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Christie's Hong Kong
Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art Spring Live Auctions
Achieved a Combined Total of HK\$376,379,800 / US\$48,268,049

Highest Spring Season Total Since 2019
Close to 50% of Lots Surpassed Pre-Sale High Estimates

Led by
THE QIANLONG PERIOD EXTREMELY RARE DOUCAI 'DRAGON' MOONFLASK
Realised HK\$108,025,000 / US\$13,856,842

**Remarkable Results for Specially Curated Themed Auction and
Standalone Sales of Prominent Single-Owner Collections**

The Imperial Palette – Three Qianlong Treasures

Sale Total: HK\$148,330,000 / US\$19,026,942

Hammer Price 118% Above Total Low Estimate

A Connoisseur's Studio - The Cissy and Robert Tang Collection of Chinese Classical Furniture

Sale Total: HK\$83,651,900 / US\$10,730,397

Hammer Price 229% Above Total Low Estimate

Auction Record for
A PAIR OF HUANGHUALI YOKE-BACK ARMCHAIRS, SICHUTOUGUANMAOYI
Realised HK\$28,205,000 / US\$3,617,979

A Heritage of Appreciation – Selected Treasures from The Palmer Family Collection

Sale Total: HK\$27,474,300 / US\$3,524,249

Hammer Price 147% Above Total Low Estimate

Livestreamed Auctions Attracted a Historic High of 17M Viewers
Preview and Exhibitions Drew Over 14,000 Visitors



Liang-lin Chen, Vice President, Senior Specialist, and Head of Sale of the Department,
selling the top lot of the sales –The *Qianlong* Period Extremely Rare *Doucai* 'Dragon' Moonflask for HK\$108,025,000 / US\$13,856,842

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Hong Kong – On 30 May, Christie's Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art Department held four live auctions: [The Imperial Palette - Three Qianlong Treasures](#), [A Connoisseur's Studio - The Cissy and Robert Tang Collection of Chinese Classical Furniture](#), [A Heritage of Appreciation - Selected Treasures from the Palmer Family Collection](#), and [Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art](#). These events achieved a combined total of **HK\$376,379,800 / US\$48,268,049**, with nearly half of the lots sold surpassing their pre-sale high estimates. The category continued to attract younger collectors, as millennial buyers represented 20% of the buyers.

Marco Almeida, Head of Department, Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art, Christie's Asia Pacific, remarked, "We are delighted by the solid results that reflect robust market appetite, particularly for our expertly curated single-owner and thematic sales. Notably, the Qianlong Period Extremely Rare Doucai 'Dragon' Moonflask fetched over HK\$100M, while a record was set for the Huanghuali Yoke-Back Armchairs. The enthusiasm we have seen from collectors and art enthusiasts, both at the diverse auction offerings and the non-selling exhibitions, showcases the continued passion for Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art. The seamless integration of our livestreamed auctions, which attracted an unprecedented 17 million viewers, further underscores the growing global interest in these remarkable pieces and the innovative ways we engage with our audience."

THE IMPERIAL PALETTE - THREE QIANLONG TREASURES



TOP LOT OF THE SALE SERIES

Lot 2903

A FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE DOUCAI 'DRAGON' MOONFLASK
QIANLONG SIX-CHARACTER SEAL MARK IN UNDERGLAZE BLUE
AND OF THE PERIOD (1736-1795)

Price realised: HK\$108,025,000 / US\$13,856,842



Lot 2902

**A MAGNIFICENT YANGCAI RETICULATED AND ROTATING
'DRAGON BOAT' VASE**
QIANLONG SIX-CHARACTER SEAL MARK IN UNDERGLAZE BLUE
AND OF THE PERIOD (1736-1795)

Price realised: HK\$40,305,000 / US\$5,170,100
Doubled The Low Estimate

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A CONNOISSEUR'S STUDIO - THE CISSY AND ROBERT TANG COLLECTION OF
CHINESE CLASSICAL FURNITURE



Lot 2703
A HIGH-WAISTED *HUANGHUALI* SIDE
TABLE WITH 'GIANT'S ARM' BRACES
17TH CENTURY

Price realised: HK\$9,450,000 /
US\$1,212,193
Almost 8 Times
The Low Estimate



**TOP LOT OF THE SALE
AUCTION RECORD IN THIS CATEGORY**
Lot 2705
A PAIR OF IMPORTANT AND EXTREMELY RARE
HUANGHUALI YOKE-BACK ARMCHAIRS,
SICHUTOUGUANMAOYI
17TH CENTURY

Price realised: HK\$28,205,000 /
US\$3,617,979
More Than 3 Times
The Low Estimate



Lot 2709
A VERY RARE *HUANGHUALI*
DEMI-LUNE TABLE, *YUEYAZHUO*
QING DYNASTY, 17TH-18TH
CENTURY

Price realised: HK\$8,190,000 /
US\$1,050,567
More Than 4 Times
The Low Estimate



Lot 2714
A VERY RARE *HUANGHUALI* WAISTLESS
FLUSH CORNER-LEG RECTANGULAR
STOOL, *CHANGFANGDENG*
QING DYNASTY, 18TH CENTURY

Price realised: HK\$6,048,000 / US\$775,804
More Than 10 Times The Low Estimate



Lot 2715
A *HUANGHUALI* WAISTLESS FLUSH
CORNER-LEG RECTANGULAR STOOL,
CHANGFANGDENG
QING DYNASTY, 18TH CENTURY

Price realised: HK\$3,780,000 / US\$484,877
19 Times The Low Estimate



Lot 2719
A BURLWOOD INSET *HUANGHUALI*
SQUARE STAND
QING DYNASTY (1644-1911)

Price realised: HK\$3,150,000 / US\$404,064
More Than 21 Times The Low Estimate

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A HERITAGE OF APPRECIATION - SELECTED TREASURES FROM THE PALMER FAMILY COLLECTION

Notable sale highlights include:



TOP LOT OF THE SALE
Lot 2816
A FAMILLE VERTE CYLINDRICAL BRUSH POT
KANGXI PERIOD (1662-1722)

Price realised: HK\$5,103,000 / US\$654,584
More Than 8 Times The Low Estimate



Lot 2834
A PAIR OF FAMILLE ROSE RUBY-BACK 'IMMORTALS' DISHES
YONGZHENG PERIOD (1723-1735)

Price realised: HK\$1,764,000 / US\$226,276
More Than 3.5 Times The Low Estimate



Lot 2809
A PAIR OF FAMILLE VERTE DISHES
KANGXI PERIOD (1662-1722)

Price realised: HK\$1,197,000 / US\$153,544
12 Times More Than The Low Estimate



Lot 2836
A RARE SET OF SIX ANHUA-DECORATED WHITE-GLAZED 'DRAGON' FOLIATE DISHES
QIANLONG FOUR-CHARACTER INCISED SEAL MARKS AND OF THE PERIOD (1736-1795)

Price realised: HK\$1,008,000 / US\$129,301
More Than 2.5 Times The Low Estimate

IMPORTANT CHINESE CERAMICS AND WORKS OF ART

The sale achieved HK\$116,923,600 / US\$14,986,460, notable highlights include:



Lot 3042
PROPERTY OF AN ASIAN COLLECTOR

A VERY RARE LARGE YELLOW JADE CARVING OF A XIEZI
QIANLONG PERIOD (1736-1795)

Price realised: HK\$6,048,000 / US\$775,191



TOP LOT OF THE SALE
Lot 3022
THE PROPERTY OF A LADY

AN EXTREMELY RARE BLUE AND WHITE POMEGRANATE-FORM VASE
XUANDE MARK IN UNDERGLAZE BLUE WITHIN A DOUBLE CIRCLE AND OF THE PERIOD (1426-1435)

Price realised: HK\$34,255,000 / US\$4,390,570



Lot 3038
PROPERTY FROM AN IMPORTANT PRIVATE SOUTHEAST ASIAN COLLECTION

A MAGNIFICENT AND VERY RARE BLUE-GLAZED ENAMELLED OCTAGONAL VASE WITH RUYI HANDLES
QIANLONG SIX-CHARACTER SEAL MARK IN UNDERGLAZE BLUE AND OF THE PERIOD (1736-1795)

Price realised: HK\$5,796,000 / US\$742,891
Almost 3 Times Low Estimate

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EDUCATIONAL NON-SELLING EXHIBITIONS

Christie's goes beyond being a mere auction platform by actively empowering and educating collectors through carefully curated, non-selling exhibitions. This May, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Christie's welcomed art enthusiasts from around the globe to two exceptional Asian Art exhibitions: **"An Exhibition of Important Chinese Jades from the Robert Chang Collection"**, showcased the renowned collector's remarkable array of extremely rare jade carvings, mostly dating to the 18th century (shown left below); **"The Plum Ripens – Buddhist Art Along the Chinese Silk Road"**, narrated the fascinating journey of Buddhism's transmission via the Chinese Silk Road and various trade routes (shown right below).



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