

Chronology of Major Financial Events in 2000

Jan. 4	The Bank endorsed the Ministry of Finance's proposal to allow an NT\$60 billion annual quota (divided into NT\$30 billion for the first and latter half of the year) for domestic securities investment and trust companies to raise funds from the domestic market to invest in foreign securities.
Jan. 18	The Bank issued the year 2000 proof coin set of the NT dollar.
Jan. 26	The Regulation for the Central Bank of China's Issuance of the New Taiwan Dollar was promulgated. The Bank no longer delegates issuance of the NT dollar to the Bank of Taiwan.
Feb. 5	In compliance with the Contingency Decree for the September 21 Earthquake Reconstruction, the Bank drew up the Coverage and Procedures for Financial Institutions in Granting Quake Victims' Applications for Housing and Land Subsidies.
Feb. 18	The procedure of foreign exchange purchase and sale for passengers at international airports was simplified. For exchanges less than an equivalent of US\$5 thousand, the passengers were only required to show their entrance and exit permits.
Mar. 4	The Bank endorsed the Ministry of Finance's proposal to raise the quota for domestic securities investment and trust companies to raise funds from the domestic market to invest in foreign securities for the first half of the year from NT\$30 billion to NT\$45 billion, while the annual quota still remained at NT\$60 billion.
Mar. 24	The Bank raised the discount rate and the interest rate on accommodations with collateral by 12.5 basis points to 4.625 percent and 5 percent, respectively.
Apr. 15	The Regulation Governing the Issuance of New Taiwan Dollars in the Kinmen and Matsu Area was revised.

		The Regulation Governing the Delegation by the Central Bank of China of Business Pertaining to the Issue of New Taiwan Dollars to the Bank of Taiwan was promulgated.
May	8	The Bank reallocated NT\$3 billion from special loans to small and medium-sized enterprises to special loans for manufacturing enterprises. After the reallocation, the credit line for special loans extended to small and medium-sized enterprises became NT\$27 billion, while that extended to manufacturing enterprises was NT\$33 billion.
May	20	Coin sets in commemoration of the 10th President and Vice President of the Republic of China were issued.
May	31	The Bank approved the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) to issue NT\$7 billion of bonds with maturities less than 7 years.
Jun.	1	Authorized foreign exchange banks, through delegation by their own offshore banking units (OBUs), were allowed to do foreign exchange business relating to export and import for offshore customers.
Jun.	21	The Bank revised liquid asset requirements for banks by dividing eligible assets into three categories.
Jun.	27	The Bank raised the discount rate and the interest rate on accommodations with collateral by 12.5 basis points to 4.75 percent and 5.125 percent, respectively.
Jul.	3	The Bank issued a new version of the one-thousand New Taiwan dollar note. The Guideline on the Procedure of Book-Entry Central Government Bond was revised. Qualifications for foreign banks applying to become clearing banks for book-entry central government bonds were clearly defined.
Jul.	17	The Bank raised the remunerative rate on banks' required reserves by 0.8 of a percentage point to 4 percent.
Aug.	14	The Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of the Interior and the Bank collaboratively promulgated the Guidelines for Financial Institutions in Extending Preferential Housing Loans and Credit Guarantee to the Youth and the Guidelines for Financial Institutions in Extending Preferential Housing Loans Totaling NT\$200 Billion.

Aug. 16	The Regulation for the Reserves of Deposits and other Liabilities of Financial Institutions and the Examination was revised.
Aug. 29	The Bank approved the European Investment Bank (EIB) to issue NT\$12 billion of bonds with maturities less than 10 years.
Sept. 13	The Regulation governing the Procedures of Redeposits and Accommodations for Credit Cooperative Associations was revised.
Sept. 15	The Bank approved the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) to issue NT\$6 billion of bonds with a maturity of 5 years.
Oct. 1	In line with the reasonable structure of reserve requirement, the Bank lowered the required reserve ratio on checking account deposits by 1.5 percentage points and on time deposits by 0.75 of a percentage point, and raised the required reserve ratio on passbook savings deposits by 1 percentage point.
Oct. 9	The Bank issued the Taiwan Indigenous Peoples Cultural Series--Puyama coin sets.
Oct. 20	The Bank endorsed the Securities and Futures Committee's proposal to raise the quota for each qualified foreign institutional investor (QFII) to invest in local securities from US\$1.2 billion to US\$1.5 billion and to raise the ceiling on the shares of each listed company held by foreign investors from 50 percent to 75 percent.
Nov. 1	The Tender Procedure for Negotiable Certificates of Deposits (NCDs) Issued by the Bank was revised. The offer of tender prices in the tender procedure was replaced by that of interest rates.
Nov. 3	The Provisions for Managing the Required Reserves of Community Financial Institutions' Redeposits were revised.
Nov. 13	The Bank approved the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) each to issue NT\$12 billion of bonds. The Guidelines for the Central Bank of China Allocating Postal Savings Redeposits for Banks to Provide Special Loans to Small and Medium-sized Enterprises was revised. The timeframe for banks to extend such loans is prolonged by one year to November 5, 2001.

Nov. 21 The Bank endorsed the Securities and Futures Commission's proposal to raise the quota for each qualified foreign institutional investor (QFII) to invest in local securities from US\$1.5 billion to US\$2 billion and to remove the ceiling on the shares of each listed company held by foreign investors.

Nov. 24 The Bank revised the approved business scope of financial institutions using earmarked trust funds to invest in foreign securities and restricted financial institutions doing such business from being involved in the sale of foreign mutual funds.

Dec. 8 The Bank imposed a 5 percent reserve requirement on newly-taken foreign currency deposits held by the domestic banking units (DBUs) of financial institutions.

The Regulation for the Required Reserves of Deposits and other Liabilities of Financial Institutions and the Examination was revised. Regulations concerning the definition of savings deposits and the Bank's right of punishment were added. The foreign currency reserves of financial institutions were defined as limited only to those deposited with the Foreign Exchange Department of the Bank.

Dec. 15 The Bank issued a new version of the five-hundred New Taiwan dollar note.

Dec. 27 The Bank announced the Regulation for Financial Institutions Locating in the Kimen and Matsu Area Managing the Remittances of Local Residences Relating to Exchanges with Mainland China and the Regulation for the Purchase and Sale of Foreign Currencies and Traveler's Checks by Mainland China Residents, effective from January 1, 2001.

Dec. 29 The Bank lowered the discount rate and the interest rate on accommodations with collateral by 12.5 basis points to 4.625 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

The required reserve ratio on newly-taken foreign currency deposits held by the domestic banking units of financial institutions was raised from 5 percent to 10 percent.