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# WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A BRIOLETTE DIAMOND NAMED "THE STAR OF CHINA"

# THE FIRST DIAMOND AT AUCTION IS GIVEN A NAME HIGHLIGHTING CHINA

**Hong Kong** – Christie's announces that "The Star of China" is now the name of the largest and most perfect briolette diamond offered for sale at auction, on top of the other two world record breaking diamonds, The Princie Diamond and The Winston Legacy Diamond, sold at Christie's in New York and Geneva respectively this season.



Ms. Tiffany Chen, Vice Chairman of China Star Entertainment Limited, is the new owner of the briolette diamond. She names the diamond after her company as "The Star of China".

"The Star of China", also known as the top lot sold at Hong Kong Magnificent Jewels sale on 28 May 2013, is a briolette diamond weighing 75.36 carats priced at US\$148,000 per carat, achieving a world record HK\$86,110,000 / US\$11,151,245. While less than one carat in every 100,000 carats of diamond will be found in a perfect condition, this briolette of imposing size is certified by the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) to be D colour and type IIa.

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