

# Vietnam Coins in the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge

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## 1. Introduction

This is the third paper in our series on the Collection of Far-Eastern Coins in the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge University. The first paper (Sakuraki and Blackburn 2001) reported on Japanese Coins, the second (Ouchi, Sakuraki and Blackburn 2007) discussed Chinese Coins and this paper will consider the Vietnamese Coins in the Fitzwilliam Museum collection.

From the 10th century in Vietnam, under Chinese influence, round coins with square holes were minted. It is well known that coins were in circulation in Vietnam from the 16th to the 17th centuries, just as they were in Japan and the Korean Peninsula. The first known official Vietnamese coinage is thought to have come from the time of the Dinh Dynasty, around 970-979 AD. In 970, Dinh Bo Linh adopted the reign title of Thai Binh and issued coins with the inscription Thai Binh Hung Bao (太平興寶).

In Japanese Numismatic society, the pioneering three-volume work by Miura Gosen. “Annam Sempu (安南泉譜)” (Gosen 1966) stands out as one of the most complete and accurate works on Vietnamese coins to date. Recently, research on Vietnamese coins is being conducted throughout the world, and a number of useful collections have been pub-

lished, such as “The Historical Cash Coins of Viet Nam” (Barker 2004), which presents particularly valuable information on Vietnamese coins, and “Catalogue des monnaies vietnamiennes, Supplément” (Thierry 2001).

Sakuraki and Ouchi conducted a systematic screening of hoards in Hanoi in September, 2007. This was the first archaeological coin survey by Japanese scholars in Vietnam, which joined research started by Dr Miyake Tosihiko in March, 2006 (Miyake 2006). Vietnamese coins such as Thien Phuc Tran Bao 天福鎮寶 (first issued in 980) and Dai Tri Thong Bao 大治通寶 (first issued in 1358) have very occasionally been found mixed up with medieval coins excavated in Japan. But, there are very few opportunities to observe Vietnamese coins in person in Japan, which is a disadvantage for scholars interested in conducting their own surveys in Vietnam. One way to overcome this barrier is to conduct a detailed examination of coinage available at museums. Through this, one can develop a discerning eye for coins, and the comparatively sound condition of coins stored in museums further facilitates this endeavor. As such, Sakuraki and Ouchi decided to take the opportunity to personally examine the coin collection at Fitzwilliam Museum, at which we have been conducting joint research since 2001, with the intention of exploiting this new-found knowledge and experience in future field trips

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## 2. Vietnam cash coins

Ouchi and Sakuraki observed the Vietnam coin collection at Fitzwilliam Museum in July and September of 2007, thanks to the assistance of Dr Mark Blackburn. As of September 2007, the Fitzwilliam Museum holds 126 Vietnamese cash coins, which are composed of 50 types of coins, as shown in Table 1. When cataloguing the coins we mainly referred to Barker (2004). When specific coins were not listed in Barker (2004) we used Thierry (2001) and Novak (1989). There were some copies of Chinese cash coins and coins issued in unknown reigns (No.100-119) in the collection. However, here we provide a description of all coins in chronological order.

No 1. Thai Bing Hung Bao (太平興寶): This coin is the first in the official series of the Annamese dynastic coins. On the reverse above the hole is the character Dinh [丁] which is the name of the dynasty which lasted briefly from 968-981. It seems to have been ground in later centuries and the outer rim edges on the reverse side are worn. On the obverse above the hole is the character Thai (which appears as [大] not [太]). The metal seems to have a high copper content.

No 2. Thien Phuc Tran Bao (天福鎮寶): On the reverse above the hole is the character Le [黎].

No 3. Can Phu Nguyen Bao (乾符元寶): The diameter is small at 21.2mm. The metal seems to have a high copper content.

Nos 4-5. Dai Dinh Thong Bao (大定通寶): There are two coins of this type. One has a slightly large diameter at 22.4 mm and the

other has a slightly small diameter at 21.0 mm. The reverse of both have been ground.

No 6. Thien Khanh Thong Bao (天慶通寶): There are gas holes between the characters Thien [天] and Khanh [慶] which suggest that a miss run(a casting that is not completely filled with metal) occurred. The metal seems to have a high copper content.

No 7. Thieu Binh Thong Bao (紹平通寶): This is a well-made coin.

Nos 8-9. Thai Hoa Thong Bao (大和通寶): There are two of this type of coin. No 8 is small with a diameter of 20.3mm. It also seems to have a high copper content. No 9. is a well-made coin.

No 10. Dien Ninh Thong Bao (延寧通寶) and No 11. Quang Thuan Thong Bao (光順通寶): Both of these coins are well-made.

Nos 12-13. Hong Duc Thong Bao (洪德通寶): There are two of this type of coin. One has some green patina growth which suggests it has a high copper content. Some parts of the characters have been worn, and the character engravings are not as crisp as the other coin.

No 14. Vinh Dinh Thong Bao (永定通寶): This coin has a small diameter at 21.7 mm and is not thick. It has some green patina growth which suggests a high copper content. No 14 is of the same size and seems to have been made of the same material as No 3 (Can Phu Nguyen Bao [乾符元寶]) and Nos 8-9 (Thai Hoa Thong Bao [大和通寶]).

No 15. Canh Thong Thong Bao (景統通寶): This is a well-made coin and is 1.9 mm thick.

No 16. Doan Khanh Thong Bao (端慶通寶):

This coin is 2.6 mm thick and well made.

No 17. Hong Thuan Thong Bao (洪順通寶): This is also a well-made coin.

Nos 18-21. Tuong Phu Nguyen Bao (祥符元寶): There are four coins of this type. The characters found on No 18 are similar to characters used in coins made during the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127), and its diameter is rather small at 22.9 mm. However, it is thin and seems to be made of brass. Furthermore, on the left side of the reverse, the character Nguyen [元] has been inscribed at a 90 degree rotation to the left.

No 22. Tri Binh Thong Bao (治平通寶): This coin has brass colorings and has a diameter of 24.7 mm.

Nos 23-24. An Phap Nguyen Bao (安法元寶): The reverse of No 26 is flat and is of a whitish color. The reverse of No 27 is barely decipherable. We can identify the outer and inner rims, however, whether it is because it is ground or not is uncertain, but the reverse is almost flat. Moreover, only Nguyen [元] of An Phap Nguyen Bao [安法元寶] is of seal script.

No 25 Thai Binh Thanh Bao (太平聖寶): This coin has a small diameter at 21.7 mm, and is not thick.

Nos 26-27. Vinh Tho Thong Bao (永壽通寶): There are two coins of this type. The characters of both are not clearly defined, perhaps due to imperfections in the mold, and the rim and outer rim on the reverse are not crisp.

Nos 28-41. Thai Binh Thong Bao (太平通寶): There are 14 coins of this type. There is one or two stars inscribed on the reverse of several of these coins. Moreover, there are two coins not

listed in Barker (2004) which have a distinctive version of the character Binh [平] inscribed on the reverse.

Canh Hung (景興) coins were minted in Vietnam in 1740-1776 and have more basic variants than any other Annam royal issue, or indeed any official coin of one reign in East Asian history.

Nos 42-61. Canh Hung Thong Bao (景興通寶): There are 19 coins of the Canh Hung Thong Bao type in the collection. On the left of the reverse of one of them is the character Tu [四] and on the right is the character Siu [小]. This coin is not described in Barker (2004). In addition, there are other coins which contain characters on the reverse. Overall, there are many coins of this type which seem to have a high copper content. No 42 has Canh Hung Thong Bao [景興通寶] engraved on both sides. This coin has brass colorings and is rather thin. There are also five coins (Nos 51-55) which feature characters engraved in seal script. There is one coin which seems to have been engraved using regular script. In addition, there are 4 coins (Nos 62-65) of the Canh Hung Cu Bao type (景興巨寶) and 2 coins (Nos 66-67) of the Canh Hung Tuyen Bao type (景興泉寶). The character Hung [興] on Nos 66 and 67 has been engraved differently to the other coins of the Canh Hung type. There is one coin each of the Canh Hung Trong Bao type (景興重寶) and Canh Hung Vinh Bao type (景興永寶), Nos 68 and 69 respectively. Moreover, there are two coins (Nos 70-71) of the Canh Hung Dai Bao type (景興大寶) and one (No 72) of the Canh Hung Thuan Bao type (景興順寶).

No 73. Thien Minh Thong Bao (天明通寶): This is a well-made lead coin.

Nos 74-75. Chieu Thong Thong Bao (昭統通

寶): There are two coins of this type. Both are brass coins. One has the character San [山] and the other the character Trung [中] engraved on the bottom of the reverse.

Nos 76-77. Thai Duc Thong Bao (泰德通寶): Both of these coins have been ground on the reverse.

Nos 78-85. Quang Trung Thong Bao (光中通寶): There are eight coins of this type. Of these coins, there is one with the characters Annam [安南] engraved on the reverse. Two have a floral design engraved on the reverse.

Nos 86-92. Canh Thinh Thong Bao (景盛通寶): There are seven coins of this type. The inside of the outer rim of one of them is rather distinctive.

No 93. Can Long Thong Bao (乾隆通寶): This is a silvery coin. On the reverse is the character Annam [安南].

Nos 94-100. Gia Long Thong Bao (嘉隆通寶): There are seven coins of this type. Three are lead coins. Others are thin and of brass. Thus, it seems that this type of coin is not standardized. There are two coins which have the character Luc Phan [六分] on the reverse.

Nos 101-104. Minh Mang Thong Bao (明命通寶): There are 4 coins of this type. One of them has a diameter of 25.9 mm which is rather large. There are also small coins with a diameter of 21.8 mm.

No 105. Tri Nguyen Thanh Bao (治元聖寶) has a diameter of 23.8mm and No 106 Tri Nguyen Thong Bao (治元通寶) has a diameter of 22.3 mm, which is rather small. Both are not thick.

No 107. Nguyen Long Thong Bao (元隆通寶):

This coin is thin and has a diameter of 22.2 mm, which is rather small.

No 116. Thanh Thai Thong Bao (成泰通寶): This coin has a large diameter at 26.2 mm, and on the reverse is the character Tap Van [十文].

No 117. Khai Dinh Thong Bao (啓定通寶): We can only just confirm the outer rim and inner rim of this coin as it has been ground and is flat.

No 118. Chi Dao Nguyen Bao (至道元寶): The character Dao [道] is rather distinctive, and has places which look like the character "K". It is thin and seems to be a brass coin.

No 119. Thieu Thanh Nguyen Bao (紹聖元寶): This coin is of bronze coloring.

Nos 120-122. Van Lich Thong Bao (萬曆通寶): There are three coins of this type. One has the character [分] engraved on the right side of the reverse. The other two have the character Ly [厘] engraved on the right side of the reverse.

No 123. Thanh Tong Nguyen Bao (聖宋元寶): The characters inscribed on this coin are in seal-script, and it has a diameter of 22.9 mm. The character Thanh [聖] looks like the character [崖] and is quite distinctive.

No 124. Yuan You Tong Bao (元祐通寶): Compared to coins of the Northern Song Dynasty this coin is thin and of bronze coloring. The reverse has been ground.

No 125. Phuc Binh Nguyen Bao (福平元寶): The characters inscribed on this coin are in seal-script, and it is of bronze coloring. This coin is not listed in Barker (2004).

No 126. Tri Binh Thanh Bao (治平聖寶): This is a brass coin with a 20.4 mm diameter, which is rather small. The reverse has been ground and is flat.

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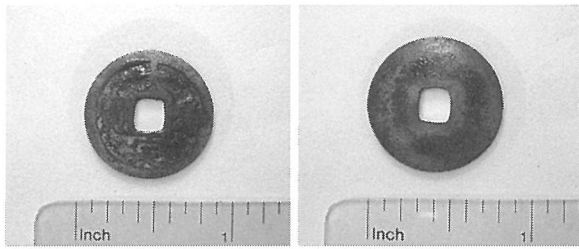
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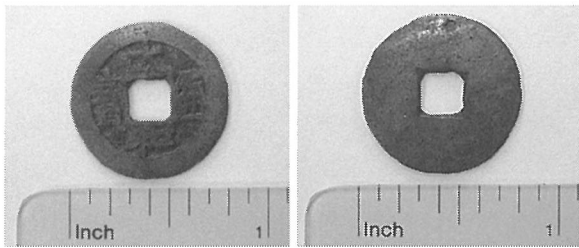
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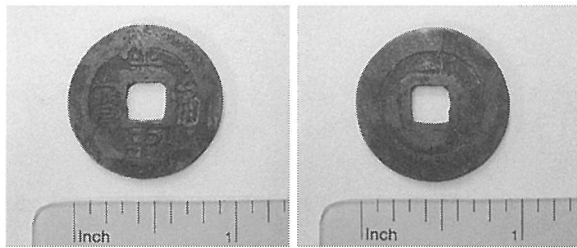
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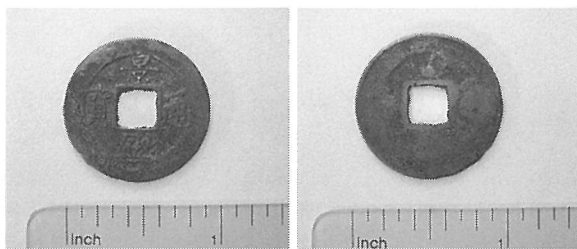
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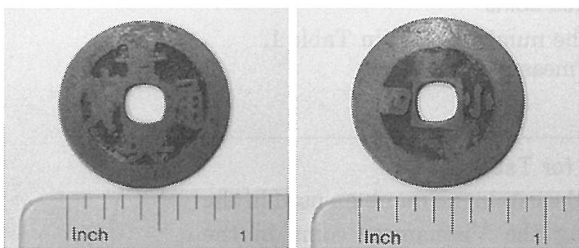
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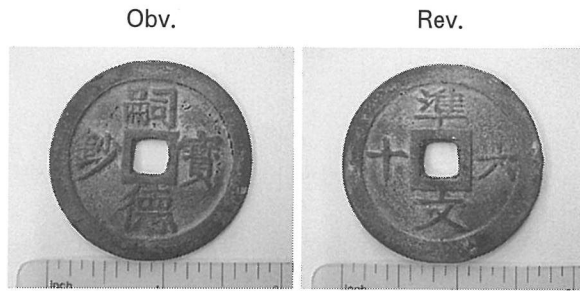
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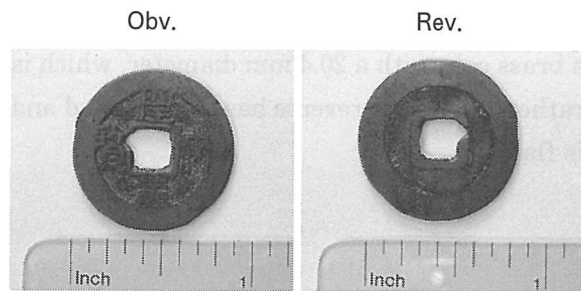
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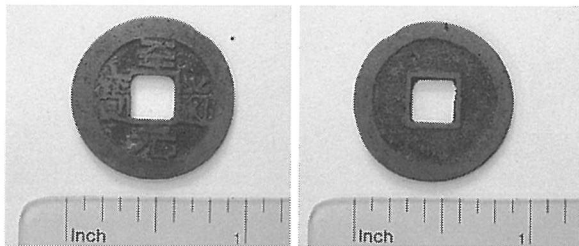
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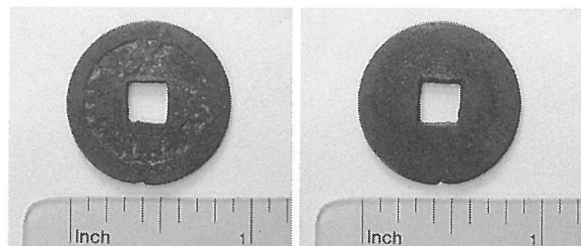
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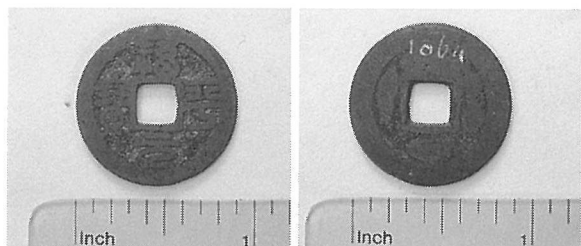
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119 Thieu Thanh Nguyen Bao



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121 Van Lich Thong Bao



126 Tri Binh Thanh Bao

Images of selected coins

Note : ① Numbers correspond to the numbers used in Table 1.  
 ② An Inch Ruler is used to measure the coins.

Explanatory notes for Table 1

• Numbers in the Reference column are the catalogue numbers used in the books we referred to when categorizing the Vietnamese coins in the Fitzwilliam Museum:

- ① Purely numerical entries indicate Barker (2004).
- ② Reference numbers prefixed by TS indicate Thierry (2001).
- ③ Reference numbers prefixed by T indicate Thierry (1987).
- ④ Reference numbers prefixed by N indicate Novak (1989).

We could only find references to coin No 108 in the Standard Catalog of World Coins 1801-1900.

• In regard to Metal Codes, in compliance with the customs of the European Numismatics Society, coins made of brass alloy are referred to as AE and coins made of silver are referred to as AR.

Table 1 Vietnam coins in the Fitzwilliam Museum (As of August 2007)

No.	Type (Date)	Script	Metal	Features	Reference	Weights
1	Thai Bing Hung Bao 太平興寶 (970-979)	Regular	AE	Rev: 丁 above.	1.10	2.66
2	Thien Phuc Tran Bao 天福鎮寶 (980-988)	Regular	AE	Rev: 黎 above.	2.3	2.33
3	Can Phu Nguyen Bao 乾符元寶 (1039-1041)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	4.1	1.82
4	Dai Dinh Thong Bao 大定通寶 (1369-1370)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	T3	2.05
5		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	T3	1.65
6	Thien Khanh Thong Bao 天慶通寶 (1426-1428)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	28.7	2.11
7	Thieu Binh Thong Bao 紹平通寶 (1434-1439)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	30.10	3.13
8	Thai Hoa Thong bao 大和通寶 (1443-1453)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	32.7	3.1
9		Regular	AE	Rev: Flat.	T424	1.77
10	Dien Ninh Thong Bao 延寧通寶 (1454-1459)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	33.11	3.59
11	Quang Thuan Thong Bao 光順通寶 (1460-1497)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	35.10	2.93
12	Hong Duc Thong Bao 洪德通寶 (1470-1497)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	36.11	2.89
13		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	36.14	3.91
14	Vinh Dinh Thong Bao 永定通寶 (1470-1497)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	49.1	1.57
15	Canh Thong Thong Bao 景統通寶 (1498-1504)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	37.11	5.57
16	Doan Khanh Thong Bao 端慶通寶 (1505-1509)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	38.5	8.48
17	Hong Thuan Thong Bao 洪順通寶 (1510-1516)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	39.10	4.93
18	Tuong Phu Nguyen Bao 祥符元寶 (1558-1778)	Regular	AE	Rev: 元 left.	87	1.97
19		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	87.1	2.76
20		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	87.1	3.7
21		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	87.1	3.21
22	Tri Binh Thong Bao 治平通寶 (1558-1778)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	88.1	3.39
23	An Phap Nguyen Bao 安法元寶 (1592-1677)	Regular	AE	Rev: Flat.	52.1	1.63
24		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	52.2	1.89
25	Thai Binh Thanh Bao 太平聖寶 (1592-1677)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	54	1.94
26	Vinh Tho Thong Bao 永壽通寶 (1658-1661)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	60.16	2.83
27		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	60.5	3.33

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28	Thai Binh Thanh Bao 太平通寶 (1725-1738)	Regular	AE	Rev: 丿 ? below.	83	1.57
29		Regular	AE	Rev: Star ? below.	83	1.58
30		Regular	AE	Rev: Star above.	83.3	3.33
31		Regular	AE	Rev: Star above.	83.3	3.56
32		Regular	AE	Rev: Star above.	83.3	2.83
33		Regular	AE	Rev: Star above.	83.4	3.55
34		Regular	AE	Rev: Two stars above.	83.5	3.1
35		Regular	AE	Rev: Two stars above.	83.5	2.99
36		Regular	AE	Rev: Two stars above.	83.5	3.18
37		Regular	AE	Rev: - above, 'V' design below.	83.6	3.39
38		Regular	AE	Rev: - above, 'V' design below.	83.6	2.29
39		Regular	AE	Rev: - above, 'V' design below.	83.6	2.91
40		Regular	AE	Rev: - below.	83	2.68
41		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	83	1.73
42	Canh Hung Thong Bao 景興通寶 (1740-1776)	Regular	AE	Inscription repeated on reverse.	132.1	1.39
43		Regular	AE	Rev: 四 left, 小 right.	68	2.14
44		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	68.13	2.43
45		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	68.15	3.18
46		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	68.16	2.4
47		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	68.25	2.79
48		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	68.26	2.72
49		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	68.3	3.47
50		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	68.36	3.31
51		Seal	AE	Rev: Plain.	68.41	2.9
52		Seal	AE	Rev: Plain.	68.41	3.99
53		Seal	AE	Rev: Plain.	68.43	3.44
54		Seal	AE	Rev: Plain.	68.43	3.02
55		Seal	AE	Rev: Plain.	68.47	2.61
56		Regular	AE	Rev: 南 left, 山 right.	68.58	2.42
57		Regular	AE	Rev: 京 above, dot below.	68.61	2.74
58		Regular	AE	Rev: 中 above.	68.66	2.83
59		Regular	AE	Rev: 中 above.	68.67	2.75
60	Regular	AE	Rev: 西 left, 山 right.	68.69	3.15	
61	Regular	AE	Rev: 工 below.	68.75	2.61	
62	Canh Hung Cu Bao 景興巨寶 (1740-1776)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	69.1	3.4
63		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	69.1	3.33
64		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	69.2	2.42
65		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	69.2	1.68
66	Canh Hung Tuyen Bao 景興泉寶 (1740-1776)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	72.1	2.9
67		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	72.1	3.15



68	Canh Hung Trong Bao 景興重寶 (1740-1776)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	75.1	2.42
69	Canh Hung Vinh Bao 景興永寶 (1740-1776)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	76.2	2.85
70	Canh Hung Dai Bao 景興大寶 (1740-1776)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	77.2	2.84
71		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	77.2	3.17
72	Canh Hung Thuan Bao 景興順寶 (1740-1776)	Regular	AE	Rev: Dot below.	79.4	2.72
73	Thien Minh Thong Bao 天明通寶 1746	Regular	Zn	Rev: Plain.	85.2	2.19
74	Chieu Thong Thong Bao 昭統通寶 (1787-1789)	Regular	AE	Rev: 山 below.	80.14	3.13
75		Regular	AE	Rev: 中 below.	80.15	3.8
76	Thai Duc Thong Bao 泰德通寶 (1788-1793)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	91.5	2.85
77		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	91.7	3.05
78	Quang Trung Thong Bao 光中通寶 (1788-1792)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	93.14	1.65
79		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	93.14	1.4
80		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	93.16	3.15
81		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	93.2	1.51
82		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	93.20	2.43
83		Regular	AE	Rev: 安 right, 南 left.	93.23	3.36
84		Regular	AE	Rev: Floral design.	93.29	1.1
85		Regular	AE	Rev: Floral design.	93.31	1.02
86	Canh Thinh Thong Bao 景盛通寶 (1793-1801)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	95.1	2.38
87		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	95.2	2.03
88		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	95.2	1.8
89		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	95.3	1.66
90		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	95.3	1.52
91		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	95.5	1.46
92		Regular	AE	Obv. and rev. rings.	95.9	1.98
93	Can Long Thong Bao 乾隆通寶 (1788-1802)	Regular	AE	Rev: 安 right, 南 left.	98.2	3.35
94	Gia Long Thong Bao 嘉隆通寶 (1802-1819)	Regular	Zn	Rev: 七 right, 分 left.	99.11	2.45
95		Regular	Zn	Rev: 七 right, 分 left.	99.11	2.65
96		Regular	Zn	Rev: 七 right, 分 left.	99.11	2.63
97		Regular	AE	Rev: Star right.	99.4	1.49
98		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	99.5	2.47
99		Regular	AE	Rev: 六 right, 分 left.	99.7	2.1
100		Regular	AE	Rev: 六 right, 分 left.	99.7	1.84

101	Minh Mang Thong Bao 明命通寶 (1820-1840)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	101.14	2.13
102		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	101.1	3.52
103		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	101.11	2.22
104		Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	101.11	2.32
105	Tri Nguyen Thanh Bao 治元聖寶 (1831-1834)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	111G	2.02
106	Tri Nguyen Thanh Bao 治元通寶 (1831-1834)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	111.2	1.7
107	Nguyen Long Thong Bao 元隆通寶 (1832-1833)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	113.2	1.69
108	Thieu Tri Thong Bao 紹治通寶 兆民賴之 (1841-1847)	Regular	AR	Rev: Facing dragon. Large coin.	※	18.78
109	Tu Duc Thong Bao 嗣德通寶 (1848-1883)	Regular	AR	Rev: 多三 above.	T1850	3.68
110		Regular	AR	Rev: An image of moon and an image of a sun	TS495	3.71
111		Regular	AR	Rev: 一德.	TS494	3.75
112		Regular	AR	Rev: 使民富壽.	TS498	5.69
113		Regular	AR	Large coin Rev: 使民富壽.	T1840	15.07
114		Regular	AR	Rev: 富壽多男.		5.45
115	Tu Duc Bao Sao 嗣德寶鈔 (1848-1883)	Regular	Pb	60 Van Coin Rev: 準六十文.	208	20.5
116	Thanh Thai Thong Bao 成泰通寶 (1889-1907)	Regular	AE	Rev: 十 right, 文 left.	107.1	3.96
117	Khai Dinh Thong Bao 啓定通寶 (1916-1925)	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	109.3	2.36
118	Chi Dao Nguyen Bao 至道元寶	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	N109B	2.1
119	Thieu Thanh Nguyen Bao 紹聖元寶	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	N214	2.64
120	Van Lich Thong Bao 萬曆通寶	Regular	AE	Rev: 分 right.	N270C	1.48
121		Regular	AE	Rev: 厘 right.	N270E	1.91
122		Regular	AE	Rev: 厘 right.	N270E	1.74
123	Thanh Tong Nguyen Bao 聖宋元寶	Seal	AE	Rev: Plain.	N284A	2.65
124	Yuan You Tong Bao 元祐通寶	Regular	AE	Rev: Plain.	T184	2.16
125	Phuc Binh Nguyen Bao 福平元寶	Seal	AE	Rev: Plain.	T1137	2.06
126	Tri Binh Thanh Bao 治平聖寶	Regular	AE	Rev: Flat.	T343	1.29

※ "Standard Catalog of World Coins 1801-1900", p.1119

In table 2, the information in table 1 has been rearranged into chronological order. As you can tell by this table, there are no references to coins from reigns such as Ho Dynasty (胡朝), Tran Dynasty Restored (後陳) and The Trinh Lords (王鄭). In order to supplement its collection with coins from these dynasties, from the end of September to October 2007, the Fitzwilliam Museum added

76 new Vietnamese coins to its collection. We have personally examined these new coins, and will release our findings in a future paper.

Table 2 Chronological list of coins catalogued

Vietnamese reign title	Type	No. of coins
The Dinh Dynasty (968-980 AD) 丁朝	Thai Bing Hung Bao 太平興寶	1
The Anterior Le Dynasty (980-1010) 前黎朝	Thien Phuc Tran Bao 天福鎮寶	1
The Ly Dynasty (1010-1225 AD) 李朝	Can Phu Nguyen Bao 乾符元寶	1
The Tran Dynasty (1225-1400) 陳朝	Dai Dinh Thong Bao 大定通寶	2
Ming Occupation, War of Independence (1414-1428) 明占領期之獨立戰爭	Thien Khanh Thong Bao 天慶通寶	1
The Later Le Dynasty (1428-1527) 黎朝	Thieu Binh Thong Bao 紹平通寶	1
	Thai Hoa Thong Bao 大和通寶	2
	Dien Ninh Thong Bao 延寧通寶	1
	Quang Thuan Thong Bao 光順通寶	1
	Hong Duc Thong Bao 洪德通寶	2
	Canh Thong Thong Bao 景統通寶	1
	Doan Khanh Thong Bao 端慶通寶	1
	Hong Thuan Thong Bao 洪順通寶	1
The Mac Dynasty (1527-1592) 莫朝	Vinh Dinh Thong Bao 永定通寶	1
The Mac at Cao Bang (1592-1677) 莫氏	An Phap Nguyen Bao 安法元寶	2
	Thai Binh Thanh Bao 太平聖寶	1
Le Kings under the Trinh (1787-1788) 後黎	Vinh Tho Thong Bao 永壽通寶	2
	Canh Hung Thong Bao 景興通寶	20
	Canh Hung Cu Bao 景興巨寶	4
	Canh Hung Tuyen Bao 景興泉寶	2
	Canh Hung Trong Bao 景興重寶	1
	Canh Hung Vinh Bao 景興永寶	1
	Canh Hung Dai Bao 景興大寶	2
	Canh Hung Thuan Bao 景興順寶	1
	Chieu Thong Thong Bao 昭統通寶	2
The Nguyen Lords (1558-1778) 阮氏	Thai Binh Thanh Bao 太平通寶	14
	Thien Minh Thong Bao 天明通寶	1
	Tuong Phu Nguyen Bao 祥符元寶	4
	Tri Binh Thong Bao 治平通寶	1
The Tay Son Dynasty (1778-1802) 西山朝	Thai Duc Thong Bao 泰德通寶	2
	Quang Trung Thong Bao 光中通寶	8
	Can Long Thong Bao 乾隆通寶	1
	Canh Thinh Thong Bao 景盛通寶	7
The Nguyen Emperors (1802-1945) 阮朝	Gia Long Thong Bao 嘉隆通寶	7
	Minh Mang Thong Bao 明命通寶	4
	Thanh Thai Thong Bao 成泰通寶	1
	Khai Dinh Thong Bao 啓定通寶	1
	Thieu Tri Thong Bao 紹治通寶 兆民賴之	1

The Nguyen Emperors (1802-1945) 阮朝	Tu Duc Thong Bao 嗣德通寶	6
	Tu Duc Bao Sao 嗣德寶鈔	1
Rebels of the Nguyen Dynasty (1831-1834) 阮朝反乱軍	Tri Nguyen Thanh Bao 治元通寶	1
	Tri Nguyen Thanh Bao 治元聖寶	1
	Nguyen Long Thong Bao 元隆通寶	1
Unknown reign	Chi Dao Nguyen Bao 至道元寶	1
	Tri Binh Thanh Bao 治平聖寶	1
	Phuc Binh Nguyen Bao 福平元寶	1
	Yuan You Tong Bao 元祐通寶	1
	Thieu Thanh Nguyen Bao 紹聖元寶	1
	Thanh Tong Nguyen Bao 聖宋元寶	1
	Van Lich Thong Bao 萬曆通寶	3
Total		126

### 3. Closing Remarks

As a result of our observations of Vietnamese coins, we can say that one feature of coins made from the 18th century onwards is that they are comparatively thin. Whether it is because of the way they were finished or not is uncertain, but the reverse of many coins have been ground. The Vietnamese coin collection in the Fitzwilliam Museum is not as vast as the substantial European coin collection, but the fact that we were able to actually touch and observe the coins ourselves will no doubt assist us in our future fieldworks in Vietnam. We thank the staff of the Department of Coins and Medals, Fitzwilliam Museum, for their kind assistance.

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