

Message of Mr. Tan Chee Meng, Managing Director,
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Money is one of the most important components of life. Everyone uses money in their daily lives to obtain goods and services, globally this still represents >80% of all retail transactions by volume. Citizens with visual impairments also need to have the capacity to safely use banknotes in their daily lives. Keeping this in view, currency banknotes need to possess -and many do- specific features apart from the usual public-oriented security features and for the benefit of the visually impaired persons. Larger fonts, different size banknotes and tactile sensitive inks are but a few of these designs which have been engineered and developed for the greater benefit of society.

Currency Research, recognized as the Global Resource for Currency Knowledge, appreciate and support the endeavor by International Institute of Currency Technology (IICT) to organize a seminar exclusively for the visually impaired in order to educate them more on currency banknotes. We further feel that this is exemplary and that the “1st Global Awareness Program on Banknote for the Blind” will be beneficial for society as a whole by creating a sense of awareness to all parties, and the visually impaired in particular by raising their level of confidence when interchanging banknotes.

We wish this seminar great success and trust that these efforts may assist all participants understand better the level of commitment and innovation being continuously developed in the currency industry. We further encourage attendees to engage us at their convenience and read our monthly currency publications or enhance their industry knowledge by attending the next Asia Cash Cycle Seminar (ICCOS) in Macau, Sept 26-29, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chee Meng'.

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