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## Christie's Announces Fall 2008 Sales in Hong Kong

November 29<sup>th</sup> -December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

- Sale weeks includes over 2,500 lots valued in the region of HK\$1.75 billion (US\$224 million)
- Series follows Christie's record-breaking May sales which were the largest of any auction house in Asia
- Addition of WINE SALE augments Christie's offerings in Hong Kong
- Extensive global touring brings highlights to more collectors than ever


**HONG KONG** - Christie's Hong Kong Fall 2008 auctions will take place on November 29<sup>th</sup> -December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. This series features 16 sales across a wide array of collecting categories – from traditional works of art and classical paintings, to cutting-edge contemporary art from Korea, Japan, China, India and throughout Southeast Asia, as well as magnificent jewels and important watches, with notable collections offered throughout. Among the many highlights of the season is the return of Christie's wine sales to Asia with a blockbuster sale featuring an unrivalled collection of Château Latour. Christie's will also be touring this season's highlights extensively to more markets than ever before, reflecting the increasingly global appeal of Asian art. Moscow and Abu Dhabi have been added to tour schedule and the China regional tour will for the first time include Taiyuan in Shanxi province, along with the traditional tour stops of Beijing and Shanghai.

### Christie's Autumn Auctions 2008 – Auction Schedule

<b><u>Saturday, November 29</u></b>
6pm - <i>Finest &amp; Rarest Wines including Historic Vintages from the Cellars of Château Latour</i>
<b><u>Sunday, November 30</u></b>
11am - <i>Southeast Asian Modern &amp; Contemporary Art</i>
7pm - <i>Asian Contemporary Art Evening Sale</i>
7:45pm - <i>Chinese 20th Century Art Evening Sale</i>
<b><u>Monday, December 1</u></b>
10am - <i>Chinese 20th Century Art Day Sale</i>
1:30pm - <i>Asian Contemporary Art Day Sale</i>
<b><u>Tuesday, December 2</u></b>
10am - <i>Fine Chinese Modern Paintings</i>
11:30am - <i>Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale (Session I)</i>
2:30pm - <i>Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale (Session II)</i>
3:30pm - <i>Important Chinese Classical Paintings: Property of the Ping Y. Tai Foundation</i>
5:30pm - <i>Fine Chinese Classical Paintings and Calligraphy</i>
<b><u>Wednesday, December 3</u></b>
10am - <i>Important Chinese Lacquer from the Lee Family Collection</i>
10:45am - <i>Dowager Empress Cixi: Elegance of the Late Qing</i>
11am - <i>Important Watches (Session I)</i>
12pm - <i>A Fine Collection of Chinese Bamboo Carvings from the Personal Collection of Mr &amp; Mrs Gerard Hawthorn</i>
2pm - <i>Important Watches (Session II)</i>
3pm - <i>A Magnificent Imperial Famille Rose "Butterfly" Vase: Property of the Ping Y. Tai Foundation</i>
3pm - <i>Important Chinese Ceramics &amp; Works of Art</i>

*Public viewing begins on the November 27<sup>th</sup>*

## Christie's Fall Auctions 2008: Overview of Select Highlights

<b>Finest &amp; Rarest Wines including Historic Vintages from the Cellars of Château Latour</b> Saturday, November 29, 6pm	
	<p>Christie's International Wine Department, the world leader in fine wine auctions, returns to Asia this November, and will conduct a tightly-focused and exceptional sale of fine wine, including a select offering from the cellars of Château Latour, the fabled Bordeaux property that produces some of the most sought-after wines in the world.</p> <p>The evening sale will feature 245 selected lots, with 127 lots from Château Latour, consigned directly from its Bordeaux cellars. The Latour selection in its entirety is expected to realize in excess of HK \$10 million and comprises bottles, magnums and many large formats from a wide range of vintages up to 2005, with a number of rarities from older vintages dating back to 1865.</p> <p><i>Highlights include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*One Imperial of Château Latour 1961 – <i>Estimate: HK\$500,000-600,000</i></li> <li>*6 Magnums of Château Latour 1961- <i>Estimate HK\$ 480,000-680,000</i></li> <li>*An assortment case of 2005 Vintage from the Domaine de la Romanée-Conti – <i>Estimate: HK\$390,000-450,000</i></li> <li>*An incredibly rare original wooden case of Petrus 1982 – <i>Estimate: HK\$400,000-600,000</i></li> </ul> <p><b>The full press release as well as a selection of images can be downloaded here:</b>  <a href="http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Finest%20And%20Rarest%20Wines/">http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Finest%20And%20Rarest%20Wines/</a></p>
<b>Southeast Asian Modern &amp; Contemporary Art</b> Sunday, November 30, 11am	
  	<p>Elements of the theatrical and the dramatic underscore the offerings in this season's <i>Southeast Asian Modern &amp; Contemporary Art</i> sale. A truly outstanding selection of works from modern masters is presented alongside invigorating works of top contemporary artists in a continued endeavor to trace affinities between the past and present, the timeless and the new. Offered alongside works in Christie's sale of <i>Asian Contemporary Art</i>, the sale of <i>Southeast Asian Modern &amp; Contemporary Art</i> remains a unique and distinctive element in the art market of Hong Kong and contributes to the full richness and flavour of the art from Asia that Christie's offers each season.</p> <p><i>Highlights include:</i></p> <p><b>JUAN LUNA (THE PHILIPPINES 1857-1899)</b>  <i>Las Damas Romanas (Roman Maidens)</i>                      oil on canvas                      100 x 170 cm. (39 3/8 x 67 in.)                      HK\$8,000,000-10,000,000 (US\$1,025,600-1,282,000)</p> <p><b>I NYOMAN MASRIADI (B. INDONESIA 1973)</b>  <i>Marathon</i>                      mixed media on canvas                      145 x 400 cm. (57 x 157 1/2 in.)                      HK\$800,000-1,600,000 (US\$102,600-205,100)</p> <p><b>Images of select highlights can be downloaded here:</b>  <a href="http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Southeast%20Asian%20Modern%20and%20Contemporary%20Art/">http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Southeast%20Asian%20Modern%20and%20Contemporary%20Art/</a></p>

### *Asian Contemporary Art Evening Sale*

Sunday, November 30, 7pm



Asian contemporary art has captured the imagination of a worldwide audience of art lovers who are finding the ways in which artists from Korea, Japan, India, and China are interpreting the world to be refreshing and vibrant. Christie's has played a pioneering role in shaping the scope, scale and range of the market for Asian Contemporary Art since being the first auction house to introduce the category. Christie's inaugural Evening Sale of Asian Contemporary Art in May – the world's first – established 13 Chinese artist records, 37 Japanese artist records, 9 Indian artists records, and 11 Korean artist records. It also set a record for any work of Chinese Contemporary Art: HK\$75.4 million (US\$9.7 million) for Zeng Fanzhi's *Mask Series 1996 No. 6*. This season's Evening Sale will once again present collectors with important works from a range of the region's most prominent artists. The sale features three works from the collection of famed director Oliver Stone, including Zhang Xiaogang's *Bloodline: Big Family No. 2*, a monumental work never before offered at auction.

*Highlights Include:*

#### **ZENG FANZHI**

*From the Masses, To the Masses*

oil on canvas

180 x 200.5 cm. (70 3/4 x 79 in.)

Painted in 1993

*Estimate on Request*



#### **FROM THE COLLECTION OF OLIVER STONE**

#### **ZHANG XIAOGANG**

*Bloodline: Big Family Series No. 2*

Oil on canvas, 70 1/2 x 91 3/4 inches

Painted in 1995

Signed in Chinese and pinyin and dated '1995' lower right

*Estimate on Request*

**Images of select highlights can be downloaded here:**

<http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Asian%20Contemporary%20Art/>

### *Chinese 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art Evening Sale*

Sunday, November 30, 7:45pm



Interest in Chinese 20<sup>th</sup> century art has grown in recent years, as collectors on a global scale further develop an understanding of the art of this exciting area whose leading masters combine the ancestral practices of classical Chinese painting with Western influences. Following the success of Christie's inaugural *Evening Sale of Chinese 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art* in the Spring, Christie's will once again offer a sale of superlative works on the evening of November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Leading this exquisite selection is *The Central Fountain in Chiyai Park*, a seminal work by Chen Cheng-Po, an artist whose work is among the most sought-after today. Also of note is

*Highlights include:*

#### **CHEN CHENG-PO (CHEN CHENBO, 1895-1947)**

*The Central Fountain in Chiyai Park*

oil on canvas

91 x 117 cm. (35 3/4 x 46 in.)

Painted in 1933

	<p><i>Estimate: HK\$18,000,000-26,000,000 (US\$ 2,316,600-3,346,200)</i></p> <p><b>ZAO WOU-KI</b> (ZHAO WUJI, Born in 1920)  <i>Hommage à Tou-Fou</i>  oil on canvas  195 x 130 cm. (77 x 52 in.)  Painted in 1956  <i>Estimate on Request</i></p> <p><b>Images of select highlights can be downloaded here:</b>  <a href="http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Chinese%2020th%20Century%20Art/Evening%20Sale/">http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Chinese%2020th%20Century%20Art/Evening%20Sale/</a></p>
<p><b>Chinese 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art Day Sale</b>  Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am</p>	
	<p>The <i>Chinese 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art Day Sale</i> on December 1 will offer a strong selection of works that takes collectors through the history of this vibrant time period for Chinese art. The sale will include works from artists such as Zao Wou-Ki, Yun Gee, Ju Ming, Sanyu, Chu Teh-Chun, Wu Guanzhong, Chen Yifei, and others.</p> <p><i>Highlights include:</i></p> <p><b>WU GUANZHONG</b> (Born in 1919)  <i>White Birch</i>  oil on canvas  62 x 73.5 cm. (24 3/8 x 29 in.)  <i>Estimate: HK\$4,000,000 - 5,000,000 (US\$512,800 - 641,000)</i></p> <p><b>Images of select highlights can be downloaded here:</b>  <a href="http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Chinese%2020th%20Century%20Art/Day%20Sale/">http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Chinese%2020th%20Century%20Art/Day%20Sale/</a></p>
<p><b>Asian Contemporary Art Day Sale</b>  Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:30pm</p>	
	<p>The <i>Asian Contemporary Art Day Sale</i> will once again provide a platform for some of the most important works by leading artists from China, Japan, Korea and India. Works from leading artists such as Liu Ye, Zeng Fanzhi, Cai Guo-Qiang, T.V. Santhosh, Liu Wei, Hishashi Tenmyouya, Kim Tschang Yeul and others will be featured.</p> <p><i>Highlights include:</i></p> <p><b>ZENG FANZHI</b> (Born in 1964)  <i>Andy Warhol</i>  oil on canvas  100 x 100 cm. (40 x 40 in.)  <i>Estimate: HK\$2,000,000 - 2,800,000 (US\$256,400 - 359,000)</i></p> <p><b>Images of select highlights can be downloaded here:</b>  <a href="http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Asian%20Contemporary%20Art/Images/Day%20Sale/">http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Asian%20Contemporary%20Art/Images/Day%20Sale/</a></p>
<p><b>Fine Chinese Modern Paintings</b>  Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am</p>	
	<p>The <i>Chinese Modern Paintings</i> sale will offer an unparalleled collection of artwork from famous artists such as Zhang DaQian, Li KeRan and Qi BaiShi.</p> <p><i>Highlights include:</i></p> <p><b>QI BAISHI (1863-1957)</b>  <i>Drizzles in Jiangnan</i>  Hanging scroll  92.3 x 53 cm. (36 1/3 x 20 7/8 in.)  <i>Estimate: HK\$1,800,000-2,000,000 (US\$232,300-258,100)</i></p>

Images of select highlights can be downloaded here:  
<http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Fine%20Chinese%20Modern%20Paintings/>

***Important Chinese Classical Paintings: Property from the Ping Y. Tai Foundation***  
Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3:30pm



Christie's is honoured to have been entrusted with the sale of *Property from the Ping Y. Tai Foundation* in its Fall 2008 season of sales at Christie's in Hong Kong and New York. The series of three single-owner sales of 151 Chinese classical paintings, ceramics and works of art is expected to realize between US\$22 million to \$28 million.



(detail)

The Hong Kong sale on December 2<sup>nd</sup> features 103 works of Chinese classical paintings and calligraphy. The most outstanding feature in the Foundation's collection is the inclusion of works by painters of the Wu school of the middle Ming period. All four masters of the Wu school – Shen Zhou, Wen Zhengming, Tang Yin, and Qiu Ying – are represented, with four handscrolls by Qiu Ying, led by the well-known ink and colour on paper painting, *Lotus Picking*, from the imperial collection of the Qianlong Emperor.

*Proceeds of the sale will benefit the Ping Y. Tai Foundation that regularly donates to American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, UNICEF, City Meals on Wheels, Lighthouse International and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.*

Highlights include:

**QIU YING (CIRCA 1495 - 1552)**

*Lotus Picking*

Handscroll, ink and color on paper

36.3 x 95.3 cm. (14 ¼ x 37 ½ in.)

Estimate: HK\$12,000,000 – 15,000,000 (US\$1,548,400 – 1,935,500)

Full press release and images of the Ping Y. Tai Foundation sales available here:

<http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Property%20from%20the%20Collection%20of%20the%20PingY.Tai%20Foundation/>

***Fine Classical Chinese Paintings and Calligraphy***

Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30pm



Christie's *Fine Chinese Classical Paintings and Calligraphy* sale presents collectors with works from the esteemed Chinese masters of the 13th to 19th centuries. Calligraphy and painting are fascinating and culturally significant art forms, encapsulating the rich history of Chinese literature, philology, and religion.

Highlights include:

**BADA SHANREN (1626-1705)**

*Landscapes, Flowers, Birds and Rock*

Album of 16 leaves of paintings and 1 leaf of calligraphy

Each leaf: 29.5 x 21.9 cm. (11 5/8 x 8 5/8 in.)

Estimate on request

Images of select highlights can be downloaded here:

<http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Fine%20Chinese%20Classical%20Paintings%20and%20Calligraphy/>

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**Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale**  
*Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30am and 2:30pm*



Christie's sale of magnificent jewels in May in Hong Kong totalled more than HK\$468.8 million (US\$60.1 million), making it the most valuable sale ever conducted by Christie's anywhere in the world, underscoring the strength of the Asian market and Hong Kong's position alongside Geneva, New York and London as major centres for the sale of the world's most extraordinary gems.

The Fall sale features an exquisite selection of extraordinary jewels across a spectrum of taste and style, from Edwardian period masterpieces and contemporary creations, to the rarest of coloured and colourless diamonds and important gemstones.

*Highlights include:*

**A superb Edwardian sapphire and diamond ring**

Set with a Kashmir sapphire of 9.23 carats, and a D Internally Flawless, Type IIa diamond of 5.25 carats

*Estimate: HK\$9,500,000-12,000,000 (US\$1,200,000-1,500,000)*

**Images of select highlights can be downloaded here:**

[http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Jewels\\_The%20Hong%20Kong%20Sale/](http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Jewels_The%20Hong%20Kong%20Sale/)

**Important Chinese Lacquer from the Lee Family Collection**

*Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10am*



The Lee Family Collection is undoubtedly the finest group of Chinese lacquers from the Song to the Ming dynasties ever to appear on the international market. This remarkable group is a testament to the passionate expertise and taste of K.T. Lee following in the footsteps of an equally passionate and knowledgeable collector, his father, Sammy Lee.

With exceptional examples from the Song, Yuan and Ming dynasties, a great variety of forms, periods and motifs are represented in the collection the group. The group is one of the most studied, published and exhibited collections of lacquer in private hands.

*Highlights include*

**A HIGHLY IMPORTANT IMPERIAL EARLY MING CINNABAR LACQUER 'PHOENIX' BOWLSTAND**

YONGLE SIX-CHARACTER MARK AND OF THE PERIOD (1403-1425), WITH AN INSCRIPTION BY EMPEROR QIANLONG DATED 1781  
 6 7/8 in. (17.5 cm.) wide

*Estimate on request*

**Images of select highlights can be downloaded here:**

<http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Important%20Chinese%20Ceramics%20and%20Works%20of%20Art/Images/Lee%20Family%20Collection/>

**Dowager Empress Cixi: Elegance of the Late Qing**

*Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:45am*



Christie's Hong Kong marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the Dowager Empress with a sale dedicated to the elegance of the late Qing period and the flourishing of amazing works of art. The sale features imperial objects that are connected to, and associated with, the Dowager Empress.

*Highlights include:*

An Extremely Rare Imperial Jadeite 'Dragon' Hairpin, Qing dynasty, late 19th Century

*Estimate: HK\$6,000,000-8,000,000 (US\$776,400-1,035,200)*

**Images of select highlights can be downloaded here:**

<http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Important%20Chinese%20Ceramics%20and%20Works%20of%20Art/Images/Cixi/>

***A Fine Collection of Chinese Bamboo Carvings from the Personal Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Hawthorn***  
*Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12pm*



Christie's Hong Kong is pleased to offer the single owner sale of a group of fine Chinese bamboo carvings from the personal collection of Mr and Mrs Gerard Hawthorn who have devoted the past 30 years collecting these wonderful sculptural carvings. Bamboo carvings have long been appreciated by Chinese scholars and cognoscenti. This collection includes bamboo carvings from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, presenting a comprehensive range of bamboo carvings of this period.

*Highlights include:*

A Superbly Carved Reticulated Bamboo *Parfumier*

Qing dynasty, 18th Century

10 1/4 in. (26 cm) high

*Estimate: HK\$ 600,000-800,000, US\$ 80,000-100,000*

**Images of select highlights can be downloaded here:**

<http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Important%20Chinese%20Ceramics%20and%20Works%20of%20Art/Images/Bamboo/>

***A Magnificent Imperial Famille Rose 'Butterfly' Vase: Property of the Ping Y. Tai Foundation***  
*Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3pm*



Following the success of the first sale in this series at Christie's in New York in September, on December 3, this masterpiece of Qing Imperial porcelain will be a centrepiece of Christie's day-long series of Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art sales in Hong Kong. Qianlong vases of this large size decorated with such delicacy on an engraved enamel ground are extremely rare. Exquisitely painted in brilliant multi-coloured enamels with meticulous attention to detail, this vase is a tour-de-force. The beauty and rarity of this vase is enhanced by its impeccable provenance. Formerly in the collection of Alfred Morrison (1821-97), one of the most famous 19th century English collections of Chinese Art, this remarkable vase is also published by Soame Jenyns in his seminal 1951 volume *Later Chinese Porcelain - The Ch'ing dynasty*.

**A MAGNIFICENT IMPERIAL AND HIGHLY IMPORTANT FAMILLE ROSE PINK-GROUND 'BUTTERFLY' VASE**

QIANLONG IRON-RED SIX-CHARACTER SEALMARK AND OF THE PERIOD (1736 - 1795)

45.7 cm. (18 in.) high

*Estimate on Request*

**Full press release and images of the Ping Y. Tai Foundation sales available here:**

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***Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art***

Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3pm



The sale of *Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art* will feature a broad array of masterpieces across a number of collecting categories. Among the highlights is an exquisite group of Chinese jade carvings from a private English collection, several pieces of which were formally in the famed collection of Sir John Buchanan-Jardine (1900-1969), a Baronet with a distinguished military career who later became the head of Jardine-Matheson. This sale will mark the first time that many of the pieces from this group of magnificent Imperial jades has been seen in public since the seminal 1935 exhibition of Chinese Art at the Royal Academy in London. The sale also features an extremely rare selection of Chinese furniture from the Ming and Qing Dynasties, including a magnificent throne from the late Qianlong period (*estimate on request*).

*Highlights include:*

A Magnificent Imperial White Jade 'Dragon' Vase and Cover  
Qianlong period (1736-1795)  
11 in. (28 cm)

*Estimate: HK\$ 6,000,000-8,000,000 (US\$ 780,000-1,000,000)*

**Images of select highlights can be downloaded here:**

<http://cshk.myftp.org/2008%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Fall%20Auctions/Important%20Chinese%20Ceramics%20and%20Works%20of%20Art/Images/important%20Chinese%20Ceramics%20and%20WOA/>

**Important Watches**

Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11am and 2pm



Among the many star lots in Christie's *Important Watches* sale is a **rare Patek Philippe Ref. 5071G**, the only haute joaillerie timepiece in Patek Philippe's stable of men's complicated watches (estimate: HK\$1,400,000-1,800,000/US\$180,000-230,000). Also of note is **"The Imperial Pomegranates,"** an extremely rare pair of gold, enamel and pearl set pocket watches, **made for the Imperial Chinese Market, reputedly given to the Qianlong Emperor from the English Royal Family**, circa 1810 (estimate: HK\$ 1,200,000 - 1,800,000 / US\$ 150,000 - 250,000).

These rare pieces will be offered along with a range of rare and noteworthy timepieces from makers such as Vacheron Constantin, Richard Mille, Panerai, Rolex, Cartier and more. From historic to modern timepieces, this sale ensures a diverse selection suited to watch collectors of all tastes and budgets.

*Highlights include:*

**PATEK PHILIPPE, REF. 5971P**

Platinum manual-winding perpetual calendar chronograph wristwatch with moon-phase display and am/pm indication, case set with 36 baguette-cut diamonds  
Manufactured in 2007

*Estimate On Request*

**PATEK PHILIPPE, REF. 5071G**

White gold manual-winding chronograph wristwatch, case entirely set with 118 baguette-cut diamonds.

*Estimate: HK\$1,400,000 - 1,800,000 (US\$180,000 - 230,000)*

**"THE IMPERIAL POMEGRANATES"**

A magnificent and extremely rare pair of gold, enamel and pearl set quarter repeating, centre seconds, duplex pocket watches, made for the Imperial Chinese Market, reputedly given to the Qianlong Emperor from the English Royal Family, circa 1810.

*Estimate: HK\$ 1,200,000 - 1,800,000 (US\$ 150,000 - 250,000)*

**Images of select highlights can be downloaded here:**

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In support of this important Fall season, Christie's will tour select highlights to Europe, the Middle East, the US, and throughout Asia.

### Christie's Hong Kong Fall 2008 International Tour Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Categories on View</i>
October 14-15	<b>Moscow</b>	<i>Chekhov House</i>	<i>Asian Contemporary Art</i>
October 11-14	<b>New York</b>	<i>Rockefeller Plaza</i>	<i>Jewels: the Hong Kong Sale; Important watches</i>
October 20-21	<b>Tokyo</b>	<i>HSBC Building</i>	<i>Asian Contemporary Art, Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale, Important Watches, and Chinese Works of Art</i> <i>Highlights from Christie's Geneva sale of Important Watches in November will also be on view</i>
October 25-27	<b>Abu Dhabi</b>	<i>Emirates Palace</i>	<i>Asian Contemporary Art and Important Watches</i>
October 29-30	<b>Singapore</b>	<i>Four Seasons Hotel Singapore</i>	<i>Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale and Important Watches</i>
October 30 – 2 November	<b>Seoul</b>	<i>Hyundai Department Store</i>	<i>Asian Contemporary Art</i>
November 2-3	<b>Shanghai</b>	<i>Four Seasons Hotel Shanghai</i>	<i>Classical Paintings, Modern Chinese Paintings, Chinese Works of Art, Chinese 20th Century Art, Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale, and Important Watches</i> <i>Highlights from Forever's Fall sale will also be on view</i>
November 6-7	<b>Taiyuan (Shanxi)</b>	<i>World Trade Hotel</i>	<i>Classical Paintings, Modern Chinese Paintings, Chinese Works of Art, Chinese 20th Century Art, Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale and Important Watches</i> <i>Highlights from Forever's Fall sale will also be on view</i>
November 10-11	<b>Beijing</b>	<i>Park Hyatt Beijing</i>	<i>Classical Paintings, Modern Chinese Paintings, Chinese Works of Art, Chinese 20th Century Art, Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale, and Important Watches</i> <i>Highlights from Forever's November 12 sale will be on view November 10-11</i>
November 12-13	<b>Bangkok</b>	<i>The Four Seasons Hotel</i>	<i>Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale and Important Watches</i>
November 15-18	<b>Geneva</b>	<i>The Four Seasons Hotel</i>	<i>Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale</i>
November 22-23	<b>Taipei</b>	<i>Fubon Life Assurance Building</i>	<i>Classical Paintings, Modern Chinese Paintings, Chinese Works of Art, Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale, and Important Watches</i>
November 27 – December 2	<b>Hong Kong</b>	<i>Hong Kong Convention &amp; Exhibition Centre</i>	<i>All sale categories</i>

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