

## For Immediate Release

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### **ASIAN ART SALES AT CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK ACHIEVE HIGHEST TOTAL EVER AT \$80,068,489 18- 21 March**

**New York** – Spring 2008 Asia Week at Christie's New York realized \$80,068,489 the highest total for Asia Week at Christie's New York.

**Theow H. Tow, Deputy Chairman, Christie's Americas and Asia** comments, "Christie's achieved the highest total for Asian Art sales in New York this week and established numerous records, a testament to the superb sales put together by Christie's specialists. The strength of the market combined with an extraordinary group of works of supreme quality, exceptional provenance and excellent condition, contributed to the phenomenal success. We saw enthusiasm from clients in Asia as well as the West and remarkable records were established for masterpieces. Works of such extreme rarity and importance were exemplified by the Dainichi Nyorai Buddha, which sold for \$14,377,000. Christie's dominates, finishing the week with 63% market-share for Asian Art in New York."

#### **OVERVIEW OF ASIA WEEK SALES**

##### **Japanese and Korean Art ~ March 18**

Total Sold: \$20,854,813                      Sold by Lot: 70%                      Sold by \$: 94%

Lot 200 - \$14,377,000

A Highly Important Wood Sculpture of Dainichi Nyorai (Mahavairocana), Kamakura period (1190s), attributed to Unkei (d. 1223)

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR JAPANESE ART

Lot 451- \$825,000

Kim Whanki, *Untitled (White porcelain jar and plum tree)*

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST

##### **The Imperial Wardrobe: Fine Chinese Costumes and Textiles ~March 19**

Total Sold: \$1,800,963                      Sold by Lot: 73%                      Sold by \$: 53%

**The Meriem Collection: Important Chinese Snuff Bottles, Part II ~ March 19**

Total Sold: \$4,281,700

Sold by Lot: 100%

Sold by \$: 100%

Lot 308 – \$825,000

A Fine and Important Beijing Enamel “European Subject” Snuff Bottle, 1736-1750

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A SNUFF BOTTLE

**Fine Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art ~ March 19**

Total Sold: \$20,216,925

Sold by Lot: 77%

Sold by \$: 87%

Lot 396 - \$2,505,000

A very rare and important gilt-bronze figure of a seated Bodhisattva, Liao dynasty (10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> century)

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A LIAO DYNASTY BRONZE

Lot 478 - \$421,000

A large grayish-green jade blade, Shang dynasty, circa 1200 BC

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A CHINESE ARCHAIC JADE

**South Asian Modern + Contemporary Art ~ March 20**

Total Sold: \$10,974,600

Sold by Lot: 89%

Sold by \$: 87%

Lot 57 - \$1,609,000

Maqbool Fida Husain, *Battle of Ganga and Jamuna: Mahabharata 12*, 1972-1971

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR ANY CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PAINTING

Lot 23 - \$1,161,000

Ram Kumar, *Vagabond*, 1956

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST

**The Scholar’s Vision: The Pal Family Collection ~ March 20**

**The Ideal Image: Eight Masterpieces of Indian and Southeast Asian Art ~ March 21**

**Indian and Southeast Asian Art ~ March 21**

Total Sold: \$21,939,488

Sold by Lot: 63%

Sold by \$: 98%

Lot 502 – \$4,969,000

A highly important buff sandstone figure of Buddha

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR AN INDIAN SCULPTURE

Lot 507- \$2,225,000

Nainsukh of Guler, opaque pigments and gold on *wasli* with borders

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR AN INDIAN PAINTING

Lot 508 - \$2,113,000

A highly important and large sandstone figure of Uma

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A KHMER SCULPTURE

Lot 504 - \$1,497,000

A highly important Thangka of Vairocana

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A THIBETAN PAINTING

We look forward to Christie's Hong Kong sales, taking place May 24 - 28, including the inaugural evening sales of *Asian Contemporary Art and Chinese 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art*, as well as the London sales of Asian Art during May 13-16.

## Hong Kong Sales Schedule

**Viewing: May 22-24 | Auctions: May 24-28**

*Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre*

<i>Southeast Asian Modern + Contemporary Art</i>	Saturday, May 24 (2pm)
<i>Asian Contemporary Art &amp; Chinese 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art Evening Sales</i>	Saturday, May 24 (7pm)
<i>Chinese 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art Day Sale</i>	Sunday, May 25 (10:00am)
<i>Asian Contemporary Art Day Sale</i>	Sunday, May 25 (2:00pm)
<i>Chinese Classical Paintings &amp; Calligraphy</i>	Monday, May 26 (9:30am)
<i>Chinese Modern Paintings</i>	Monday, May 26 (2pm)
<i>Chinese Ceramics &amp; Works of Art</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Magnificent Clocks for the Imperial Chinese Court from the Nezu Museum</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Elegance and Artistry: Treasures from a Private Collection</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Imperial Sale</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Important Chinese Rhinoceros Horn Carvings from the Songzhitang Collection</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art</i></li> </ul>	Tuesday, May 27 Sales begin at 10:30am
<i>Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale</i>	Wednesday, May 28 (11:30am & 2pm)
<i>Important Watches</i>	Thursday, May 29 (11am & 2pm)

## Travelling Exhibition Schedule

Highlights from Christie's Hong Kong May 2008 sales will be on tour in the following cities this Spring:

April 4-5	<b>Hong Kong</b>	Asian Contemporary Art; Chinese 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Art; Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale
April 10-11	<b>Tokyo</b>	Important Watches
April 12-13	<b>Jakarta</b>	Southeast Asian Modern & Contemporary Art; Asian Contemporary Art; Chinese 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Art
April 13-15	<b>New York</b>	Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale
April 21-22	<b>Tokyo</b>	Asian Contemporary Art
April 24-25	<b>Bangkok</b>	Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale; Important Watches
April 25-26	<b>Beijing</b>	Fine Chinese Classical Paintings & Calligraphy; Fine Chinese Modern Paintings; Chinese Works of Art; Chinese 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Art; Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale; Important Watches

April 28-29	<b>Shanghai</b>	Fine Chinese Classical Paintings & Calligraphy; Fine Chinese Modern Paintings; Chinese Works of Art; Chinese 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Art; Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale; Important Watches
April 28- May 2	<b>Seoul</b>	Asian Contemporary Art
May 10-11	<b>Singapore</b>	Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale; Important Watches; Southeast Asian Modern & Contemporary Art; Chinese 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Art; Fine Chinese Modern Paintings
May 13-14	<b>Tokyo</b>	Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale
May 17-18	<b>Taipei</b>	Fine Chinese Classical Paintings & Calligraphy; Fine Chinese Modern Paintings; Chinese Works of Art; Chinese 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Art; Southeast Asian Modern & Contemporary Art; Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale; Important Watches

*Exhibition schedule is subject to change.*