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Recent News Reports that the Royal Thai Police have reported an increase in the circulation of counterfeit currency in Pattaya; especially the 500 Baht Note. The following provides information on Thai Currency showing where to look to determine if the currency is genuine.

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**Note:** All bank notes have anti-counterfeit and security features similar to the 500 baht note.

### **Anti-counterfeiting features to look for on the 500 baht note includes**

- On the front of the note (His Majesty the King's side) there is **silvery metallic/holographic strip** running from top to bottom on the left hand-side. The detail of the strip should contain repeating designs of the **Royal emblem/seal** followed by the **Thai numeral for '500.'**
- To the right of the Kings portrait (front of the note) there is a blank space which contains a **holographic watermark** of the King.
- Inset into the **Thai numeral '500'** printing (bottom left on the front) **smaller Arabic '500'** should be seen written inside, in detail.
- The color of the **serial numbers/letters** (bottom right on the front) should be red and change to a **luminous orange** color when held under ultraviolet light.
- There should be a **holographic lotus leaf** contained within a small circle to the bottom right of the Kings portrait on the front of the note (some notes the lotus is partially printed and will become whole when viewed up against the light).
- To the **left of the Thai numeral '500'** (bottom left on the front) is a darken space where when held at an angle **the Arabic numerals '500'** appears.
- On the rear of the note there should be a broken metallic line running from top to bottom on the right hand side next to the image of H.M. King Nangklao (Rama III). This line is **embedded metallic fibres** woven into the paper of the note for security and anti-counterfeit purposes.