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London – Tuesday, 11 May 2010

Sale no: 7847– Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold:	£6,784,775	\$10,004,467	€7,890,693
Lots Sold: 182	Lots Offered: 283	Sold by Lot: 64%	Sold by £: 82%
Exchange Rate £: = \$1.480/ € 1.163			

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Purchase Price	Buyer
232	An exceptionally rare green enamel-decorated holy water bottle, Ming dynasty, early 15 th Century WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A MING DYNASTY SINGLE COLOURED ENAMEL	100,000 - 150,000	£758,050 \$1,121,914 €881,612	Asian Private
217	A pair of extremely rare blue and white vases Qianlong seal marks and of the period (1736-95)	400,000 - 600,000	£577,250 \$854,330 €671,342	Asian Private
152	An inscribed pale celadon jade <i>sakyamuni</i> and grotto group, Qianlong period (1736-96), dated to the <i>renzi</i> year corresponding to 1792	15,000 - 25,000	£541,250 \$801,050 €629,474	Anonymous
210	A very rare blue and white 'dragon' vase, Qianlong seal mark and of the period (1736-95)	80,000 - 120,000	£307,250 \$454,730 €357,332	Asian Private
119	A rare cloisonné enamel vase, <i>zun</i> , Xuande period (1426-1435)	200,000 - 300,000	£265,250 \$392,570 €308,486	UK Trade
161	A dated dark celadon jade ceremonial vessel, <i>fang ding</i> Qianlong incised <i>fang gu</i> six-character mark, and also a cyclical date, <i>renzi</i> year corresponding to 1792, and of the period	15,000 - 20,000	£253,250 \$454,730 €308,486	Asian Private
248	A pair of fine iron-red decorated holy water bottles Qianlong period (1736-95)	10,000 - 15,000	£187,250 \$277,130 €217,772	Asian Trade
174	A large bronze seated figure of Sakyamuni, Ming dynasty, 16 th /17 th Century	80,000 - 120,000	£169,250 \$250,490 €196,838	Asian Private
184	A large dated bronze Buddhist temple bell commissioned by the Prince Xian, with an inscription dated to the first year of the Qianlong period, corresponding to 1736, and of the period	40,000 - 60,000	£157,250 \$232,730 €182,882	Asian Private
89	A white jade bowl and cover, Qianlong/Jiaqing period, <i>circa</i> 1800	30,000 - 50,000	£127,250 \$188,330 €147,992	Asian Trade

Comment: Pedram Rasti and Marco Almeida, Specialists, Christie's London:

“Private collectors from Mainland China and the United Kingdom, as well as international trade, bid competitively throughout this sale on the telephones, in the room and on Christie's Live™. We were pleased to see a significant number of new clients, predominantly from Mainland China, bidding at all levels. The demand for early Ming porcelain with strong provenance proved to be a notable feature of the auction, with an early 15th Century, exceptionally rare green enamel-decorated porcelain holy water bottle setting a new world auction record for a Ming dynasty single coloured enamel. Across all media works with distinguished provenance continued to be the most sought after. We look forward to our sale of Chinese Works of Art and Textiles at Christie's South Kensington on Friday 14th May 2010.”

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