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THE MEIJI AESTHETIC: SELECTED MASTERPIECES FROM A PRIVATE ASIAN COLLECTION

AN INAUGURAL AUCTION IN ASIA FOR WORKS OF ART FROM THE MEIJI ERA

SALE TOTAL: HK\$16,512,500/US\$2,119,703

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR *JIZAI* (ARTICULATED SCULPTURE)



AN IMPORTANT IRON ARTICULATED SCULPTURE OF AN EAGLE ON STAND
MEIJI PERIOD (CIRCA 1894), SIGNED SHINJIRO (ITAO SHINJIRO; 1842-1911)
Price Realized: HK\$6,700,000/US\$860,076

Hong Kong – On 27 November Christie's presented an inaugural sale in Asia for works of art from the Meiji era, entitled "The Meiji Aesthetic: Selected Masterpieces from a Private Asian Collection" in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration, which achieved HK\$16,512,500/ US\$2,119,703.

Top lot of the sale was **AN IMPORTANT IRON ARTICULATED SCULPTURE OF AN EAGLE ON STAND, MEIJI PERIOD (CIRCA 1894), SIGNED SHINJIRO (ITAO SHINJIRO; 1842-1911)** which realized HK\$6,700,000/US\$860,076, and broke the world auction record for "*JIZAI*" (articulated sculpture).

Other notable results included **AN IRON ARTICULATED SCULPTURE OF A SNAKE, EDO PERIOD (19TH CENTURY), SIGNED KATSUHARU ZO (MADE BY MYOCHIN KATSUHARU; ACT. 19TH CENTURY)** which achieved HK\$1,125,000/US\$144,416, more than doubling its low estimate of HK\$480,000/US\$61,617; **A SILVER KETTLE WRAPPED IN IRON, MEIJI PERIOD (LATE 19TH CENTURY), SEALED SOBI (YAMADA SOBI; 1871-1916)** which achieved HK\$1,125,000/US\$144,416 against its low estimate of HK\$650,000/US\$83,440; and **A PATINATED BRONZE SCULPTURE OF AN EAGLE, MEIJI PERIOD**

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(LATE 19TH CENTURY), SIGNED MASATSUNE CHU (CAST BY MASATSUNE) which fetched HK\$275,000/US\$35,302, more than tripling its low estimate of HK\$80,000/US\$10,270.

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