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Beijing, China - The Pinault family has donated the bronze rabbit and rat fountain heads of the Old Summer Palace to the people of China. An official donation ceremony was held at the National Museum of China to welcome these 18th century cultural relics back home.

Steven P. Murphy, Chief Executive Officer of Christie's says, *"The generous gift to the people of China of these historic works of art marks a memorable act of philanthropy by the Pinault family. As one of the leading proponents of the importance of cultural heritage, Christie's is delighted to have played an instrumental part in ensuring their return. We welcome the fact that they will now go on display in the National Museum of China where many millions of Chinese and visitors to China will have the wonderful opportunity to appreciate them once again."*

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