

## 5. Currency Issuance

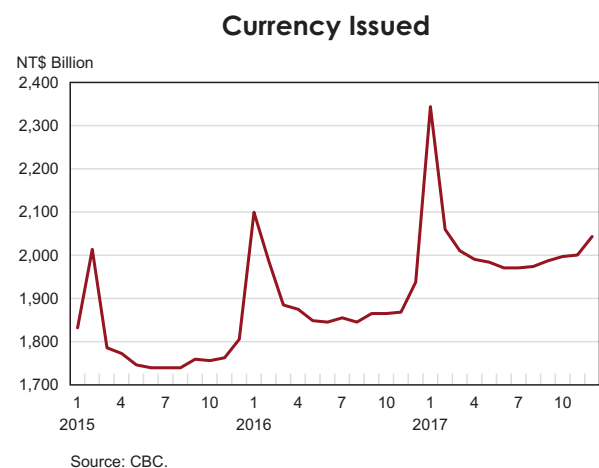
As the sole agency with the authority to issue banknotes and coins, the CBC is committed to providing the public with a stable and reliable currency in order to facilitate economic activity.

During 2017, the CBC ensured a stable currency supply in response to currency demand, which is dependent on domestic economic conditions, seasonal factors, and the development of noncash payment instruments. In addition, the CBC issued commemorative coin sets to mark national events.

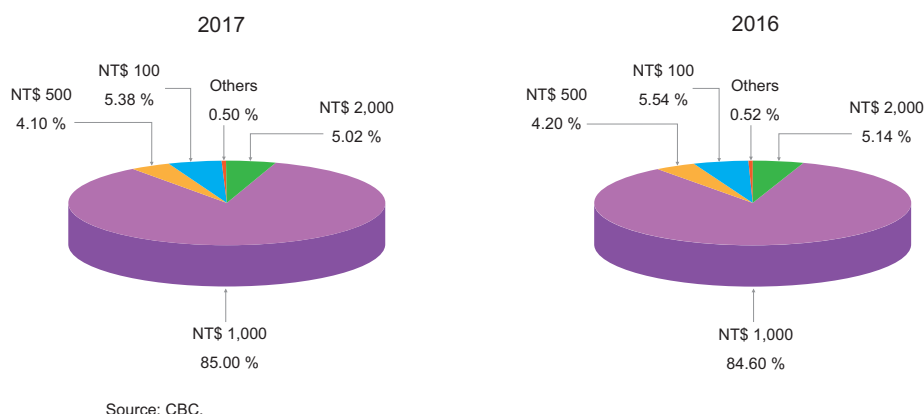
### Currency Issuance Increased to Meet Currency Demand

In 2017, the CBC provided an adequate amount of currency in response to currency demand. The currency issued peaked at NT\$2,344.6 billion on January 26, the 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\$2,042.2 billion, rising by NT\$104.1 billion or 5.37% over the previous year end.

At the end of 2017, the composition of NT dollar banknotes in circulation by denomination was similar to the end of 2016. The majority of circulating banknotes went for the NT\$1,000 note with a share of 85.00%. The NT\$100 and NT\$2,000



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

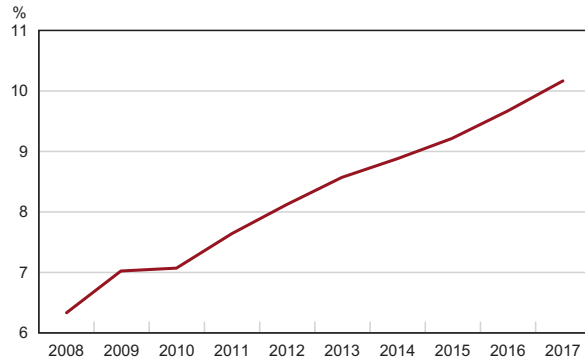


notes came in second and third with shares of 5.38% and 5.02%, respectively.

### Currency in Circulation to GDP Moved Up

As the domestic interest rates stayed at relatively low levels, the public's demand for currency remained high. The ratio of currency in circulation to GDP has continued to rise steadily since 2010 and reached 10.16% in 2017, 0.50 percentage points higher than the 9.66% of the previous year.

**The Ratio of Currency Held by the Public to GDP**



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

### Two Commemorative Coin Sets Were Issued

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 2017, the CBC issued a casting set of coins for the Chinese Zodiac Year of the Rooster, and the sixth coin set of the National Parks of Taiwan series - Kinmen National Park.



Source: CBC.