



Statement by Dr. Johnson Pandit Asiama, Governor, Bank of Ghana
Introduction of the Heritage Series of Ghana Cedi Banknotes

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Distinguished Members of the Monetary Policy Committee,

Invited guests,

Members of the media,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to make a brief statement on an important development concerning our national currency, the Ghana Cedi.

The Ghana Cedi is more than a medium of exchange. It is a symbol of our economic sovereignty and an important instrument of economic activity. As we modernise our financial systems and respond to the changing demands of a dynamic economy, we must also ensure that our currency remains secure, durable, resilient, and fit for the future.

In furtherance of this objective, the Bank of Ghana will introduce an upgraded series of Ghana Cedi banknotes, to be known as the **Heritage Series**. Our core banknote designs have been in circulation for more than two decades. Over this period, the nature of currency circulation has evolved, technological capabilities have advanced, and security standards have become increasingly sophisticated. Periodic modernisation of our banknotes is therefore imperative to ensure that they remain secure, durable and responsive to the changing needs of the economy.

The Heritage Series is themed: “**The Cedi, Our Future: Secure, Designed to Last.**”

The upgraded banknotes incorporate enhanced security features, improved durability and modern designs that reflect Ghana’s heritage and aspirations. They are designed to provide stronger protection against counterfeiting, withstand the demands of prolonged circulation, and support more efficient and cost-effective currency management.

The Heritage Series also provides unique opportunity to honour our national heroes and celebrate Ghana’s heritage, culture and identity through modern and progressive currency designs. Each

denomination is inspired by Ghanaian iconographic elements, telling the story of our past while looking confidently towards the future.

Let me emphasise that the introduction of the Heritage Series does not mean that the existing Ghana Cedi banknotes will cease to be legal tender. The Heritage Series will co-circulate with the existing Ghana Cedi banknotes currently in circulation. The public should therefore continue to use the existing banknotes alongside the upgraded notes. There is no need for the public to rush to exchange or withdraw existing notes solely because of the introduction of the Heritage Series.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the integrity of our currency is not the responsibility of the Bank of Ghana alone. It is a shared national responsibility. I therefore appeal to all Ghanaians, businesses, traders and financial institutions to handle our banknotes with the care and respect they deserve. Let us desist from crumpling, writing on, stapling or using banknotes for decorative purposes, money bouquets, showering, spraying or other forms of currency abuse. Proper handling will help preserve the quality of our banknotes, reduce replacement costs and support efficient currency management.

The Ghana Cedi Heritage Series will be officially launched on **3rd November 2026**, at the Bank Square, Accra. I urge all Ghanaians to embrace the Heritage Series with pride, confidence and a sense of ownership, as well as the commitment to keep our currency clean to preserve its integrity.

Thank you.