



Monetarium 2026: Plan the Banknote and Coin Fair

Description

Monetarium brings 94 confirmed exhibitors to Suntec Singapore Hall 406 from 14 to 16 August 2026, spanning banknotes, coins, stamps, trading cards and specialist services. Monetarium International Banknote and Coin Fair runs from 14 to 16 August 2026 in Suntec Singapore Hall 406, with 94 confirmed exhibitors listed by the organiser. Registered public entry begins at 10am, while the S\$50 Collector Pass adds 8am priority access, a welcome pack, all-three-day entry and the Saturday cocktail dinner.

For a new or experienced collector considering the monetarium fair at suntec, the immediate job is to choose an entry type, plan which exhibitors to meet and avoid treating a fair appraisal as proof of value.

Free entry or Collector Pass?

You want to browse or meet a few dealers	Register for free entry from 10am and plan a focused route
You need early access across all three days	Compare the S\$50 Collector Pass benefits with your actual schedule
You want an appraisal	Bring provenance and condition notes, then seek more than one opinion
You may sell or consign an item	Ask about fees, reserve, insurance, custody and payment before handing it over

A 94-exhibitor fair needs a purpose. Visitors should choose whether they are browsing banknotes, coins, stamps, trading cards, grading or auction services, then shortlist booths. A two-hour plan with six conversations can yield more than an unfocused full-day circuit.

Free registered entry begins later than the paid Collector Pass access. The S\$50 pass should be valued against early entry, all-three-day access, the welcome pack and Saturday hospitality that the visitor will actually use. It is not a promise of better purchases or investment returns.

Define the collecting task

A 94-exhibitor floor can overwhelm a first-time visitor. The controlling details used here are on [Monetarium organiser official site](#).

Choose banknotes, coins, stamps, trading cards, grading or auction consignment before arrival.

Compare entry value

The Collector Pass adds access and hospitality, not guaranteed buying advantage.

Price the benefits you will actually use against the free route.

Create a dealer shortlist

Country, era, denomination and price range make conversations more productive.

Save booth names and five must-ask questions.

Handle condition carefully

Cleaning, folding or removing an item from its holder can reduce collectability.

Transport items in protective sleeves and ask before handling stock.

Treat appraisals as opinions

Fair-floor values can vary by condition, rarity, evidence and the dealer's role. The related condition is explained in [Suntec Singapore event listing](#).

Record assumptions and obtain a second view before a sale.

Secure custody

Coins, notes and cards are small, valuable and easy to misplace.

Use an item log and never leave an undocumented consignment.

Review after the fair

Excitement can compress due diligence.

Photograph labels with permission, retain receipts and decide larger purchases after checking references.

A focused two-hour fair plan

A useful two-hour visit could cover six shortlisted dealers, one grading consultation and one appraisal. A visitor who wants only those tasks may gain little from paying for three days of early access.

Two ways to use limited fair time

- a two-hour exhibitor route built from category, budget and fixed questions
- an appraisal and consignment custody checklist separating opinion, fees, reserve and evidence

Make the decision auditable

Turn the exhibitor list into a route by adding category, booth, first question and maximum time. A banknote collector might select two specialist dealers, a grading service, an auction house and one unfamiliar regional seller. The route should leave space to compare notes before a purchase instead of filling every minute with booths.

For a coin or note offered as scarce, record denomination, year, mint or issuing detail, grade, certification number and the evidence behind rarity. Check the certifier's database where available and ask about cleaning, repair or restoration. A beautiful holder and fair-floor urgency are not substitutes for provenance and condition.

If consigning, photograph the item and holder at handover with permission, then obtain a receipt naming the business and representative. Record reserve, seller's commission, unsold fee, payment timing, insurance and return method. For a purchase, keep the invoice and seller identity. LBRD does not treat collectibles as guaranteed investments or endorse any exhibitor.

One more check before acting

Set a purchase rule before entering the hall. For example, allow same-day purchases only below a personal threshold when certification can be checked, provenance is clear and the price has been compared. Anything outside the rule goes onto a review list with photographs taken with permission. Payment security matters too: verify the payee name, obtain a receipt and do not transfer money to a different account merely because someone at the booth says the usual terminal is unavailable. The organiser's exhibitor list confirms participation, not the authenticity or suitability of every item offered.

Visitors carrying high-value material should use a discreet bag, keep an item count and avoid displaying the whole collection at once. Check the venue's current entry and security rules before bringing bulky cases. A companion can help record discussions, but each handover should still be acknowledged by the person taking custody. Recount the items before leaving the hall.

For an appraisal, bring provenance, condition notes and previous documentation. Ask whether the person is buying, selling, grading or advising because the commercial role affects the context of the opinion. Seek a second view before a material sale or consignment.

Any custody transfer should record item, condition, holder, purpose, fees, insurance, reserve, return terms and payment route. Never clean or remove an item from its holder merely to make it presentable at the fair. Condition changes can be irreversible.

What to have ready

- Register through the official site
- Choose free or Collector Pass entry
- Build an exhibitor shortlist
- Protect items for transport
- Record appraisal assumptions
- Document any custody transfer
- Keep receipts and review purchases

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Continue the task on LBRD

For an adjacent decision, [compare another focused Suntec fair plan](#). You can also [see how to plan a broader hobby event](#).

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