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# A Real Gem at SFO

## New Exhibition Present Minerals and Gems from the collections of the California Academy of Sciences

**SAN FRANCISCO** -- Now on view at San Francisco International Airport, *Minerals and Gemstones from the collections of the California Academy of Sciences* includes more than 400 natural crystals and worked specimens from as nearby as Santa Clara County, California; and from as far away as outer space. Among the objects on display are jade from China, citrine from India, smoky quartz from Japan, agate from Mexico, amethyst from Brazil, and malachite from Zaire. Selected by guest curator Jean F. DeMouthe, *Minerals and Gemstones* demonstrates the depth and breadth of one of the Academy's most popular collections.

*Minerals and Gemstones from the collections of the California Academy of Sciences* is located pre-security in the International Terminal Main Hall. The exhibition is on view, free of charge, through February 10, 2008.

Downloadable images are available at: http://www.flysfo.com/web/page/about/news/pressres/exh-mineralgem.html.

### San Francisco Airport Museums

The San Francisco Airport Museums program was established by the Airport Commission in 1980 for the purposes of humanizing the Airport environment, providing visibility for the unique cultural life of San Francisco, and providing educational services for the traveling public. The Museum was granted initial accreditation from the American Association of Museums in 1999, reaccredited in 2005, and has the distinction of being the only accredited museum in an airport. Today, the San Francisco Airport Museums features approximately twenty galleries throughout the Airport terminals displaying a rotating schedule of art, history, science, and cultural exhibitions, as well as the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum, a permanent collection dedicated to the history of commercial aviation.

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#### About San Francisco International Airport

SFO (www.flysfo.com) offers non-stop links with more than 29 international points on 25 international carriers. The Bay Area's Airport of Choice connects non-stop with more than 60 cities in the United States on 20 domestic airlines, including more than twice as many non-stop flights to the New York area than other Bay Area airports combined.