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Christie's Proudly Unveils

THE LARGEST PURPLE PINK FLAWLESS DIAMOND TO EVER APPEAR FOR SALE AT AUCTION

THE SAKURA DIAMOND

15.81 CARAT FANCY VIVID PURPLE PINK INTERNALLY FLAWLESS DIAMOND

Hong Kong Magnificent Jewels Live Auction 23 May 2021



Estimate: HK\$195 Million – 300 Million
US\$25 Million – 38 Million

Christie's is proud to present **【The Sakura Diamond】** - A 15.81 Carat Fancy Vivid Purple Pink Internally Flawless Type Ila Diamond Ring (Estimate: HK\$195 Million – 300 Million/ US\$25 Million – 38 Million), as one of the star highlights of the Magnificent Jewels live auction in Hong Kong on 23 May.

This immensely important, eternal masterpiece of nature possesses a number of distinct rare qualities:

Exceptional Rarity: Natural coloured diamonds are among the rarest and most valuable gemstones. In particular, pink colouration in diamonds is caused by the distortion of the molecular lattice which happens at random, making pink diamonds extremely challenging to cut from their rough form.

Enormous Size: As fewer than 10% of pink diamonds weigh more than 1/5 of a carat, this Fancy Vivid Purple-Pink diamond is of an unprecedented size of 15.81 carats, which is the largest of its kind (Fancy Vivid Purple-Pink) to be offered at any auction.

Brilliant Colour: According to GIA, only 4% of pink diamonds possess a colour deep enough to qualify as 'Fancy Vivid'. This magnificent gem is graded 'Fancy Vivid' for its perfect display of strong saturation and remarkable pink hue with a secondary colour of purple, resembling the fascinating colour of cherry blossoms — appropriately coinciding with Spring. 'Sakura' is the Japanese word for the beautiful cherry blossoms that bloom for a very short period indicating the beginning of spring.

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Flawless Clarity: Diamonds are formed deep within the earth's crust, and the majority of pink diamonds are almost always included. In addition, pink diamonds fall under the rare Type Ila category of diamonds, which make up less than 2% of all gem diamonds. **【The Sakura Diamond】** has been graded Internally Flawless, embodying its exceptional rarity and extraordinary optical transparency.

Vickie Sek, Chairman, Department of Jewellery, Christie's Asia Pacific, commented, "Christie's has offered some of the largest and the rarest pink diamonds in history across our global salerooms, highlighted by The Winston Pink Legacy sold in Geneva in 2018 that still holds the auction record per carat for any pink diamond. This season we are very honoured to continue this fine tradition by presenting **【The Sakura Diamond】** in Hong Kong. This exceptionally rare and magnificent wonder of nature represents a unique expression of identity and mesmerising beauty through its enthralling purple pink hue, that will undoubtedly capture the hearts of discerning connoisseurs and collectors worldwide."

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Beijing | 16 – 17 April | No. 82 Jinbao Street, Dong Cheng District

Taipei | 1 – 2 May | Taipei Marriott Hotel, No. 199, Lequn 2nd Road, Zhongshan District, Taipei

Hong Kong | 6 – 8 May 2021 | 22/ F, Alexandra House, 18 Chater Road Central

Auction:

Hong Kong | 23 May | Convention Hall, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No.1 Harbour Road, Wanchai

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