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Launch of the new 200-krone banknote

The 200-krone banknote is launched on 19 October 2010 as the third banknote in the new banknote series. The front page of the banknote depicts Knippelsbro (Knippels Bridge) which links Slotsholmen to Christianshavn in Copenhagen.

Governor Nils Bernstein: "In the new banknote series from Danmarks Nationalbank the time has now come to Copenhagen. The view from Amager to Copenhagen looking over Knippelsbro is a very characteristic feature in the Copenhagen townscape, a view well-known to many people. We look forward to launching this new banknote".

On the back of the 200-krone banknote the Langstrup Belt Plate is depicted. The belt plate which is a prehistoric find from North Zealand, is exhibited in the National Museum of Denmark in Copenhagen. The banknotes are designed by the artist Karin Birgitte Lund.

A banknote with a 200-krone denomination was introduced with the banknote series from 1997. There are approximately 25 million 200-krone banknotes in circulation compared to a total number of banknotes of almost 159 million. The banknote stands for just under 10 per cent of the total value of nearly kr. 55 billion.

The motivation for issuing the new Danish banknote series is to improve the security features. The new banknotes have a number of advanced security features, including a hologram and a window thread with a moving wave pattern. The security features are to make it even more difficult to counterfeit the banknotes.

The banknotes also have security features that are not visible to the naked eye. When placing the banknote under a microscope, it shows micro-lettering with hidden symbols and numbers e.g. in the water surface next to the belt plate.

In 2011 the 200-krone banknote is followed by the 500-krone banknote in February and the 1000-krone banknote in May. The 50-krone banknote was launched in August 2009 and the 100-krone banknote in May 2010.

The 200-krone banknote from the 1997 series will still be legal tender. All Danish banknotes issued since the substitution of money in 1945 can be exchanged at face value at Danmarks Nationalbank.

Via the Danish commercial and savings banks old banknotes return to Danmarks Nationalbank where they are counted and incinerated. Danmarks Nationalbank has asked the Danish commercial and savings banks to return all of their old 200-krone banknotes in order to quickly put the new banknote series into circulation.

Read more about the new banknotes at nationalbanken.dk.

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