

# Results: Hong Kong July Auctions of Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art

## Over One Third of Lots Sold Above High Estimate

### Strong Prices Achieved for Buddhist Art, Song Ceramics and Seals





A VERY RARE COPPER-RED GLAZED MONK'S CAP EWER
QIANLONG SIX-CHARACTER SEAL MARK IN UNDERGLAZE BLUE AND
OF THE PERIOD (1736-1795)

A VERY RARE AND FINELY CAST GILT-BRONZE FIGURE OF MAITREYA
INCISED YONGLE SIX-CHARACTER PRESENTATION MARK AND OF THE PERIOD (1403-1425)
Price Realised: HK\$4,325,000 / US\$560,863

On 9 July 2020, Christie's held two live sales for the category — **Buddhist Art Under The Empire**, and **Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art**. The combined sales realised a total of **HK\$99,531,250** / **US\$12,907,154** 

The top lot of the sales was A Very Rare Copper-Red Glazed Monk's Cap Ewer, which achieved HK\$9,125,000 / US\$1,183,325, and was from a private Asian collection sold to benefit mental health charities in Asia,

#### Sale Highlights

- Over one third of lots sold above high estimates across the combined sales
- Over 60% of lots in the Buddhist Art Under the Empire sale sold above high estimate
- The group of Buddhist art from a private Asian collection achieved HK\$29,415,000 / US\$3,814,520, exceeding its pre-auction high estimate and was 88% sold by lot. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to benefit mental health charities in Asia.
- Strong prices achieved for Song Ceramics including An Important Qingbai Lobed Ewer, HK\$2,125,000 / US\$275,569, and A Fine and Rare Carved Ding 'Lotus' Incense Box and Cover, HK\$3,000,000 / US\$389,038. Both lots achieved multiples over their low estimates.
- A selection of seals offered in the sale also did exceptionally well, with the total figure doubling its high estimate

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The **Buddhist Art Under The Empire** sale totaled **HK\$35,502,500 / US\$4,603,943**, and was **72%** sold by lot

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The Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art sale totaled HK\$64,028,750 / US\$8,303,211, with 30% of lots exceeding their high estimate.

Other notable highlights of the sale were **An Imperial** 'Hanwei Jingji' Soapstone Seal, which achieved HK\$4,205,000 / US\$545,302 against an estimate of HK\$2,800,000 / US\$363,102, and **A Magnificent Polychrome-Enamelled Model of a Celestial Official**, which realised HK\$3,725,000 / US\$483,056, having achieved multiples against its pre-auction estimate of HK\$700,000 / US\$90,776.

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