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New 50-krone banknote completes the upgrading of the banknote series

Tomorrow, Danmarks Nationalbank introduces a new, more secure 50-krone banknote with a hologram and fluorescent colours. The motifs remain unchanged. The new 50-krone banknote completes the upgrading of the Danish banknote series commenced by Danmarks Nationalbank in November 2002.

Governor Torben Nielsen says: "With the new security features the Danish banknotes are even better protected against counterfeiting. The general public's awareness of the security features is directly related to the volume of counterfeiting. The more people that know how to distinguish a genuine banknote from a counterfeit, the more difficult it becomes for counterfeiters to use their counterfeits."

Hologram and fluorescent colours

The metallic hologram on the face of the banknote alternately shows a flower, the Roman numeral L and the figure 50. Fluorescent colours, which are visible under ultraviolet light, are used on both sides of the banknote. On the face, a centaur becomes visible under ultraviolet light, and on the reverse the green colour shines, particularly in the ring on the right-hand side of the banknote.

Old 50-krone banknotes remain legal tender

The old 50-krone banknotes remain legal tender, but will be gradually withdrawn from circulation. The two versions of the 50-krone banknote will be in parallel circulation for a period of time.

Photo gallery

Pictures of the new security features on the 50-krone banknote can be downloaded from www.nationalbanken.dk – Press room/Photogallery/Danish banknotes.

Further information

At www.nationalbanken.dk under Notes and coins a video presentation of the key security features is available. The information campaign also comprises a GO-CARD, i.e. a free postcard available at cafés in Denmark, as well as advertising in "Med Rundt", which is distributed to all households. For inquiries, please contact Winnie Jakobsen on tel.: (+45) 33 63 60 22.