

New Shanghai Mint Medal with Panda Announced

A trio of official Shanghai Mint medals that include a Panda in their design has been announced at an event in Shanghai.

The medals honor the humanitarian efforts of the Chinese people in World War II to save the lives of refugees from Nazi persecution in Europe. Approximately 20,000 mostly Jewish Europeans arrived in Shanghai during the late thirties, and lived there among their new Chinese neighbors for the war's duration.

The medals include a small image of a Panda doll that is held by the girl beneath an umbrella. The umbrella represents the shelter that China gave to the refugees.

The medals come in three sizes: 5 oz. gold, 1



oz. gold and 1 oz. silver. Mintages are quite low: 36 for the 5 oz. gold, 570 for the 1 oz. gold and 5773

for the 1 oz. silver. In

the United States distribution will be handled by **Mish International Monetary**

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Group of Norwalk, California (michael@thekmjgroup.com) and Qian Min of **Qian's Coins and Collectibles** (qianmin@gmail.com and 857-928-2750).

In Asia the distributors are Nirat & Ping Lertchitvikul, Hong Kong, Gao Hua Bin – Xian Shanxi Province, and Yu Fei - Luwan District, Shanghai Coin Market Booth B107. More information about the medals will be posted as it becomes available.

Market Briefing

After all the fireworks in gold Pandas over the last few months May has been fairly quiet in terms of price movements. Gold Pandas are changing hands at the same elevated levels seen recently. The top prices are still being paid by Chinese buyers. There is scattered strength in some of the other series but

my guess is that nothing dramatic will happen as we head into summer.

One series that is looking pretty good is the Kuan Yin coins. Please see the updated prices in Part 2 of this issue. One negative that has come to my attention is that there are some holographic Kuan