

6. Currency Issuance

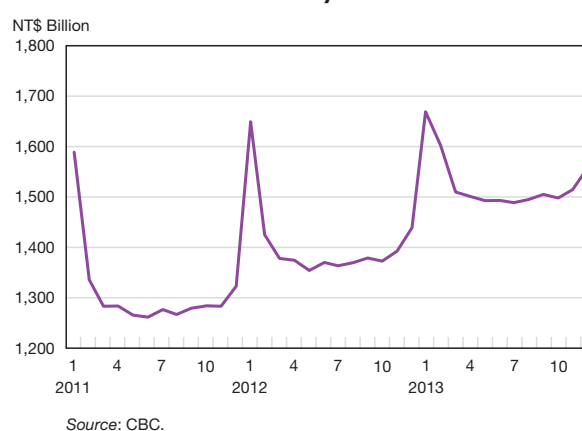
As the issuing authority for the nation's currency, the CBC has the responsibility for maintaining the supply of currency at an appropriate level to meet public demand, which is dependent on the level of economic activity, seasonal factors, and the development of noncash payments instruments, etc.

Currency Issuance Increased

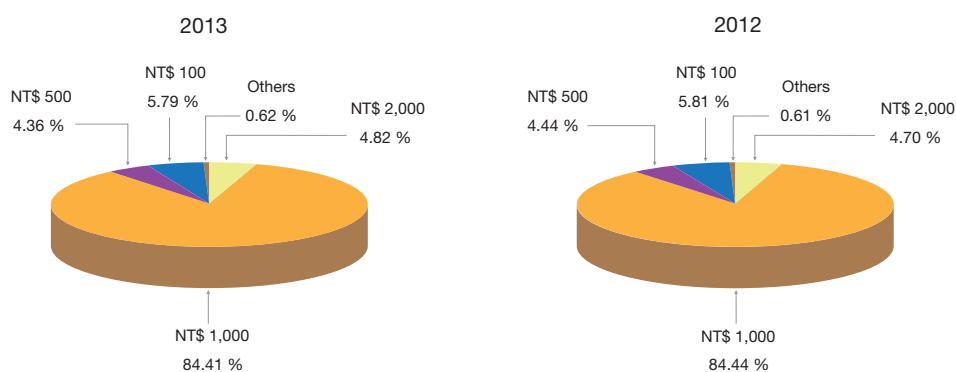
In 2013, the CBC implemented an appropriate currency issuance plan for delivering banknotes and coins. The currency issued peaked at NT\$1,873.0 billion on February 8, the day before the Chinese New Year holidays, reflecting a temporary seasonal surge in cash demand. At the year end, the outstanding amount of the currency issued was NT\$1,556.0 billion, representing an increase of NT\$118.5 billion or 8.24 percent over the previous year end.

At the end of 2013, the denomination structure of NT dollar banknotes in circulation was similar to the end of 2012. The NT\$1,000 note accounted for the lion's share at 84.41 percent, followed by the NT\$100 (5.79 percent) and the NT\$2,000 (4.82 percent) notes.

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



Source: CBC.

Currency in Circulation to GDP Ratio Increased

Owing to the low interest rate environment since September 2008, the public began to increase their currency holdings, and the ratio of currency in circulation to GDP rose significantly. It stood at 8.96 percent in 2013, a 0.51 percentage point gain over the previous year.

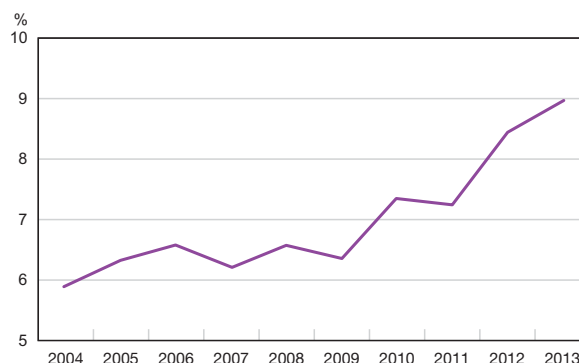
Two Commemorative Coin Sets Were Issued

In addition to normal currency issuance, the CBC may also issue gold and silver coins and commemorative notes and coins from time to time, such as for important ceremonies, national holidays, major international events or other significant national events. During the year 2013, the CBC issued a casting set of coins for the Chinese Zodiac Year of the Snake, and the second coin set of the National Parks of Taiwan series-Yushan National Park.

The Virtual Money Museum Launched

The Virtual Money Museum of the CBC was officially launched on June 19, 2013, introducing the historical development, anecdotes, and circulation of banknotes and coins, as well as the security features of the New Taiwan dollar. In addition, the Museum provides various contents to meet different viewing needs, including a regular version, a child-friendly version, and a virtual gallery.

The Ratio of Currency Held by the Public to GDP



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