

For Immediate Release

Friday, 18 May 2012

CHRISTIE'S

Contact: Hannah Schweiger

+44 (0) 207 389 2964

hschweiger@christies.com

CHRISTIE'S ASIAN ART WEEK LONDON TOTALS £22.4 MILLION / US\$35.8 MILLION

London - Christie's leads the Asian art market, after concluding its Spring Asian Art Week in London with a combined total of £22.4 million (US\$35.8 million / €28 million/HK\$276.8 million) over four days of sales between 15th - 18th May 2012.

Jonathan Stone, Chairman and International Head, Asian Art, said: *"The combined sales of Chinese Art at King Street and South Kensington with the two Japanese sales gave us market share overall for the week (59% against our nearest competitor for Asian Art in London). We also achieved market share in Chinese and Japanese collecting categories. The results for the Japanese single owner collection and Chinese works of art at South Kensington are particularly strong and consolidated with all four sales of the week demonstrate Christie's dominance of the Asian Art market in Europe."*

OVERVIEW OF ASIAN ART WEEK SALES

CHINESE CERAMICS, WORKS OF ART AND TEXTILES 18 May 2012 £5,491,738 \$8,649,487 €6,826,230 83% sold by lot/ 92% by £		<u>Top Lot</u> Lot 1195 A zitan altar table, 19th century Estimate: £8,000 - 12,000 Sold: £181,250
MASTERFUL EXUBERANCE, ARTISTIC CRAFTSMANSHIP OF IMPERIAL JAPAN, A PRIVATE COLLECTION 18 May 2012 £2,177,550 \$3,429,641 €2,706,695 82% sold by lot/ 91% by £		<u>Top Lot</u> Lot 244 A fine and rare cloisonné vessel and cover in the form of a temple bell, attributed to the Namikawa Yasuyuki workshop, Meiji Period (late 19th century) Estimate: £180,000-250,000 Sold: £217,250
CHINESE INTERIORS 16 May 2012 £1,548,363 \$2,469,639 €1,943,196 83% sold by lot/ 93% by £		<u>Top Lot</u> Lot 705 A pair of Chinese <i>famille rose</i> garden seats, 19th century Estimate: £4,000 - 6,000 Sold: £51,650
JAPANESE ART & DESIGN 16 May 2012 £1,379,613 \$2,200,483 €1,731,414 66% sold by lot/ 78% by £		<u>Top Lot</u> Lot 243 A rare pair of Kakiemon models of tigers, Edo period (late 17th century) Estimate: £100,000-150,000 Sold: £169,250
FINE CHINESE CERAMICS AND WORKS OF ART 15 May 2012 £11,840,050 \$19,050,640 €14,811,903 50% sold by lot/ 71% by £		<u>Top Lot</u> Lot 318 A magnificent pair of Imperial large <i>famille rose</i> vases, Jiaqing iron-red six-character seal marks & of the period (1796-1820) Estimate: £800,000- 1.2million Sold: £1,273,250