

5. Currency Issuance

For the year 2022, the Bank, as the sole agency with the authority to issue banknotes and coins, continued to conduct currency issuance with a focus on maintaining an adequate supply of currency to meet public demand, which is dependent on domestic economic conditions, seasonal factors, and the development of noncash payment instruments. The Bank also issued a commemorative coin set featuring the Chinese zodiac of the year.

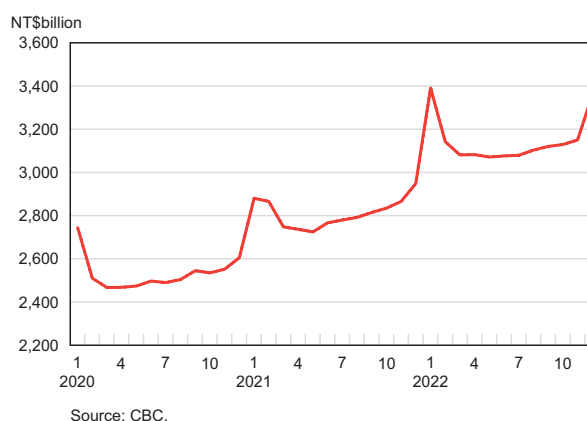
Furthermore, the Bank continued to promote public awareness of counterfeit deterrence and encourage the use of circulating currency through various channels. Meanwhile, the Bank developed an easy-to-use assistive device to aid the visually impaired in identifying NT dollar banknotes.

Currency Issuance Increased to Meet Currency Demand

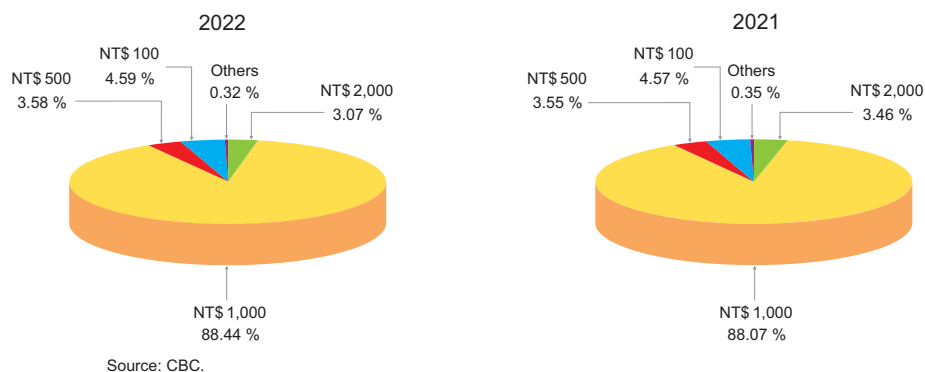
In 2022, the Bank provided an adequate amount of currency in response to currency demand. The currency issued peaked at NT\$3,390.1 billion on January 28, the last business day before the Lunar New Year holidays, reflecting a temporary seasonal surge in cash demand. At the year end, the outstanding amount of currency issued was NT\$3,356.8 billion, rising by NT\$408.4 billion or 13.85% over the previous year end.

By denomination, the composition of NT dollar banknotes in circulation at the end of 2022 was similar to the end of 2021.

Currency Issued



Composition of NT Dollar Banknotes Issued
(Year-End Figures)

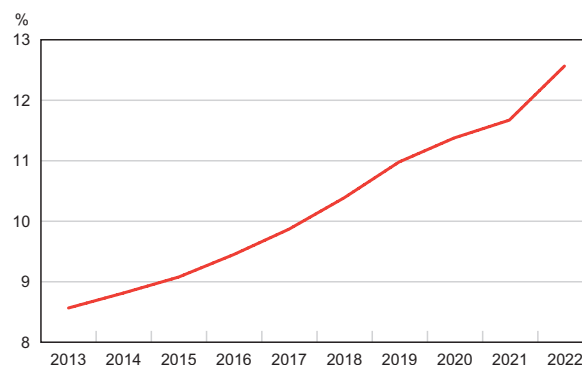


The majority of circulating banknotes went for the NT\$1,000 note with a share of 88.44%, followed by the NT\$100 and NT\$500 notes with shares of 4.59% and 3.58%, respectively.

Ratio of Currency in Circulation to GDP Rose Steadily

As domestic interest rates stayed at relatively low levels and cash was still frequently used for small-value transactions, the public's demand for currency remained high. The ratio of currency in circulation to GDP has continued to rise steadily in recent years and reached 12.56% in 2022, 0.89 percentage points higher than the 11.67% of the previous year.

The Ratio of Currency Held by the Public to GDP



Sources: 1. CBC.
2. DGBAS, Executive Yuan.

One Commemorative Coin Set Was Issued

In addition to currency issuance, the Bank may issue gold and silver coins and commemorative coins from time to time, such as for important ceremonies, national holidays, major international events, or other significant national events. During 2022, the Bank issued a casting set of coins for the Chinese Zodiac Year of the Tiger.

Commemorative Coin Set for the Chinese Zodiac Year of the Tiger



Source: CBC.

Efforts to Encourage the Use of Circulating Currency and Raise Public Awareness of Counterfeit Money Continued in 2022

With the aim of deterring and preventing counterfeiting, reducing currency issuing costs, and protecting the environment by maximizing existing resources, the Bank launched several advertising campaigns during 2022 to enhance public understanding on the security features of NT dollar notes and coins and to promote the use of circulating currency.

While striving to improve the cleanliness of currency by inspecting returned banknotes and destroying damaged ones, the Bank also continued to urge the public to help maintain the cleanliness of circulating notes and coins.

Educational materials for these campaigns were provided through multiple channels. For example, relevant videos were broadcasted on media such as the Bank's website, the Virtual Money Museum, YouTube, and the Bank's official mobile app. Information was also posted on the Bank's Facebook fan page and displayed on public transportation. Leaflets were distributed to the public and relevant institutions.

The Bank Continued to Promote the Visually Impaired-Friendly NT Dollar Banknote Identification Service

To help visually impaired people to better identify banknotes, the Bank has made multifaceted efforts from 2020 onwards, such as producing video material to introduce how to identify banknotes and distinguish the different denominations. The video was available on the Bank's website and

Raised-Dot Tactile Feature of NTD Banknotes (Left) and NTD Banknote Gauge Card (Right) for the Visually Impaired



Source: CBC.

local visually impaired support groups were encouraged to download it for educational purposes. Meanwhile, the Bank developed the NT dollar banknote gauge card and instructed the Central Engraving and Printing Plant to conduct mass production. The Bank also sent relevant personnel to local support groups to promote the use of the card and to distribute it for free to the visually impaired.

A Virtual Banknote Exhibition was Held on the Theme of Natural Resource

The Bank's Virtual Money Museum has been running smoothly since it came on line in June 2013. In response to increased use of mobile technologies and the needs of various platforms and devices, the Bank launched the upgraded version of the Virtual Money Museum website in August 2020. For instance, the Virtual Exhibition Hall of the above website allowed viewers to browse banknotes from around the world classified into various themes. During 2022, the Bank held an annual exhibition titled "The Fertile Land."

Annual Exhibition 2022 Titled "The Fertile Land" on the Virtual Money Museum Website



Source: CBC.