

(English Version)

Contest of Copper Coins

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List of Candidates

After keen competition, Banliang, Wuzhu and Kaiyuan tongbao copper coins enter the final. They will undergo 4 rounds of contest for the title of “Majestic Copper Coin”. As the chief judge, do you still remember the names of candidates? Please write down their names in the spaces provided.



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1st Round: Endurance

This round is to compare the duration of circulation.

Banliang

In wide circulation from the Qin dynasty to the Han dynasty.



Wuzhu

Circulated for over 700 years from the Western Han dynasty to the Sui dynasty.

Kaiyuan Tongbao

The name “tongbao” (a name of the monetary unit) was used for around 1300 years from the Tang dynasty to the early 20th century.



2nd Round: Meaning

Which one is the most meaningful?

Banliang

Banliang is a unit of weight.



Wuzhu

Wuzhu is a unit of weight.

Kaiyuan Tongbao

Kaiyuan means “to open up a new era”; Tongbao means “a precious currency in circulation”.



3rd Round: Merits

This round is to compare the importance and influence of the copper coins .

Banliang

Qin Shihuang (the first emperor of unified China) standardized the currency into banliang. It ended the chaotic currency system in the Warring States Period.



Wuzhu

At the beginning of the Han dynasty, coins of poor quality flooded the market due to private coin casting. Emperor Wu of Han nationalized the authority of coin casting and issued wuzhu, restoring people's confidence in currency.

Kaiyuan Tongbao

Emperor Gaozu of Tang dynasty issued Kaiyuan tongbao to replace the poorly-made wuzhu in order to strengthen the economy. Tongbao was of a suitable size and weight and hence became very popular.



Last Round: Quantity

This round is to count the total number of each coin displayed in the exhibition. How many can you find?

*Located at the Selected Archaeological Finds Area

Banliang

Display Area:
“Han Dynasty” Area



Total

Wuzhu

Display Area:
SD97*, “Han Dynasty”
Area and showcase of
Heritage Wall



Total

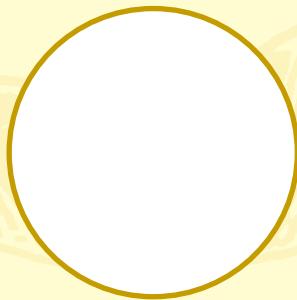
Kaiyuan Tongbao

Display Area:
SD30*, SD40*, SD50* and
Tang dynasty showcase of
Heritage Wall



Total

**After 4 rounds of contest,
which coin do you think is the
“Majestic Copper Coin”?
Please draw it in the space below.**



答案 Answers

【參賽者名單】 List of Candidates

1 半兩錢 Banliang

2 五銖錢 Wuzhu

3 開元通寶 Kaiyuan Tongbao

【第四回】 Last Round

半兩錢 Banliang: 1

五銖錢 Wuzhu: 22

開元通寶 Kaiyuan Tongbao: 16



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