

**Press Release**  
**National Reserve Bank of Tonga**  
**2 September 2005**

**Counterfeit Notes Found in Vava'u**

The National Reserve Bank of Tonga has received reports from all the three commercial banks that counterfeit \$10 notes have been found in their respective branches in Vava'u.

The counterfeits do not have the watermark nor the embedded security thread. They are slightly smaller than the normal currency note and has the picture of the Palace on the obverse of the note, printed upside down. It is also difficult to differentiate between the feel of genuine notes and these counterfeits.

Although the counterfeits reported to date has been restricted to \$10's, the Public are urged to be alert when receiving all pa'anga notes, and to examine them carefully to ensure that they do not accept counterfeit pa'anga notes.

The Public is also warned that making or distributing any counterfeit currency is a serious criminal offence. Under Section 59 and 61 of the Criminal Offences Act 1988, Cap 18, any person convicted of counterfeiting shall be liable for imprisonment for a period not exceeding 5 years

The matter has been reported to the Police.

The Reserve Bank has prepared a brochure to help the public identify counterfeit notes. These are now available free of charge from the Reserve Bank and will also be distributed to banks and foreign exchange dealers in Tonga today.

For further clarification please contact Mr Lata Tangimana, Currency Department of the National Reserve Bank of Tonga, Salote Road, Nukualofa or telephone 24057.

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**Pangike Pule Fakafonua 'o Tonga**  
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**Ma'u Pa'anga Loi 'i Vava'u**

Kuo ma'u 'e he Pangike Pule Fakafonua 'o Tonga ha lipooti mei he ngaahi Pangike fakakomesiale kotoa 'e tolu', kuo nau ma'u 'e honau ngaahi va'a takitaha 'i Vava'u a'e ngaahi la'i pa'anga loi – 'aia' koe pa'anga 'e \$10.

Neongo ko e pa'anga loi kuo 'osi ma'u 'o a'u mai ki he 'aho ni ko e taki pa'anga 'e \$10 pe, ka 'oku 'oatu 'a e tapou moe na'ina'i ki he Kakai Kotoa 'o e fonua ke mou vakai'i fakalelei 'a e la'i pa'anga kotoa pe kimu'a pea ke tali ke ngaue'aki ke fakapapau'i koe pa'anga mo'oni 'oku 'ikai ko ha pa'anga loi.

Koe ngaahi la'i pa'anga loi kuo ma'u 'oku 'ikai ke 'asi ai 'a e ngaahi faka'ilonga malu'i 'e 2 ko 'eni;

- 1) 'Oku 'ikai ke ha 'a e langi 'o 'Ene 'Afio 'I he maaka hinehina fuopotopoto 'i he tafa'aki to'ohema 'oe la'i pa'anga 'o kapau 'e puke ki 'olunga 'o sio'aki ki ha maama.
- 2) 'Oku 'ikai ke 'i ai 'a e faka'ilonga lanu 'uli'uli ko ha filo 'oku tuiaki mei 'olunga ki lalo 'i he la'i pa'anga kotoa pe.

Ko e lahi (size) 'o e la'i pa'anga loi ko 'eni kuo ma'u 'oku si'isi'iangae ia he lahi totonu 'oe la'i pa'anga mo'oni, pea koe palasi 'o 'Ene 'Afio 'i he tafa'aki 'e taha 'oe la'i pa'anga 'oku fakatu'ulu 'o hanga ki lalo.

Ko ia ai 'oku fakatokanga atu ki he Kakai Kotoa 'oe fonua ko hono ngaahi pe tufaki 'o e pa'anga loi ko e hia mamafa ia. 'I he Kupu 59 mo e 61 'o e Lao ki he Ngaahi Hia 1988, Vahe 18. Ka 'i ai ha taha 'e halaia 'i hono maumau'i 'o e lao ni, 'e ala tautea ia ki he nofo popula 'o 'ikai laka hake 'i he ta'u 'e nima ( 5).

Kuo fakahoko mo lipooti e me'a ni ki he Potungae Polisi.

Kuo fa'u 'e he Pangike Pule ha tohi ke tufa ki he Kakai Kotoa 'oe fonua ke tokoni ki hono faka-faikehekehe'i 'ae la'i pa'anga loi mei he pa'anga mo'oni. 'Oku ma'u ta'e totongi atu mei he Pangike Pule, pea 'e tufa atu ki he ngaahi pangike kehe, pea moe ngaahi kautaha fefakatau'aki pa'anga muli kotoa pe 'i Tonga ni.

Ki ha toe faka'eke'eke ki he me'a ni kataki 'o fetu'utaki kia Lata Tangimana ki he Tafa'aki Pa'anga 'o e Pangike Pule Fakafonua 'o Tonga, Hala Salote, Nuku'alofa pe telefoni 24057.

Faka'apa'apa atu  
Pangike Pule Fakafonua 'o Tonga.