



PRESS RELEASE

Tiancheng International's Jewellery and Jadeite Spring Sale features a collection of 60 fancy colour diamonds on 27 May 2012



Hong Kong, 30 April 2012 - Tiancheng International's **Spring sale of Jewellery and Jadeite** will be staged at the Tiancheng's Hong Kong office, 30/F Bank of China Tower on Sunday, 27 May with public preview starting on Thursday, 24 May. The sale offers over a hundred lots of flawless diamond, coloured diamonds, exquisite gemstones, quality jadeites and signed jewels. All lots come to the market with **a combined estimate of HKD400 million**.

Of note is **a set of 60 fancy colour diamonds coming from a European private collection** (*image above, estimate on request*). Since the collector laid his hands on the first coloured diamond in 1978, it has been a non-stop mission to find quality diamonds throughout his thirty years of travel around the world. The collector had been meticulously selected a palette of rare and exotic coloured diamonds, not only with incredible shades of pink, blue, yellow and green, but also with all shapes and sizes including one in a shape of a "house". All the stones in the collection are graded as fancy colour with certification. It has been not easy to find one single certified coloured diamond in the market. However, this collection offers 60 pieces at one time which is an opportunity once in a life time.



Alongside with the vibrant colours above is an important 21.91 carat Type IIa Triple Excellent (excellent in cut, polish and symmetry) D Flawless unmounted brilliant-cut round diamond (*est. HKD39,500,000–41,500,000*). A Type IIa diamond akin to examples from the ancient mine of Golconda in India, this diamond radiates exceptional brilliance and transparency. With only a handful existing today as the legendary Golconda mine has long ceased production, Type IIa diamonds are considered an extreme rarity and highly sought after by true connoisseurs.



The auspicious colour of red is highly sought after by sophisticated collectors in Asia. This season will present an elegant creation by world-renowned jeweler Bulgari, a pair of ruby and diamond earrings, (*est. HKD1,950,000–2,950,000*) as one of the sale highlights. With no heat enhancement, each oval-shaped ruby weighs 7.70 carats and 6.82 carats respectively, complemented by round and marquise-shaped diamonds. The simple yet charismatic design exudes and endearing feminine charm.

Large, translucent jadeite beads that used to adorn emperors and high court officials are exceedingly rare today. Tiancheng is delighted to offer an impressive jadeite bead necklace (*est. HKD59,000,000–80,000,000*) composed of twenty-three bright green beads with exceptional translucency and size measuring approximately 21.54 to 16.61 mm. The significant size, alluring translucency and desirable green colour are a marriage of the miracle of nature and superb craftsmanship.



Complementing a traditional jadeite bead necklace is another classic favourite form of jadeite jewellery: bangle. On offer is a highly translucent jadeite bangle (*est. HKD4,500,000–6,800,000*) with bright green patches throughout the bangle. The green patches resemble a marbling effect that one also sees in Chinese ink paintings, where artists use the brushing effect of ink and water on paper to express concepts of nature and emotion. The astonishing variation in tonality from vibrant green to silvery gray is the most natural formation of an art piece.



Apart from the classic Chinese designs for jadeite is a black jadeite and diamond pendant (*est. HKD550,000–700,000*) created by Alessio Boschi. The rectangular jadeite plaque exhibits a nearly black colour but gleams an enticing dark green colour under bright light. The designer wittily set the plaque between melting snow made of diamonds creating a contemporary piece that will certainly draw coveted attention.



AUCTION

Date: 27 May 2012 (Sunday)
Time: 3 pm
Venue: Tiancheng International
30/F Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong

PREVIEW

Date: 24 - 26 May 2012 (Thursday - Sunday)
Time: 10am - 6pm
Venue: Tiancheng International
30/F Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong

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