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**100ct. DIAMOND SOLD AT CHRISTIE'S
TO BE NAMED
'THE SHIZUKA DIAMOND' BY NEW OWNER**

- Rare shield-shaped F colour, VVS1 diamond of 101.27 carats sold for HK\$48,487,500/ US\$6,211,249 on May 28, 2008 at Christie's Hong Kong
- *The Shizuka Diamond* is the largest colourless diamond ever sold at auction in Asia



The Shizuka Diamond

Hong Kong – Christie's announces that the rare 101.27 carat diamond sold in its Spring 2008 jewellery sale in Hong Kong for HK\$48,487,500/ US\$6,211,249 (*Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale*, May 28, 2008) has been named '*The Shizuka Diamond*' by its new owner as a gift for his wife of 16 years.

This extraordinary gem is the largest colourless diamond ever sold at auction in Asia, and at the time of its sale it was the largest colourless diamond to have sold at auction anywhere in the world in nearly 20 years. Mounted into a tiara for its sale at Christie's in May 2008, it was

the leading highlight of the spring jewellery auction season. The sale of this important gem in Hong Kong rather than New York or Geneva was a testament to the vibrant Asia market and the growing number of collectors in the region. Cut from a daunting 460 carat rough to 101.27 carats, its unusual modified shield shape flaunts 92 brilliant facets. The Report from the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) certifies that it is F colour together with the highest standard for polish and symmetry, both rated Excellent, a testament to the skill of its cutters.

An image of *The Shizuka Diamond* may be downloaded here:

<http://cshk.myftp.org/Upload/Images/JLS/>

Notes to Editors:

- Christie's has had the honour of selling many of the world's greatest diamonds. Most recently it sold the famed **Wittelsbach Diamond**, a historic 17th Century cushion-shaped deep grayish blue, VS2 diamond of 35.56 cts which sold for **£16,393,250 / \$24,311,190** in December 2008 in London, making it **the most expensive jewel ever sold at auction**.
- Christie's has been the world market leader in jewellery for 15 years, with sales totalling a record US\$383.5 million in 2008 [2007: US\$394.7million]. 2008 market share compared to its principal competitor: 64%, or 60% taking into consideration all major international auctioneers. Christie's jewellery auctions take place in Amsterdam, Dubai, Geneva, Hong Kong, London, New York, Paris, and Milan.

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