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CLARIFICATION ON THE PORTRAIT OF MRS THEODOSIA SALOME OKOH ON THE GH₵50 HERITAGE SERIES BANKNOTE

The Bank of Ghana wishes to clarify concerns raised regarding the portrait of Mrs Theodosia Salome Okoh, designer of Ghana's national flag, featured on the new GH₵50 Heritage Series banknote.

The Bank confirms that the portrait was developed from different photographs of Mrs Okoh, and not from a photograph of her sister, Dr Letitia Obeng.

The photographs were used to create an engraved artistic representation suitable for banknote printing. During this process, certain adjustments, including the replacement of Mrs Okoh's familiar head-tie with a hairstyle common during that period, were made to meet the technical and security requirements of currency production. These adaptations, unfortunately, contributed to the perceived differences in her appearance, and to the image bearing a close likeness to Dr Obeng.

The Bank appreciates the family's constructive engagement and the public's interest in preserving Ghana's national heritage.

The Bank reaffirms that the portrait is intended to honour Mrs Theodosia Salome Okoh and her invaluable contribution to Ghana's national identity. The Bank is committed to ensuring that the distinguished personalities featured on Ghana's currency are represented with dignity and respect.

The Heritage Series banknotes will enter circulation on 1 December 2026. ***ENDS***

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