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Headlines:

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- *** Gubelin Gem Lab contributes to ICA meeting in Dubai
- *** JNA article series on origin determination in Japanese, Chinese and Russian magazines
- *** Next Off-Premise-Testing in Bangkok (June) and New York (August):

*** Record sales price for single blue sapphire:

The latest sales of Christie's New York office has set several records. The highest per carat and total price for a single blue sapphire has been achieved for an exceptional cushion-shaped Kashmir sapphire of 22.66 carats. The stone has been sold for a record US\$ 3'064'000, corresponding to a price per carat of more than US\$ 134'000, and is accompanied by a report from the Gubelin Gem Lab confirming its unheated state and Kashmir origin.

Another highlight was the last lot of this sale, part of the famous Bagoda Royal Treasury, a natural pearl suite consisting of a two-row necklace, a pair of ear-pendants, a brooch and a ring, containing 74 natural pearls in total. The suite has been sold for US\$ 7'696'000. Also this lot has been sold together with reports from the Gubelin Gem Lab.

*** Gubelin Gem Lab contributes to ICA meeting in Dubai:

The next meeting of the International Coloured Gemstone Association (ICA) is going to take place this month in Dubai. The ICA will host a lab panel addressing the question how gem labs can help the industry in building consumer confidence. The Gubelin Gem Lab has been invited and will participate in this panel. The spring issue of the ICA magazine InColor features another contribution authored by our staff, a fieldtrip report about the spinel and ruby mines in Tajikistan.

*** JNA article series on origin determination in Japanese, Chinese and Russian magazines:

The three articles on origin determination written by the Gubelin Gem Lab and published in Jewellery News Asia last summer caught the attention of the gemstone industry. These articles discussed the roots, concept and limitations of origin determination in coloured gemstones, and offers an insight in the future development of this branch of gemmology. Due to the high level of interest throughout the world, various non-English magazines have published translated versions of the original English articles. The Japanese magazine Four Seasons of Jewellery, J&W magazine in Russia, and the Chinese Edition of Jewellery News Asia have recently published, or are going to publish, these articles in their local language.

*** Next Off-Premise-Testing in Bangkok (June) and New York (August):

Our next Off-Premise-Testing (OPT) is planned from June 9 to 21 in Bangkok. Our gemmologist are setting up the mobile laboratory at the following address: Jewelry Trade Center, 919/1 Silom Rd, 36th Floor, Bangkok 10500. A further venue New York is scheduled from 14 to 24 August in 589 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1205, New York, NY 10017.

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