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Encouraged by Success in Europe, PCGS Explores Asian Coin Market

(Paris, France) – After another busy and successful PCGS Paris Grading Week, Professional Coin Grading Service representatives will be turning their attention from Europe to the Far East, which is home to countless coin collectors. Encouraged by the growing acceptance of PCGS grading in Europe, PCGS will participate in a show in Hong Kong for the first time.

Muriel Eymery, PCGS Director of International Development will be at the Hong Kong International Coin Convention & Antique Watch Fair, August 26 - 28, 2011. She will be available to meet with collectors and dealers at the PCGS booth (#202).

Along with coin dealers and collectors from around the world, the busy Ms. Eymery, PCGS Director of International Development, will also attend the ANA World's Fair of Money in Chicago with the PCGS team, August 16 - 20. And as usual, she will coordinate the next PCGS Grading Week for EU PCGS Authorized Dealers, September 12 - 16.

Established over a year ago, the PCGS Grading Center in Paris has revolutionized coin grading in Europe. No longer must European coin dealers go through the hassle and expense of sending their coins to the U.S. for third-party grading and authentication. With each successive grading week, PCGS is grading more and more coins from an increasing number of dealers throughout Europe.



*Saxony 1917 Jubilee of Reformation 3 Mark
graded PCGS PR63DC.*

David Hall, President of Collectors Universe, Inc. and PCGS Co-Founder, attended the most recent PCGS Paris Grading Week, June 27 - July 1, 2011, when many great rare coins were submitted for authentication and grading by European Union Authorized PCGS Dealers.

“It was my ‘turn’ to go to the Paris office. It’s a tough job but somebody has to do it!” Hall said with a smile.

“The number of gold coins in Europe is mind-boggling. Tons of European gold and a lot of U.S. gold are there. It seems like every time we go, we grade a couple of U.S. gold rarities. This time we graded an AU55 1833 \$5 (submitted by Monnaies d’Antan from Poses, France (www.Monnaiesdantan.com) and an AU50 1861-S Paquet \$20 Liberty (submitted by Godot et Fils of Paris www.godotetfils.com). The coins just sort of showed up from the countryside,” Hall explained.

“Europeans have a much different attitude about gold than Americans. They are very aware of gold prices and very distrustful of paper money. It’s really exciting to be part of the world coin market.”

Rare silver coinage was also well represented with Kappan & Mades of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany submitting a rare 1917 Jubilee of Reformation 3 Mark that was graded PCGS PR63DC. The Saxony coin was described by Philip Kappan as “the most valuable 20th century German coin and the most elusive German Empire silver coin with a mintage of only 100 pieces.”

There are historic trade links between Europe and Asia, and PCGS facilitated the “return home” of rare Asian coins at the Paris Grading Center. A few will be soon auctioned in the most prestigious Hong Kong auctions in late August. A. H. Baldwin & Sons Ltd. of London, England (www.baldwin.co.uk), co-sponsor of the Hong Kong show with Mr. Ma Tak Wo, submitted coins that now will be offered at their auction on August 25.

The Baldwin coins included, among others, two famous Chinese coins, a (1914) Yuan Shih-Kai silver dollar pattern, graded PCGS Secure Plus™ SP63+, and a (1916) Yuan Shih-Kai gold dollar certified genuine. Both are estimated at \$20,000 to \$25,000 USD.

Panorama Numismatique of Paris submitted a very rare China 1912 20 cent gold pattern, now graded PCGS MS64, that will also be offered in a Hong Kong auction conducted by Stack’s Bowers Auction Galleries on August 24.

For additional information about PCGS Paris authentication and grading services and how to have your coins evaluated at the next PCGS Paris Grading Week for EU Authorized PCGS Dealers, September 12 - 16, 2011, go to www.PCGSglobal.com or email us at info@pcgsglobal.com.



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graded PCGS Secure Plus™ SP63+.*



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