

GIA Laboratory Offers Services in Hong Kong Timed to Jewellery & Gem Fair, September 2009

CARLSBAD, Calif. - Aug. 13, 2009 - The Gemological Institute of America (GIA) will send a team of top gemological experts to offer additional laboratory services in Hong Kong from Sept. 16-29 to coincide with the Hong Kong Jewellery & Gem Fair. The show itself will run from Sept. 21-27.

During this two-week period, the GIA Laboratory will provide services from its Hong Kong Laboratory Service Center to the show's attendees and vendors, as well as the local trade and general public. The special task force of GIA gemologists will be on hand to perform diamond grading services (on stones up to 9.99 carats) and all colored stone services. Reports will be issued on a daily basis.

"We have supplied laboratory services at trade shows before, but this is the first time we are offering such services well before, during, and after the show," said Tom Moses, senior vice president of GIA Laboratory and Research. "Providing these services prior to the show lets vendors get their items completed by GIA before the fair starts."

Appointments are not required to drop off or pick up items at GIA's Hong Kong Laboratory Service Center (its local take-in office), located at Room 1203, 12/F, Aon China Building, 29 Queen's Road Central. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. local time.

Items may also be submitted to the Malca-Amit show office at AsiaWorld-Expo for transfer to GIA from Sept. 21-25.

For more information, e-mail the service center at HKlabinfo@gia.edu or Sheryl Cashmore, Hong Kong Laboratory service director at scashmore@gia.edu. Interested parties can also call 852 3114 7102 or send a fax to 852 3114 7133.

- Irene Leung

**Seminar on Black Varieties of Fei Cui
Hong Kong Jewellery & Gem Fair, June 2009**

A seminar organised by the Gemmological Association of Hong Kong (GAHK) will be held on 20 June, Saturday during the June Hong Kong Jewellery & Gem Fair 2009. The guest speaker, renowned Fei Cui expert, Prof. CM Ou Yang will share her insight on the characteristics and simulants of the black varieties of Fei Cui.

For details, please see the application form as attached. Please return the slip by fax to: (852) 3749 7318 by 5 June 2009 For enquiries, please contact Ms Oying Lui. Tel : (852) 2516 1644 E-mail : oyinglui@cmpasia.com

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**Free Train Service between Hong Kong and Guangzhou
for China International Gold, Jewellery & Gem Fair
(Guangzhou)
May 9 - 12, 2009**

Remarks: reservation before 24 April and only for jewellery trade buyers.

- Joanne Chan

**Jewel Fair Korea 2009 (Seoul)
Apr 30 – May 3, 2009**

Trade buyers are eligible to get two nights free accommodation by registration on or before March 31, 2009

- Joanne Chan

New legislation on Trade Descriptions of Diamond and Jade in Hong Kong to enhance consumer protection from March 2009.

Details of the new provisions are available in the following links:

The Legislative Council of Hong Kong:

Definitions of Fei Cui, Natural Fei Cui and Diamond

Available at

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/hc/papers/hc0307ls-58-e.pdf>

The Customs and Excise Department of Hong Kong

Press release available at

http://www.customs.gov.hk/eng/new_release_20090223_tdo_e.html

Press release video available at

http://www.customs.gov.hk/video/tdo/tdo_e.wmv

The Hong Kong Jewellers' and Goldsmiths' Association

Retail notice available at http://www.hkjga.hk/eng/2009_02_19.html

The Gemmological Association of Hong Kong

Testing standards available at <http://www.gahk.org/en/gemtest.asp>

- Joanne Chan and Eric Chu

International Events in March 2009

21 – 24	Oroarezzo, Arezzo,	Italy
26 – 29	第九屆成都國際珠寶首飾展覽會	China
26 – Apr 2	BaselWorld 2009	Switzerland

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