

Introduction of the 5,000 Yen Note with Improved Tactile Features for Enhanced Identifiability

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To enhance the identifiability of the banknote denominations, the Bank of Japan will issue the 5,000 yen note with the following changes starting May 12, 2014:

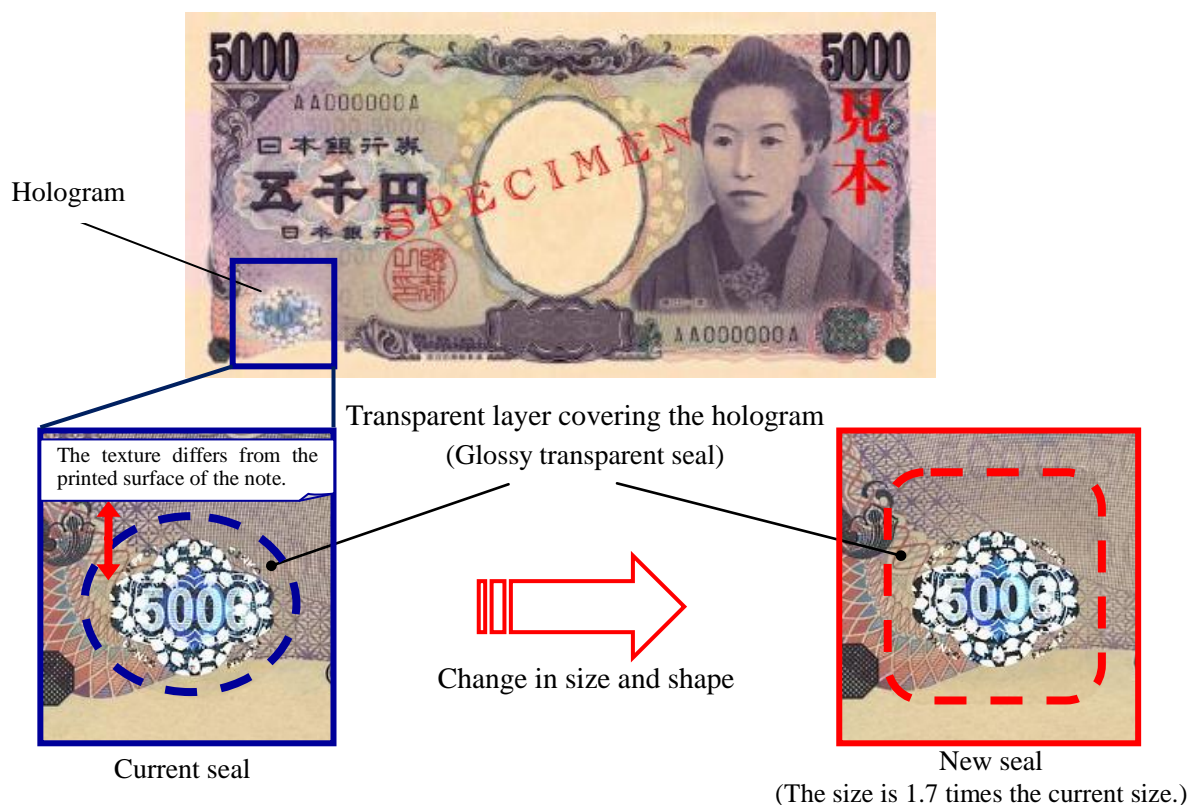
- The transparent layer covering the hologram found at the bottom left of the front side of the 5,000 yen note will be enlarged in size and changed in shape.
- The color of the serial number will be changed from black to brown.

Please note that the other features of the 5,000 yen note, including the size and design, will remain the same and the 5,000 yen note currently in circulation will remain valid.

1. Change in Size and Shape of the Hologram Transparent Layer

The hologram transparent layer refers to the glossy transparent seal covering the hologram found on the 5,000 and 10,000 yen notes, and the texture of its surface differs from the printed surface of the notes. Currently, the size and shape of the layers on the 5,000 yen and 10,000 yen notes are identical. To make it easier for the visually impaired to distinguish between the two denominations, the size and shape of the layer on 5,000 yen note will be changed (see the illustration below).

To learn about other tactile features on 10,000, 5,000, 2,000, and 1,000 yen notes, please see "'Touch-and-Tell' Features for Identifying the Denominations of Bank of Japan Notes."



2. Change in Color of the Serial Numbers

The color of the serial numbers printed on the new 5,000 yen notes will be changed from black to brown.