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THE CRIMSON FLAME TO LEAD CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG DECEMBER SALE OF MAGNIFICENT JEWELS



THE MOST IMPORTANT "PIGEON'S BLOOD" RUBY EVER TO APPEAR AT AUCTION IN ASIA

Hong Kong - Following on the record results achieved last spring, on 1 December 2015 Christie's Hong Kong will present another finely curated sale of magnificent jewels. A spectacular array of diamonds, coloured diamonds, coloured gemstones, jadeite and signed pieces will be led by **The Crimson Flame**, an exceptionally rare Burmese pigeon's blood ruby of 15 carats - by far the most important pigeon's blood ruby to be offered at auction in Asia (estimate: HK\$78-120 million / US\$10-15 million; *illustrated above*).

Vickie Sek, Deputy Chairman and Director of Christie's Asia Jewellery Department: "Ruby appears to be a real star at Christie's Hong Kong jewellery auctions this year. Following on the record-breaking results achieved last spring by a fabulous Burmese ruby and diamond necklace by *Etcetera*, this November we will present the sensational 'Crimson Flame', undoubtedly the most important pigeon's blood ruby to come to auction in Asia. Collectors will also be mesmerised by the exceptional selection of exquisite gems and jade".

Among the numerous **top quality gems** featured in Christie's sale, is worth mentioning the "Mogok's Fiery Red" suite by Fai Dee comprising a Burmese pigeon's blood ruby and diamond necklace (estimate: HK\$48-66 million / US\$6-8 million) and a pair of pigeon's blood ruby and diamond earrings (estimate: HK\$22.8-32 million / US\$2.9-4.1 million), a 7.53 carat Fancy Intense Pink diamond and diamond ring (estimate: HK\$45-65 million / US\$5.8-8.3 million), and "The Afghan Emerald" an extremely rare 10.11 carat no-oil emerald ring of flawless clarity (estimate: HK\$8-12 million / US\$1-1.5 million).

Highlighted by an exquisite jadeite necklace with a diamond clasp by Cartier (estimate: HK\$28-38 million / US\$3.5-4.8 million), the **jadeite selection** will be equally important, while a wide range of exquisite jewels created by the world's most renowned makers will appeal to a larger group of collectors.

A special addition to Christie's Hong Kong non-selling exhibitions series, *Wallace Chan Dream Light Water* will showcase 30 of the designer's most intricate and technically challenging jewels, some of which have never been seen before. On this occasion, Chan's very first illustrated monographic book will be presented to the public.



PINK DIAMONDS

Top quality diamonds have always been highly coveted by jewellery collectors and pink diamonds are particularly sought-after in the current market. This November two exquisite gems will be on offer at Christie's Hong Kong: a 7.53 carat Fancy Intense Pink diamond ring (estimate: HK\$45-65 million / US\$5.8-8.3 million; *illustrated left*), and a 5.22 carat Fancy Intense Pink, IF, cushion-shaped diamond ring (estimate: HK\$25-35 million / US\$3.2-4.5 million; *illustrated right*).



EMERALDS

The emerald section is highlighted by **The Afghan Emerald**, a truly exceptional stone of 10.11 carats estimated at HK\$8-12 million (US\$1-1.5 million; *illustrated right*). High clarity is scarcely seen in emeralds and a flawless gem such as this can be considered a real treasure.

In addition to its great quality, what makes this stone even rarer is its size which is particularly remarkable as emeralds originating from Afghan mines tend to be relatively small.



RUBIES

In addition to the highly anticipated **Crimson Flame**, Christie's specialists have handpicked other important ruby jewels only focusing on the best of quality. Highlights include the "Mogok's Fiery Red" suite by Fai Dee, comprising a Burmese pigeon's blood ruby and diamond necklace and a pair of pigeon's blood ruby and diamond earrings to be offered as individual lots estimated at HK\$48-66 million / US\$6-8 million and HK\$22.8-32 million / US\$2.9-4.1 million respectively (*illustrated together below*).



JADEITE

Hong Kong is the preferred saleroom for the finest jadeite and this autumn Christie's has assembled an impressive selection of the most beautiful jadeite jewellery. Among the highlights is an important two-strand jadeite bead necklace enhanced by a lavish diamond clasp by Cartier estimated at HK\$28-38 million / US\$3.5-4.8 million (*illustrated left*), and an extraordinarily lustrous jadeite cabochon ring also to be offered with the same estimate.



Wallace Chan: Dream Light Water

This autumn, *Wallace Chan Dream Light Water* a special non-selling exhibition dedicated to the jewels of the renowned Hong Kong-based creator Wallace Chan will be staged at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Highlighted by A Heritage in Bloom, a unique necklace featuring 24, D, internally flawless diamonds cut from the 507.55 carats "Cullinan Heritage" including an exceptionally rare brilliant-cut, D, internally flawless, diamond of 104 carats (illustrated right), the show will feature 30 iconic pieces by Mr. Chan, some of which have never been exhibited before. Wallace Chan's very first illustrated monograph will also be presented to the public in a limited edition.



HONG KONG MAGNIFICENT JEWELS

Venue:

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Auction:

1 December 2015 at 1pm

Viewings:

26-28 November > 10:30am - 6:00pm
29-30 November > 10:30am - 6:30pm
1 December > 10:30am - 12:00nn

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**Estimates do not include buyer's premium. Sales totals are hammer price plus buyer's premium and do not reflect costs, third-party financing fees or application of buyer's or seller's credits.*

In the background
A suite of diamond jewellery, by Tiffany & Co.
A diamond necklace illustrated
Estimate: HK\$800,000-1,200,000 / US\$100,000-

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