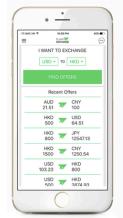
CURRENCY GUIDE









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Japanese Yen (JPY)

Everything that you need to check if the currency you are getting is real.

Notes in circulation: ¥1000, ¥2000, ¥5000, ¥10,000 Coins in circulation: ¥1, ¥5, ¥10, ¥50, ¥100, ¥500

1. Use these links to compare the currency you have with the images of the authentic JPY notes and the placement of all the security features.

Official images and security features of the Japanese Yen

10,000 YEN NOTE

https://www.boj.or.jp/en/note_tfjgs/note/security/bnnew3.htm/#p01

5,000 YEN NOTE

https://www.boj.or.jp/en/note_tfjgs/note/security/bnnew3.htm/#p02

1,000 YEN NOTE

https://www.boj.or.jp/en/note_tfjgs/note/security/bnnew3.htm/#p03

2. What are the security features of the authentic Japanese Yen notes?

Hologram

When the banknote is tilted, the color and pattern of the design change.

Watermark-bar-pattern

When the banknote is held up to the light, three vertical watermark bars (two bars for the 5,000 yen note, one for the 1,000 yen note) become visible. This feature is more difficult to reproduce with personal computers or color copiers than the traditional watermark.

Latent image

When the banknote is viewed from a certain angle, the number "10000", "5000" or "1000" appears on the bottom left of the front side, and the word "NIPPON" ("Japan" in Japanese) on the top right of the back side.

Pearl ink

When viewed from different angles, a semi-transparent pattern printed with pink pearl ink appears in the blank areas of the left and right margins of the front of the note.

Micro-printing

Like notes issued since December 1, 1993 (with serial numbers in brown), the new yen note has the words "NIPPON GINKO" ("Bank of Japan" in Japanese) printed in micro letters. Some of the micro letters are made even smaller on the new note than those on the current note. Also, micro letters of different sizes are included in the background design.

Luminescent ink

As in notes issued since December 1, 1993 (with serial numbers in brown), the Governor's seal on the front side glows orange under UV light. Likewise, some parts of the background pattern will turn into fluorescent yellow-green.

Intaglio printing

Raised printing is used for some features of the new note. The ink on the new note is raised higher than the ink on the current note.

Tactile marks (intaglio printing)

To assist the visually impaired in detecting the note by touch, a recognition symbol with a rougher texture, printed intaglio is adopted instead of the watermark symbols used for the current note.

3. Here are some general references where you can find information about all currencies, their security features and images of their design, in case you would like to find information which is not covered by this guide:

<u>Banknote News</u>: breaking news about international paper & polymer money - http://www.banknotenews.com/

Currency Guide: counterfeit money detection know-how - http://currencyguide.eu

<u>Touch-and-Tell: Guide to recognizing counterfeit currency</u> http://www.boj.or.jp/en/note_tfjgs/note/security/data/shikibetsu.pdf

- 4. What to do if you come across counterfeit currency?*
- 1. **Do not accept the currency**. Make sure you explore our guide before the exchange and remember the telltale signs of authentic currency.
- 2. If you suspect that the money is counterfeit, after the exchange, **do not use it to make purchases or pass it onto another person**. You would be perpetrating a serious crime.
- 3. **Note down the details** and all the information that you can recall about the person who gave you the money, the date and time of the event and the amount of currency.
- 4. **Report** to the local police, monetary authority or a bank (see contact details below).
- 5. Forward these details with the username of the person, date, place of exchange and the amount exchanged to our community manager at sandra@plainexchange.xyz so that we can identify the perpetrator.

Police Station in Japan

http://www.tokyo-icc.jp/guide_eng/gov/04.html

Bank of Japan

• Address: 2-1-1 Nihonbashi-Hongokucho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-0021 Japan

• Telephone: +81-3-3279-1111

* Please be aware that it is your responsibility to make sure that the money you are offering and accepting is authentic. It is recommended that you read this guide and look at the pictures of authentic notes before the exchange happens. Plain Exchange is unable to exclude the possibility of counterfeit, however we will take every measure to support you and assist you in identification of the user, who offered fake currency, and in the reporting process.