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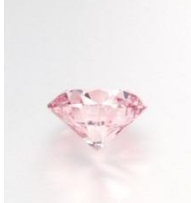
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CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG SPRING SALES WEEK 2012 ACHIEVES HK\$2.7 BILLION/US\$351.7 MILLION



Hong Kong - François Curiel, President of Christie's Asia, commented after the sale “Sophistication and solidity were the themes of the 5-day week of sales in May at Christie's Hong Kong, which totalled more than HK\$2.7 billion/US\$ 351.7million. This auction consolidates Hong Kong's position as one of the 3 major art centres in the world alongside London and New York. Chinese classical paintings and Calligraphy, Asian contemporary art, Chinese works of art, jewellery, watches and wine, all attracted energetic bidding from Greater China and the rest of the world. This series of auctions indicates real confidence in the art market and act as a firm foundation for building an even stronger market in Asia.”

Christie's Hong Kong Spring 2012 Season Highlights

FINE AND RARE WINES The Property of a Gentleman Part II <i>Saturday, 26 May</i> Sale Total: HK\$20.3M/US\$2.6M Click here to view Top Ten results		Sale 2903, Lot 555 Pétrus Collection Pomerol, cru exceptionnel. Château-bottled <i>4 imperials</i> Estimate: HK\$ 500,000-700,000 Sold for: HK\$ 786,500
ASIAN 20TH CENTURY & CONTEMPORARY ART <i>Saturday & Sunday, 26 -27 May</i> Sale Total: HK\$629.5M/US\$81.1M Click here to view Top Ten results		Sale 2906, Lot 2011 SANYU (1901-1966) <i>Blue Chrysanthemums in a Glass Vase</i> Estimate: HK\$ 23,000,000-28,000,000 Sold for: HK\$ 47,700,000/US\$6,143,760
CHINESE PAINTINGS Fine Chinese Classical Paintings and Calligraphy Fine Chinese Modern Paintings Grandiose and Mysterious – Magnificent Paintings by Cui Ruzhuo <i>Monday & Tuesday, 28 – 29 May</i> Sale Total: HK\$782.3M/US\$100.8M Click here to view Top Ten results		Sale 2910, Lot 2757 DONG QICHANG (1555-1636) <i>Poems in Running Script Calligraphy</i> Estimate: HK\$ 5,000,000-7,000,000 Sold for: HK\$ 57,780,000/US\$7,442,064
HONG KONG MAGNIFICENT JEWELS <i>Tuesday, 29 May</i> Sale Total: HK\$623.4M/US\$80.3M Click here to view Top Ten results		Sale 2918, Lot 3766 The Martian Pink A brilliant-cut fancy intense pink diamond ring of 12.04 cts, by Harry Winston US\$1,444,000 per ct Estimate: HK\$ 65,000,000-95,000,000 Sold for: HK\$ 135,060,000/US\$ 17,395,728
CHINESE CERAMICS AND WORKS OF ART Masterpieces of the Enameller's Art from the Mandel Collection The Imperial Sale Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art <i>Wednesday, 30 May</i> Sale Total: HK\$512.9M/US\$66.1M Click here to view Top Ten results		Sale 2915, Lot 4054 A magnificent large blue and white 'Mandarin Ducks' charger Yuan Dynasty (1279-1368) Estimate: HK\$12,000,000-18,000,000 Sold for: HK\$ 29,220,000/US\$3,763,536
IMPORTANT WATCHES <i>Wednesday, 30 May</i> Sale Total: HK\$167.9M/US\$21.6M Click here to view Top Ten results		Sale 2919, Lot 4953 Patek Philippe, Ref. 5002 Manufactured in 2006 Estimate: HK\$7,200,000-12,000,000 Sold for: HK\$ 10,068,000/ US\$1,296,758

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Top ten results giving sale details and post-sale specialist comments,
as well as full price lists for each sale, are available on request or by visiting www.Christies.com

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**Estimates do not include buyer's premium. Sales totals are hammer price plus buyer's premium and do not reflect costs, financing fees or application of buyer's or seller's credits.*