



# BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR | REGIONAL OPERATIONS AND ADVOCACY SECTOR

## CIRCULAR LETTER NO. CL-2025-005

To : All BSP-Supervised Financial Institutions

Subject : First Philippine Polymer Banknote Series

In April 2022, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) launched the 1000-piso polymer banknote. Building on this, the BSP launched the First Philippine Polymer (FPP) Banknote Series on 19 December 2024, featuring the 1000-, 500-, 100-, and 50-piso denominations. These polymer banknotes co-circulate with their paper counterparts.

To help raise public awareness and promote acceptance of the new banknotes for payment transactions, the BSP enjoins all BSP-Supervised Financial Institutions (BSFIs) to promote the currency's circulation by featuring the attached information materials (see Annex A) in your communication platforms, such as websites, automated teller machine (ATM) screens, branches and offices, as well as social media accounts. BSFIs may pick up physical copies of the collaterals from the BSP Communication Office (for Metro Manila BSFIs) or the Regional Offices and Branches (for non-Metro Manila BSFIs) and/or print soft copies of the same.<sup>1</sup>

We request that the materials be featured until 30 April 2026.

For information and guidance.

  
**BERNADETTE ROMULO-PUYAT**  
Deputy Governor

**31 January 2025**

<sup>1</sup> You may reach the Communication Office via 8811-1277 local 3006 and the Regional Offices and Branches via this directory:

<https://www.bsp.gov.ph/Pages/AboutTheBank/ContactUs/ContactDetailsRegionalOfficesAndBranches.aspx>

## **ANNEX A: Information materials on polymer banknotes**

Download files via:

1. ATM Screen: [bsp.gov.ph/Coins and Notes/Polymer/ATM-Screen.png](https://bsp.gov.ph/Coins and Notes/Polymer/ATM-Screen.png)
2. Info Materials:  
<https://www.bsp.gov.ph/Coins%20and%20Notes/Polymer/Info-Materials.zip>
3. Posters and Tarpaulins:  
<https://www.bsp.gov.ph/Coins%20and%20Notes/Polymer/Posters-and-Tarpaulins.zip>  
<https://www.bsp.gov.ph/Coins%20and%20Notes/Polymer/3.%20Posters%20and%20Tarpaulins.zip>
4. Social Media Cards:  
<https://www.bsp.gov.ph/Coins%20and%20Notes/Polymer/Social-Media-Cards.zip>
5. Polymer Series Launch AVP:  
<https://www.bsp.gov.ph/Coins%20and%20Notes/Polymer/Polymer-Series-Launch-AVP.mp4>
6. FAQs:  
<https://www.bsp.gov.ph/Coins%20and%20Notes/Polymer/FAQs.zip>

or All materials (Google Drive): <https://bit.ly/4iEsCLL>

## 1. ATM Screen Display



## 2. Info materials

## Booklet (40 pages)



## Brochure

### SMARTER

The First Philippine Polymer Banknote Series is smarter than paper banknotes, as it has more sophisticated security features, making it harder to counterfeit.

Countries that shifted to polymer banknotes—including Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Mexico, Fiji, and Vietnam—saw a decline in counterfeiting cases.

While there are no major counterfeiting problems in the Philippines, crime syndicates continue to adopt new techniques to counterfeit Philippine banknotes, hence the need to continually strengthen the currency's security features.

A study commissioned by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) also revealed that the 1000-piso polymer banknote has a lower carbon footprint than its paper counterpart, requiring less energy and resources for production, thus contributing less to climate change.

### CLEANER

The First Philippine Polymer Banknote Series is significantly cleaner than paper banknotes due to its smooth and non-absorbent surface, which is resistant to water, oil, and dirt. The Department of Health confirmed in its evidence review that viruses, including COVID-19, and bacteria last for a shorter period on polymer banknotes than on paper banknotes.

Polymer banknotes can also be sanitized with less risk of damage.

### STRONGER

The First Philippine Polymer Banknote Series is more durable than paper banknotes, lasting two to five times longer. This leads to lower banknote issue expenses in the long run.

On average, paper banknotes last for 1.5 years, while polymer banknotes last for as long as 7.5 years.

Similarly, other countries reported longer lifespans for polymer banknotes: New Zealand at 4.8 times and Fiji at 2.5 times those of paper banknotes.

Polymer banknotes are resistant to dirt, water, and oil, making them more practical for everyday use, especially in wet markets and public transportation. BSP heat resistance studies also show that the Philippines' tropical climate does not affect the durability of these banknotes.



The 1000-piso polymer banknote features our national bird, the endemic and critically endangered **Philippine eagle** (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*), which symbolizes the Filipino's strength and passion for freedom.

It also showcases the national flower, the **sampaguita** (*Osmanthus sambac*), which symbolizes purity, simplicity, humility, and resilience.



The 500-piso polymer banknote features the endemic and critically endangered **Visayan spotted deer** (*Rusa alfredi*), which is found in the lush rainforests of Panay and Negros. Known for keen senses, it symbolizes clarity and sharpness.

Also showcased is the ***Aconthephippium mantinianum***, an endemic orchid with red-striped, yellow flowers, found across Luzon, Mindoro, Panay, Negros, and Leyte.



The 100-piso polymer banknote features the endemic and endangered **Palawan peacock-pheasant** (*Polylectron napoleonis*) or **tandikan**. Representing strength, beauty, and grace, it is a strong flier with iridescent tail feathers.

The banknote also shows the ***Ceratocentron fessellii***, an endemic and critically endangered orchid with beautiful orange blooms, found in Luzon and Negros.



The 50-piso polymer banknote highlights the endemic subspecies and vulnerable **Visayan leopard cat** (*Prionailurus bengalensis rabo*), found in the islands of Panay, Negros, and Cebu. This elusive cat embodies strength, agility, curiosity, self-reliance, and independence.

The banknote also features **Vida's lanutan** (*Hibiscus comphyllospiphon*), a large endemic flower with a red center, found across the country.



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THE FIRST PHILIPPINE  
POLYMER BANKNOTE  
SERIES**



Security features	1000-piso	500-piso	100-piso	50-piso
1 Polymer substrate				
2 Enhanced value panel	 1000	 500	×	×
3 Flora clear window				
4 Serial numbers		FM0000000	FM0000000	
5 Tactile dots	five dots	four dots	three dots	two dots
6 Embossed prints				
7 Shadow thread				
8 Vertical clear window				
9 Dynamic waves			×	×
10 Republic of the Philippines seal				
11 Mirrored denomination	1000  000	500  00	100  00	50 
12 BSP logo				
13 Iridescent figure				
14 Flying eagle				
15 Three-dimensional (3D) denomination			×	×

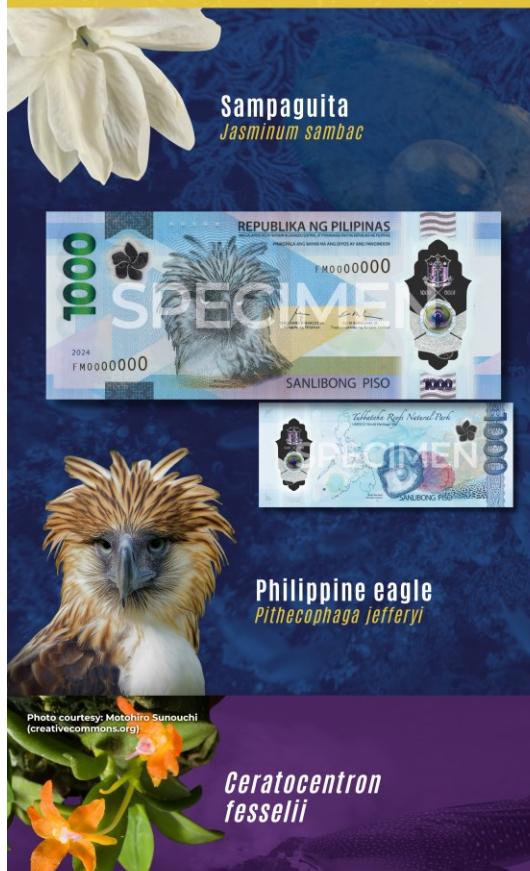
### 3. Posters

English



Filipino

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Cebuano

# ANIA NA! SMARTER. CLEANER. STRONGER: THE FIRST PHILIPPINE POLYMER BANKNOTE SERIES



Ilocano

**ADTOYEN!**

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Sampaguita  
*Jasminum sambac*



Philippine eagle  
*Pithecopaga jefferyi*

Photo courtesy: Motohiro Sunouchi  
(creativecommons.org)

Ceratocentron  
*fessellii*



Palawan peacock-pheasant  
*Polyplectron napoleonis*

Acanthephippium  
*mantinianum*



Visayan spotted deer  
*Rusa alfredi*

Photo courtesy: Jillik Erwan  
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Vidal's lanutan  
*Hibiscus campylosiphon*

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Visayan leopard cat  
*Prionailurus bengalensis rabozi*

*TV Screen*

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#### 4. Social Media Posts





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*Acanthephippium  
mantinianum*



**Visayan spotted deer**  
*Rusa alfredi*

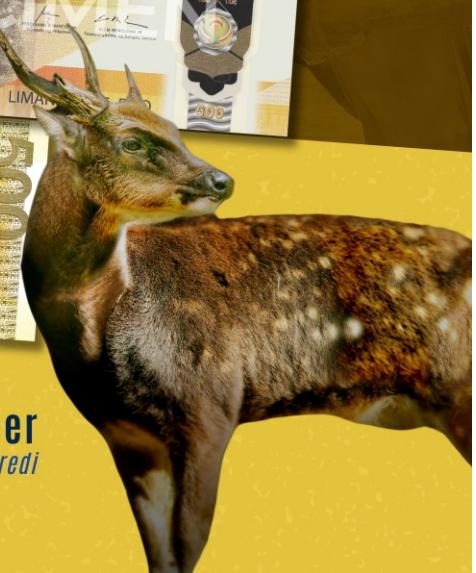


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*Ceratocentron  
fesselii*



Palawan peacock-pheasant  
*Polyplectron napoleonis*



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Vidal's lanutan  
*Hibiscus campylosiphon*



Visayan leopard cat  
*Prionailurus bengalensis rabior*



# **JUST LAUNCHED: PH POLYMER WEBSITE!**



Take a quick look at the polymer banknotes  
Select a banknote and explore its features

100-PESO      500-PESO      100-PESO      50-PESO

REPUBLICA NG PILIPINAS  
500 PESO  
10000000  
LUMANDANG PESO

Obverse Side  
Design highlights

The obverse side features the image of the Visayan spotted deer (lambay) as its centerpiece. The design also includes the national emblem of the Philippines, the three colors of the flag, and the names of the Visayan states of Panay and Negros. A slot for the square series of notes and a key selector of the polymer banknotes are also present.

The reverse side also highlights (cameraphotography) the three Visayan states of Panay, Negros, and Cebu in the Philippines. This article is evidence to the Philippines and the world that the Visayan states are unique and integral bright yellow flowers with red edges.

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[Proposed captions for the social media cards may be downloaded from the link]

## 5. Video

