

Michael Rogers Inc. joins Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions—Extends its lead in the vast Asian Marketplace

The ever-rising, relentless wave in Asian philately just became a tsunami. Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions has announced their acquisition of Michael Rogers Inc., the key market maker in China/Asia retail philately and decades-long conductor of world renowned public auctions and mail sales in this major area of the hobby. Simultaneously, Michael Rogers, founder of the firm that bears his name, has agreed to join the Kelleher operations as Managing Director. He will be working very closely with DFK co-chairmen, David Coogle and Laurence Gibson.

“The great long range future of philately lies in Asia,” explained Coogle. “Most significantly, this especially populous region of the world is the only area where the pastime is vigorously expanding. Our acquisition of the Michael Rogers Inc. firm, together with Michael Rogers becoming a vital part of our operations, secures our first-tier stronghold and predominance in the vast Asian market.”

The Kelleher firm already maintains offices in the Far East with its Dynasty Auctions Company Division located in Hong Kong with important, regularly-scheduled public auctions.

Larry Gibson stated, “Michael Rogers brings over 40 years of broad philatelic experience to his position with Kelleher. He is also the acclaimed leader in all aspects of Asian philately in the United States as a professional dealer, auctioneer and writer.”

Gibson continued, “Michael has also been recognized by his peers in the American Stamp Dealers Association by his having been named by the editors to *The American Stamp Dealer & Collector* magazine’s **Stamp Dealers Hall of Fame**, an honor that was bestowed on him in September 2013.”

The acquiring of the Rogers firm represents a sea change and long-time dream-come-true for Michael Rogers. He has long desired to spend much more of his time travelling the entire country seeking and buying collections, dealer inventories and philatelic estates.

Coogle remarked that, “Mike is now free to use his expertise to tour America to buy important philatelic properties. His job description will, of course, include enjoying more time with his many philatelist and dealer friends—the relationships he has carefully nurtured over the decades.”

Michael Rogers Inc., for the time being, will continue mail sale and public auction operations—**most especially, its forthcoming Mail Sale to be held on July 18 (see page 3).** The firm’s large website (www.michaelrogersinc.com) will continue operations, including offering the mail sales and auctions for viewing and bidding online.

Coogle further said, “As part of our merger with Michael, we will soon inaugurate a new site, “Michael Rogers Online,” which will fea-



Michael Rogers



Laurence Gibson



David Coogle

ture monthly auctions of Asian, United States and Worldwide stamps and covers. We look forward to expanding Michael’s well known and respected mail and public auctions and introducing his thousands of clients to the Kelleher online platform as well as our renowned Public Auction sales.”

Michael Rogers also stated, “I had discussions with a number of suitors after I made the decision to enter a new phase of my philatelic career. I love philately and this wonderful business far too much to retire, so joining Kelleher made good business sense as did the transaction that we amicably negotiated and which was promptly settled.”

Philatelists will soon have the opportunity to visit personally with Michael Rogers at his Booth No. 5 at the ASDA San Francisco area Stamp Show on July 11-13 at the Westin Hotel, Old Bayshore Hwy, Millbrae California.

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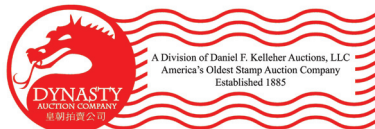
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- **Other goodies include Malaya Johore Scott 1 with 2 certificates**; Sungei Ujong #2 (two singles with certificates; Portugal and Colonies mint and used with postal history; Tibet includes a detailed collection of forgeries of the 1912-34 Issues with postal history; also several Tibet medals issued to members of the 1903 Younghusband Expedition.

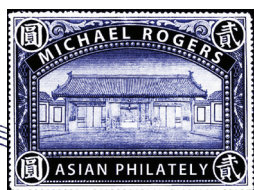
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