

**News Release**

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**Commemorative Banknotes – 2012 Series**

On 6 August 2012, Jamaica will celebrate 50 years of political independence. In observance of this significant milestone, Bank of Jamaica will issue a series of commemorative banknotes.

The commemorative banknote series will consist of the five denominations currently in circulation - $5000, $1000, $500, $100 and $50 - with modifications to their original design.

The *Face* (obverse) of the commemorative banknotes will remain unchanged, except that the National Logo for the 50th Anniversary of Independence will be superimposed on the watermark of each note.

On the reverse of the five commemorative banknotes, instead of the unique design for each denomination there will be a common vignette - the photograph of a group of children from Central Branch Primary School (c. 1962) depicting the National Motto, “Out of Many, One People”. This photograph previously appeared on the reverse of the Two Dollar ($2) banknote which was in circulation between 1969 and 1994.

The commemorative banknotes will retain all their security features in order to ensure their integrity. The notes will bear the signature of the Governor of the Bank of Jamaica, Brian Wynter and will be dated 06.08.2012.

These 2012 commemorative banknotes which will be released into general circulation on **23 July 2012,** will circulate alongside the current version of the banknotes and will therefore be acceptable for all transactions as legal tender.

**Bank of Jamaica**