



SMARTER

The First Philippine Polymer Banknote Series is smarter than paper banknotes, as it has **more sophisticated security features, making it harder to counterfeit**.

Countries that shifted to polymer banknotes—including Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Mexico, Fiji, and Vietnam—saw a decline in counterfeiting cases.

While there are no major counterfeiting problems in the Philippines, crime syndicates continue to adopt new techniques to counterfeit Philippine banknotes, hence the need to continually strengthen the currency's security features.

A study commissioned by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) also revealed that the 1000-piso polymer banknote has a **lower carbon footprint than its paper counterpart, requiring less energy and resources for production**, thus contributing less to climate change.



CLEANER

The First Philippine Polymer Banknote Series is significantly cleaner than paper banknotes due to its smooth and non-absorptive surface, which is resistant to water, oil, and dirt. The Department of Health confirmed in its evidence review that **viruses, including COVID-19, and bacteria last for a shorter period on polymer banknotes than on paper banknotes**.

Polymer banknotes can also be sanitized with less risk of damage.



STRONGER

The First Philippine Polymer Banknote Series is **more durable than paper banknotes, lasting two to five times longer**. This leads to lower banknote issue expenses in the long run.

On average, paper banknotes last for 1.5 years, while polymer banknotes last for as long as 7.5 years.

Similarly, other countries reported longer lifespans for polymer banknotes: New Zealand at 4.8 times and Canada at 2.5 times than paper banknotes.

Polymer banknotes' resistance to dirt, water, and oil makes them more practical for everyday use, especially in wet markets and public transportation. BSP heat resistance studies also show that the Philippines' tropical climate does not affect the durability of these banknotes.



The **1000-piso polymer banknote** features our national bird, the endemic and critically endangered **Philippine eagle** (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*), which symbolizes the Filipino's strength and passion for freedom.

It also showcases the national flower, the **sampaguita** (*Jasminum sambac*), which symbolizes purity, simplicity, humility, and resilience.



The **500-piso polymer banknote** features the endemic and critically endangered **Visayan spotted deer** (*Rusa alfredi*), which is found in the lush rainforests of Panay and Negros. Known for keen senses, it symbolizes clarity and sharpness.

Also showcased is the **Acanthephippium mantinianum**, an endemic orchid with red-striped, yellow flowers, found across Luzon, Mindoro, Panay, Negros, and Leyte.



The **100-piso polymer banknote** features the endemic and endangered **Palawan peacock-pheasant** (*Polyplectron napoleonis*) or **tandikan**. Representing strength, beauty, and grace, it is a strong flier with iridescent tail feathers.

The banknote also shows the **Ceratocentron fessellii**, an endemic and critically endangered orchid with beautiful orange blooms, found in Luzon and Negros.



The **50-piso polymer banknote** highlights the endemic subspecies and vulnerable **Visayan leopard cat** (*Prionailurus bengalensis rabori*), found in the islands of Panay, Negros, and Cebu. This elusive cat embodies strength, agility, curiosity, self-reliance, and independence.

The banknote also features **Vidal's lanutan** (*Hibiscus campylosiphon*), a large endemic flower with a red center, found across the country.



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SERIES**



	Security features	1000-piso	500-piso	100-piso	50-piso
1	Polymer substrate				
2	Enhanced value panel				
3	Flora clear window	 Sampaguita	 Acanthephippium mantinianum	 Ceratocentron fessellii	 Vidal's lanutan
4	Serial numbers				
5	Tactile dots	 five dots	 four dots	 three dots	 two dots
6	Embossed prints				
7	Shadow thread				
8	Vertical clear window				
9	Dynamic waves				
10	Republic of the Philippines seal				
11	Mirrored denomination				
12	BSP logo				
13	Iridescent figure	 Blue	 Gold	 Lilac	 Red
14	Flying eagle				
15	Three-dimensional (3D) denomination				