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Guide to the Coins and Paper Currency of Tibet collection 13894588

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Summary Information

Repository:	C. V. Starr East Asian Library
Source - Collector:	Kyaping, Dachen
Title:	Coins and paper currency of Tibet
ID:	13894588
Date [inclusive]:	1800s-1959
Physical Description:	1 Linear Feet 6 coins and 3 bank notes
Language of the Material:	Tibetan , Chinese .

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Scope and Contents

The Coins and Paper Currency of Tibet collection of the C.V. Starr East Asian Library at Columbia University comprises a small representative sample of historical coinage and paper currency circulating in Tibet and contiguous areas in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The core items in this collection originally belonged to the Kyaping family, who lived in the heart of Lhasa until the final occupation by China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) in 1959. It is noteworthy that the family's holdings included coins minted in Sichuan as well as Nepal, as well as paper currency printed in Tibet. The bulk of the collection was probably issued from approximately 1870 through 1940.

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Arrangement

Collection is arranged in 3 series

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Accruals

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Controlled Access Headings

- Coins, Tibetan
- bank notes
- Paper money
- Tibet Autonomous Region (China)
- Sichuan Sheng (China)
- Tibet Region
- Kyaping, Dachen

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Silver Coins, late 19th - early 20th century

Language of the Material: Tibetan.

Title/Description	Instances	
Gaden Tangka, circa 1912?	box 1	item 1

Physical Description: 1 item

Physical Description: 1-1/16"

Digital Object: [Gaden Tangka](#)

Language of the Material: Tibetan.

Sichuan Rupee, circa 1940?

box 1

item 2

Physical Description: 1 item 1-1/4"

Digital Object: [Sichuan Rupee](#)

Language of the Material: Chinese, English.

Abstract: Minted in China, issued for Tibet. (See Rhodes, 2013)

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Series 2: Copper coins, early 20th century

Physical Description: 4 items 4 copper coins

Language of the Material: Tibetan.

Title/Description	Instances	
7-1/2 skar (skar phyed brgyad) <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 item Diameter 7/8" <u>Digital Object</u> : 7-1/2 skar (skar phyed brgyad)	box 1	item 3
1 sho (zho gang) <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 item Diameter 15/16" <u>Digital Object</u> : 1 sho (zho gang)	box 1	item 4
5 sho (zho lnga) <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 item Diameter 1-1/8" <u>Digital Object</u> : 5 sho (zho lnga)	box 1	item 5
5 srang, circa 1953? <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 item Diameter 1-1/16" <u>Digital Object</u> : 5 srang <u>Abstract</u> : This rare coin was struck in limited numbers in silver and copper. See Rhodes, 2013.	box 1	item 6

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Series 3: Bank notes, 1937-1959

Physical Description: 4 items 4 srang notes

<u>Language of the Material:</u> Tibetan.		
Title/Description	Instances	
25 srang note, between 1949-1955 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 item 18 x 11 cm = 7" x 4.25" <u>Digital Object:</u> 25 srang note <u>Language of the Material:</u> Tibetan.	box 2	item 1
50 ṭam note, between 1926-1941 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 item 19.3 cm x 11.8 cm = 7.5/8" x 4-5/8" <u>Digital Object:</u> 50 ṭam note <u>Language of the Material:</u> Tibetan.	box 2	item 2
100 srang notes, 1939-1959 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 item 1 srang notes, each 100 denomination (cartouche with serial number has no underprint)22.5 cm x 14 cm (serial number 23807) <u>Digital Object:</u> 100 srang notes <u>Language of the Material:</u> Tibetan.	box 2	item 3
100 srang notes, 1939-1959 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 item 1 srang notes, each 100 denomination (cartouche with serial number has no underprint)22.8 x 14.4cm (serial number 23824) <u>Digital Object:</u> 100 srang notes	box 2	item 4

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