has Danish bridges and prehistoric finds as its theme. The new 50-krone banknote depicts the Sallingsund Bridge and the Skarpsalling Vessel. The series has been designed by the artist Karin Birgitte Lund in collaboration with Danmarks Nationalbank's Banknote Printing Works. Karin Birgitte Lund has chosen to interpret bridges as links between various parts of Denmark and the banknotes as links between the past and the present. The present is represented by the bridges, and the past by five distinctive prehistoric objects found near the bridges.

The new banknote series is introduced with a view to enhancing security. Technological advances mean that counterfeiters constantly gain access to improved tools for copying genuine banknotes. To remain one step ahead, Danmarks Nationalbank is incorporating new security features in the new banknotes. These new features include a window thread with a moving wave pattern and a new, sophisticated hologram that reflects light in different colours. The new banknotes will also have the traditional security features such as the watermark and the hidden security thread.

All Danish banknotes issued since 1945 are still legal tender and can be exchanged at face value at Danmarks Nationalbank.

Further information on the new banknotes can be found at www.nationalbanken.dk and in the leaflet that has been distributed door to door.

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