Catalog Published on Hong Kong Coinage

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STANDARD CATALOGUE HONG KONG COINS AND CURRENCY NOTES and BRITISH TRADE DOLLARS, by Antonio B. De Sousa, 75, 77 Wyndham Street, Hong Kong, \$2. U. S., 47 pages, illustrated.

Mr. De Sousa's catalog covers the Hong Kong currency coinage issued between 1863 and 1965 in the accepted detailed manner. All type coins are illustrated; mintage figures are given. Coins are priced in United States dollars in seven conditions from good through proof. Several pages are devoted to the British trade dollar in which prices and a listing of overdates are given; the latter is the work of the well-known numismatist H. Chang.

The entire last half of the catalog is devoted to an illustrated and priced list of the bank notes issued by the Government of Hong Kong and the \$1 bank notes issued by The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Bank notes issued by the Chartered Bank, the Mercantile bank, and those above \$1 as issued by the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank are not included in this catalog but will be given in subsequent issues. The many other banks issuing notes at one time or another are not mentioned in this edition. The various dates of and signatures on all bank notes are given.

This catalog is excellent and is highly recommended to all interested collectors. It is without fault or error.

New Banknotes for Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei

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Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei have each issued individual sets of bank notes in denominations of \$1, \$5, \$10, \$50 and \$100. The same denomination of each country's bank note is the same size and color, but the various denominations are of different sizes (the \$1 note being the smallest) and of different colors. The colors of the bank notes are \$1 blue, \$5 green, \$10 red, \$50 blue and grey and \$100 violet.

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Malaysia and Brunei have now each issued their own coinage of 1c, 5c, 10c, 20c and 50c. The coins are in copper-nickel except for the 1c, which is in bronze. Singapore was expected to issue its own coinage by the end of 1967.

The coins and bank notes of all three countries are interchangeable in the three countries and are rated at 33c to the U. S. dollar.

The coins and bank notes of Brunei are difficult to get, but Mr. Chew Keng Ban of G. P. O. 177, Singapore, will help collectors get specimens of both the bank notes and coins of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.

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