
GGL-Newsletter #8, Wednesday, October 26, 2005

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*** Top price for pink diamond at Christie's auction in New York:

A 25.02 ct fancy pink diamond sold for US\$ 6'008'000 on October 19th at Christie's in New York. This corresponds to an exceptional US\$ 240'000 per carat price of the stone which is accompanied by a GGL Diamond Report and Appendix, confirming the Type Ila nature of the stone.

*** Chinese and Japanese translation of GGL reports successfully launched:

As announced in GGL Newsletter #7, the GGL has started to issue Japanese translations of its gemstone reports. This service is available on request, and free of any extra charges. Now, GGL clients can also ask for a Chinese translation of their gemstone reports. This service will help to support the development of the booming gemstone and jewellery business in China.

*** LMHC Meeting hosted in Lucerne:

The Lab Manual Harmonisation Committee, consisting of representatives of the seven most influential gemmological laboratories, has held its last meeting from October 20-22 in the premises of the GGL in Lucerne. The committee aims at the harmonisation of wording on gemmological reports, and serves as a guide to the industry. The representatives of the American Gem Trade Association AGTA (USA), Centro Informazione e Servizi Gemmologici CISGEM (Italy), Gemmological Association of All Japan (Japan), Gemological Institute of America (USA), Gem and Jewelry Institute of Thailand GIT (Thailand), Gübelin Gem Lab GGL (Switzerland), and Swiss Gemmological Institute SSEF (Switzerland) discussed and agreed upon various important topics of the coloured stone industry.

*** Basic assessment and analysis of Dr. Eduard Gübelin collection by GGL is completed:

During the last years, the GGL has had the privilege of studying the gemstone collection of Dr. Eduard J. Gübelin. This collection of more than 2'600 gemstones comprises 257 different varieties from 58 countries. Thanks to the generosity and trust of the late Dr. Eduard Gübelin and, after his passing in March this year, his family, the GGL had the opportunity to further extend its knowledge base and gather all relevant gemmological information from this impressive collection.

*** Germany connected with Lucerne: Gübelin Shuttle Germany:

As of this month, the whole area of Germany is linked to the GGL by means of a Gübelin Shuttle. The GGL, in cooperation with Heros Wertelogistik GmbH and SecurePost AG, has established a weekly transportation service to provide a safe, fast and convenient link between Germany and Lucerne. The Gübelin Shuttle Germany is the youngest member of a permanently growing family of Shuttle destinations, including New York, Hong Kong, Dubai, London, and Geneva.

*** Travel report on extensive fieldtrip is online:

As reported in Newsletter #7, the GGL has participated in an extensive fieldtrip, initiated by the Asian Institute of Gemmological Sciences (AIGS). Reference samples from more than 100 mines in Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Madagascar, Kenya and Tanzania could be collected, and are now analysed on both the AIGS and GGL. On www.fieldgemology.com/ICA00.php, a fascinating travel report provides details about this fieldtrip.

*** Welcome and farewell of Gübelin staff:

We are welcoming Anna Malsy, a new gemmologist in the GGL team. Anna has studied Earth Sciences at the University of Berne, Switzerland, and holds a Master of Science in Mineralogical Crystallography. She completed her gemmological training at the Deutsche Gemmologische Gesellschaft in Idar-Oberstein. With her strong background in the structural analysis of crystals, she is a welcome support for both our client service and research work.

After four years working as a gemmologist, Walter Balmer is leaving the GGL. During the next two years, he will gradually enter the business of his family in the telecom industry. Meantime, and before completely leaving the world of gemmology, Walter will be engaged in a scientific research project.

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