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TIANCHENG INTERNATIONAL'S AUTUMN AUCTION OF JEWELLERY AND JADEITE

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Highlight

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Collecting Trend

Art design jewellery includes Busatti, Alessio Boschi, Anna Hu and more



RARE AND EXCEPTIONAL TWENTY-THREE JADEITE BEAD NECKLACE,
DIAMETER OF BEADS 20.71 – 17.35 mm

Estimate on request

Hong Kong, 31 October 2012 - Tiancheng International's Autumn sale of *Jewellery and Jadeite* will be staged at the Tiancheng International's Hong Kong office, 30/F Bank of China Tower on Wednesday, 28 November with public preview starting from 23 to 27 November (from Friday to Tuesday). The sale will offer over 150 top jadeites, exquisite gemstones, magnificent coloured and colourless diamonds, as well as a series of art design jewels by renowned jewellery houses and independent jewellery designers. All lots come to the market with a combined estimate of over HKD 400 million / USD 51.28 million. The top lot of the sale is a rare jadeite bead necklace with superb quality and size (*image above*), which is expected to fetch over HKD 80 million / USD 10.26 million*.

^{*} The current world auction record for a piece of jadeite jewellery is HKD 72,620,000 / USD 9,440,600.



Top Jadeites

Jadeites continue to be the highlight of the season. Not only an array of top quality jadeites with high translucency, intense colour and fine texture will be offered, but also a series of fashionable avant-garde design pieces will be presented. The top lot of the sale is an exceptional single strand Jadeite Necklace of twenty-three beads range from 20.71 to 17.35mm (image on page 1; estimate on request). Its significant size, alluring translucency and desirable green colour are a marriage of the miracle of nature and superb craftsmanship. The hue, intensity, brightness and evenness of each single bead are also of the finest quality with exceptional texture and polished to perfect spherical shape, making the beads closely resemble ripen green grapes and giving a smooth glossy luster upon light irradiation. This jadeite bead necklace is truly a collecting treasure of exquisite quality and expected to fetch over HKD 80 million. Click here for more information about this jadeite bead necklace.

In general, lavender jadeites in good colour always come with poor translucency or the vice versa. Nonetheless, the Lavender Bead Necklace (image right; estimate: HKD 1,680,000 – 1,880,000 / USD 2,200,000 – 2,400,000) offered at this sale is of intense colour that possesses exceptional translucency. The thirty-one greatly transparent and giant lavender beads range from 16.46 to 14.14mm, making the vivid necklace absolutely precious.



Other jadeite highlights include a very fine Jadeite and Diamond 'Buddha' Pendant (image left; estimate: HKD 15,000,000 – 20,000,000 / USD 1,860,000 – 2,200,000) of vivid green

colour with exceptional transparency and ultra-fine texture. It possesses an excellent facial features carving with good proportion by a masterly skill; there is also a fine Jadeite and Diamond Ring (image below; estimate: HKD 3,900,000 – 4,800,000 / USD 500,000 – 600,000) which the jadeite cabochon measures approximately 20.75 x 15.83 x 10.65mm.

Art Design Jewellery

Unique art design jewellery has drawn increasing attention in the past two seasons of Tiancheng International's *Jewellery and Jadeite* auctions. In this November sale, a series of stunning art design jewellery will once again be offered, which includes renowned jewellery houses such as Bulgari, Chopard, Mellerio dits Meller and Fred; acclaimed independent jewellery designers or brands such as Alessio Boschi, Anna Hu, Busatti and Buzzanca.





Since the establishment in 1613, Mellerio dits Meller Jewellery has inherited to fourteen generations. Its spirit of creation and excellence, ingenuity, know-how and ancestral skills perpetuates the oldest family company in Europe. Originate from Italy, the Mellerio family has combined the attraction for aesthetics and magnificence and the creativity of their origins with French classicism, precision and elegance. In the 18th century, Mellerio dits Meller attracted the patronage of Queen Marie Antoniette and Empress Josephine. Over the centuries, Mellerio's creations are favoured by the most prestigious and demanding clients: royal and imperial families from France and other European countries, Russia, Latin America and the Far East. Nowadays, alongside the royal clients are celebrities and distinguished people. It is the passion of Mellerio, its unique style, its creativity which is beyond passing trends and its demand for absolute

quality that has enabled it to retain as a legendary for almost four centuries. Tiancheng International is honoured to present a 19.79-carat Natural Columbian Emerald and Diamond Necklace designed by Mellerio dits Meller (image left; estimate: HKD 1,200,000 – 1,500,000 / USD 155,000 – 200,000) in its Autumn sale. Suspending an oscillating emerald drop, its retro design and aesthetic luxury avant-garde style best fills in the category of elegant beauty.

Recently, internationally award winning jewellery designers have become the spotlight and received wide recognition from jewellery connoisseurs with good tastes and style. This sale will offer a signature piece from Alessio Boschi, 'Delfino' Seed Pearl Necklace of Diamonds, Blue Sapphires, Paraiba Tourmalines and Moonstone (image right; estimate: HKD 490,000 - 590,000 / USD 63,000 - 76,000). Seed pearls are rarely found in these days. This necklace composed of one hundred and twenty strands of hundreds of tiny seed pearls making it sought after by the market. Linked by a modeling dolphin clasp, the body is set with blue sapphires shaded in paraiba tourmalines and diamonds. The multi-functional dolphin piece can also be worn as a brooch.





A 14.50-carat Sugarloaf Rubelite 'Paradise Blossom' Ring (image left; estimate: HKD 250,000 – 300,000 / USD 32,000 – 38,000) is the design of Anna Hu, a Taiwanese designer who is one of the most appraised jewellery designers lately. Presenting her first international exhibition at the Louvre's Les Arts Décoratifs in Paris this July, Anna Hu has drawn world's attention and recognition. Her jewelleries are always regarded as absolutely innovative in design and craftsmanship.



Exquisite Gemstones







A 8.06-carat Natural Ruby and Diamond Ring which came from Mogok, Burmese (image left; estimate: HKD 13,800,000 – 16,800,000 / USD 1,750,000 – 2,000,000) is definitely a collectible treasure. The ruby is accompanied by Gübelin Gem Lab and SSEF reports, stating that its red colour is of 'pigeon's blood' which is regarded as the most desirable colour in ruby and natural with no indication of heating. It is flanked on each side by an emerald-cut diamond weighing 1.27 and 1.30 carats respectively, bordered with brilliant-cut diamonds extending to the shank. Other of note are a 32.07-carat Burmese Sapphire and Diamond Ring (image in the middle; estimate: HKD 4,880,000 – 5,880,000 / USD 625,000 – 755,000) where its sapphire is classified as 'Royal Blue' colour and a 10.29-carat Columbian Emerald and Diamond ring (image right; estimate: HKD 1,380,000 – 1,800,000 / USD 180,000 – 230,000). Both the sapphire and the emerald are accompanied with certificates stating that they are natural with no indication of thermal treatment nor clarity enhancement respectively.



A 282.73-carat Beryl Cat's Eye, Emerald and Diamond Ring (image left: estimate: HKD 780,000 – 980,000 / USD 100,000 – 125,000) offered in this sale is one of the largest known cut Cat's-eye beryl. Cat's-eyes are most commonly found in chrysoberyl, but Beryl Cat's Eyes are much rare to be seen in the market.

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Auction Details

Date: 28 November 2012 (Wednesday)

Time: 4 p.m.

Venue: Tiancheng International

30/F, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong

Hong Kong Preview

Date: 23-27 November 2012 (Friday - Tuesday)

Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Venue: Tiancheng International

30/F, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong

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