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ASIAN ART AUTUMN LIVE SALES ACHIEVED A COMBINED TOTAL OF HK\$918 MILLION / US\$118 MILLION

Second Highest Autumn Sale Total Since 2018
Almost 40% of Lots Surpassed Pre-sale High Estimates

Headlined by Esteemed Private Collections Outstanding Quality and Provenance

**CHINESE CERAMICS AND WORKS OF ART ACHIEVED
HK\$524 MILLION / US\$67.5 MILLION**
HONG KONG AUTUMN AUCTIONS MARKET LEADERSHIP
Highest Autumn Sale Total Since 2017

***The Tianminlou Collection* Achieved HK\$260 Million / US\$33 Million**
168% Hammer Over Low Estimate

Top Three Lots from Yuan, Ming, Qing Dynasties Almost Tripled Their Low Estimates
Led by A Magnificent and Superbly Painted Blue And White 'Peony Scroll'
Meiping and Cover, Yuan Dynasty (1279-1368)

Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art Achieved HK\$264 Million / US\$34 Million
Led by A Magnificent Fine and Extremely Rare Underglaze-Blue and Copper-Red-Decorated 'Dragon'
Tianqiuping, Yongzheng Six-Character Mark in Underglaze Blue and of the Period (1723 – 1735)

Over 40% of New Buyers were Millennials

**CHINESE PAINTINGS ACHIEVED
HK\$394 MILLION / US\$50.7 MILLION**
Second Highest Hong Kong Autumn Sale Total Since 2018
Led By Wu Guanzhong's *A Hill City*, sold for HK\$43,935,000 / US\$5,665,989
Close to 30% of lots sold over pre-sale high estimates



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Hong Kong – Christie's Asian Art live auctions in Hong Kong realised a combined sale total of HK\$918,166,390 / US\$118,105,947. A diverse curation by Christie's specialist team was offered this season, featuring esteemed private collections of outstanding quality and provenance. Rare Yuan Dynasty Chinese ceramics and works of art, as well as fresh-to-market Chinese paintings spanning from the 8th to 19th centuries, were among this season's offerings. Christie's is delighted to have witnessed a significant appreciation for the exceptional quality and artistic significance of these sales.

The series of Asian Art online sales, including [Ceramics and Works of Art from the Yidetang Collection](#) and [Pavilion Online - Chinese Art](#) will both continue until 5 December, and [Cultured Legacy: Chinese Paintings and Calligraphy from the Chang Shiu Sig and Tung Shui Wah Collection](#) will continue until 6 December.

Christie's Hong Kong | Asian Art Live Auctions Overview:

Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art | 30 November

Highest Hong Kong Annual Sale Total Since 2018: HK\$912 Million / US\$118 Million

Autumn Live Sales Total: HK\$524 Million / US\$67.5 Million

- Christie's proudly leads the market this autumn for Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art
- Highest Hong Kong Autumn Sale Total Since 2017

On 30 November, Christie's Hong Kong Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art Department held two live auctions, [The Tianminlou Collection](#), and [Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art](#), achieving a combined autumn sale total of HK\$524,184,390 (US\$67,526,744), and affirmed market leadership in Asia for the category this season. Christie's continued its stewardship of the world's most esteemed private collections with the magnificent *The Tianminlou Collection*, which incited a tremendous response from bidders, and achieved HK\$260,440,000 (US\$33,550,532), with over 70% of sold lots surpassing their high estimates. The results across the two live sales attest to the strength of curation by Christie's specialists and astute pricing strategy, and the superb quality and provenance of the objects presented. Younger collectors continued to demonstrate their appreciation for this classical Asian art category – over 40% of new buyers this season were Millennials.

Chinese Paintings | 1 – 2 December

Autumn Live Sales Total: HK\$394 Million / US\$50.7 Million

- Second Highest Hong Kong Autumn Sale Total Since 2018
- Close to 30% of lots sold over pre-sale high estimate

On 1 and 2 December, Christie's Hong Kong presented two live auctions [Fine Chinese Modern and Contemporary Ink Paintings](#) and [Fine Chinese Classical Paintings and Calligraphy](#), which achieved a combined total of HK\$393,982,000 (US\$50,678,850), and contributed to the second highest Hong Kong autumn sale total for the category Asia since 2018. Amongst the masterpieces offered, the top lot was Wu Guanzhong's *A Hill City* which realised HK\$43,935,000 (US\$5,665,989) and was sold to an online bidder. This season, *Fine Chinese Classical Paintings and Calligraphy* saw Millennials comprise 50% of new buyers, demonstrating the high desirability and value of these extraordinary Chinese paintings amongst the younger generation.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

TOP LOTS OF EACH SALE



Lot 2701

**A MAGNIFICENT AND SUPERBLY
PAINTED BLUE AND WHITE 'PEONY SCROLL'
MEIPING AND COVER
YUAN DYNASTY (1279-1368)**

Price Realised: HK\$67,775,000 / US\$8,736,896

TRIPLED THE LOW ESTIMATE



Lot 2840

**THE PROPERTY OF A NOBLE FAMILY
A MAGNIFICENT FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE
UNDERGLAZE-BLUE AND COPPER-RED-DECORATED
'DRAGON' TIANQIUPING
YONGZHENG SIX-CHARACTER MARK IN UNDERGLAZE
BLUE AND OF THE PERIOD (1723-1735)**

Price Realised: HK\$56,035,000 / US\$7,218,596

MORE THAN TRIPLED THE LOW ESTIMATE



Lot 1056

**PROPERTY FROM THE COLLECTION OF
SIR WILLIAM G. EHRLMAN
WU GUANZHONG (1919-2010)
A Hill City**

Price realised: HK\$43,935,000 / US\$5,665,989



Lot 843

**ZHU YUNMING (1460-1526)
Cursive Script Calligraphy**

Price realised: HK\$24,575,000 / US\$3,161,141

Upcoming Asian Art Auctions:

Hong Kong

- Online : [Ceramics and Works of Art from the Yidetang Collection](#) | Until 5 December
- Online : [Pavilion Online – Chinese Art](#) | Until 5 December
- Online: [Cultured Legacy: Chinese Paintings and Calligraphy from the Chang Shiu Sig and Tung Shui Wah Collection](#) | Until 6 December

Paris

- Live : [Art d'Asie](#) | 12 December
- Online: [Art of Asia Online](#) | Until 14 December

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