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TIANCHENG INTERNATIONAL JEWELLERY AND JADEITE SPRING AUCTION 2015 TO TAKE PLACE ON 14 JUN

SPARKLE OF SPRINGTIME



42.88-Carat Natural Colombian Muzo Emerald and Diamond Pendant Necklace, Harry Winston

Estimate : HK\$ 23,000,000 – 28,000,000 / US\$ 2,950,000 – 3,600,000

Preview : 30 May to 4 Jun; 11 to 13 Jun | Auction : 14 Jun

HONG KONG, 11 May 2015 Tiancheng International Jewellery and Jadeite Spring Auction 2015 will be held on 14 Jun 2015 (Sunday), 1pm, at 30/F Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong. This spring, Tiancheng International proudly presents **nearly 270 lots of coveted jewellery and jadeite pieces, estimated over HK\$300million/US\$39million**. With the increasing demand for coloured gemstones in the international market, an array of significant rubies, sapphires and emeralds are garnered to delight jewellery collectors in the forthcoming auction, which is highlighted by a superb 42.88-Carat Natural Colombian Muzo Emerald and Diamond Pendant Necklace by Harry Winston. Of exceptional quality, this emerald necklace is a rare find in the market. Also

noteworthy are a 55.20-Carat Natural Unheated Mozambican “Pigeon’s Blood” Ruby and Diamond Necklace, a 7.04-Carat Natural Unheated Kashmir Sapphire and Diamond Bracelet by Cartier, a 12.88-Carat Natural Unheated Burmese Sapphire and Diamond Ring by Boucheron, all of which are natural beauties without treatment and with some offered far below the market price. They are complemented by a dazzling collection of precious diamonds including a 59.93-Carat Fancy Deep Orange-Brown VVS1 Clarity Type IIa Diamond Ring and a 25.72-Carat Heart-shaped D-Colour Diamond Ring.

As for jadeite jewels, a splendid range of impressive and important treasures will be presented, which includes a magnificent Jadeite “Laughing Buddha” and Diamond Pendant, a Lavender Jadeite Bangle, a Jadeite “Gourd” and Diamond Pendant and Pair of Matching Pendant Earrings Set, a Pair of Jadeite “Double Hoops”, a Jadeite and Diamond Necklace and Three Coloured Jadeite “Miniature Buddha” Pendant Necklaces by Chinese jade carving master Wang Junyi.

Mr. Stewart Young, Director of Tiancheng International’s Jewellery Department, remarks, “At Tiancheng International Autumn Auction 2014, a Magnificent Natural Jadeite Pendant Necklace and Matching Ring Set was sold for HK\$92.04 million, setting a world auction record for cabochon jadeite suite. This season, we will showcase a rich collection of the finest jewellery, with a high potential in collectible and investment value. Most spectacular of all is a 42.88-Carat Natural Colombian Muzo Emerald and Diamond Pendant Necklace by Harry Winston. Discovered in the world-famous Muzo mine, it is an extraordinarily large sized classic Columbian emerald of vividly rich in green hues, endowed with an irresistible brand-name appeal. Besides the offerings of globally leading jewellery brands, we have also amassed the characterful creations from a number of highly gifted designers around the world. The varied array of gems at our upcoming auction will be a spectacular feast for all jewellery connoisseurs.”

STUNNING GEMSTONES AND DIAMONDS

Colombian Emerald

42.88-Carat Natural Colombian Muzo Emerald and Diamond Pendant Necklace, Harry Winston

Diamonds together weighing approximately 73.00 carats

Estimate : HK\$ 23,000,000 – 28,000,000 /

US\$ 2,950,000-3,600,000

From Cleopatra and the Pharaohs of Egypt, the courts of European royalty to Empress Dowager Cixi of Qing-dynasty in China, emerald has been regarded as a means to demonstrate the power of a ruler, the opulence of the royal court and a measure of wealth over time. Colombian emeralds are usually considered as the most captivating emeralds in the world as its deposits are found in sedimentary host



rock rather than in igneous rock. Sedimentary rock creates a pure growing environment for raw materials, including beryllium, chromium and vanadium, for emeralds to cool and crystallise. Amongst the limited mines within Colombian borders, Muzo mine, which is the oldest one still in operation with over five centuries of uninterrupted activity, produces the most saturated pure green to slightly bluish-green emeralds, creating the lushest allure of green gemstones that numerous collectors scramble for.

Individual collectors are definitely not the only adherents chasing this green beauty, manufacturers and jewellers are also inside this hunger game. An emerald necklace, crafted by the world-class jewellery brand Harry Winston, will be presented at the auction. Weighing 42.88 carats, the stone hails from the Muzo mine in Colombia and is replete with a mesmerising glamour to set every heart aflutter. The emerald is set on platinum adorned with marquise-and pear-shaped diamonds together weighing approximately 73.00 carats, showcasing a perfect marriage of the gem's natural beauty with impeccable craftsmanship.

“Pigeon’s Blood” Rubies

Among rubies, “pigeon’s blood” is considered the most precious on account of their unparalleled colour and fiery intensity. “Pigeon’s blood” rubies harvested from the Mozambican mines in Africa are the best of their kind, owing to the enchanting red colour they display. Since the discovery of top-quality gems there a few years ago, Mozambican mines can now be compared



to heir legendary counterparts in the Mogok region of Burma, known for the finest rubies produced. This Natural Unheated Mozambican “Pigeon’s Blood” Ruby and Diamond Necklace (Estimate : HK\$ 22,000,000-25,000,000 /US\$ 2,820,000-3,200,000), entitled “The Flare of Crimson”, is aglow with the vibrant allure of rubies with intense hues of red, evocative of a blazing flame burning passionately. Heightening its aesthetic charms is a subtle jewellery design, where 22 rubies totaling approximately 52.22 carats are accentuated by sparkling D-coloured diamonds with a combined weight of approximately 59.60 carats, to evoke a lavish beauty and sophistication.



Other fiery red rubies from the region include a 12.53-Carat Natural Unheated Mozambican “Pigeon’s Blood” Ruby and Diamond Necklace (Estimate : HK\$ 9,000,000-12,000,000 / US\$ 1,150,000-1,540,000) and a 5.17-Carat Natural Unheated Mozambican “Pigeon’s Blood” Ruby and Diamond Ring (Estimate : HK\$ 1,850,000-2,850,000 / US\$ 238,000-365,000, left of next image) .

Thermally untreated, these genuine “pigeon’s blood” gems are breathtakingly beautiful. The estimated price of the former is lower than the market value by more than one fold, making it a masterpiece not to be missed in this auction.

Top Sapphires

7.04-Carat Natural Unheated Kashmir Sapphire and Diamond Bracelet, Cartier

Estimate : HK\$ 8,000,000-12,000,000 /

US\$ 1,030,000-1,540,000

Despite their short span, Kashmir's sapphire mines are legendary. Though active for only seven years before becoming depleted, they produced sapphires of the finest quality in the world. Centring on a 7.04-carat Kashmir sapphire, the bracelet is adorned with white diamonds totalling approximately 10.00 carats, aglow with a resplendent splendor to make this jewellery piece an everlasting classic.



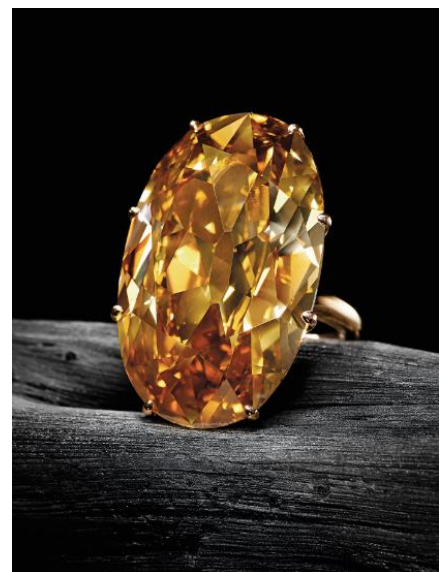
12.88-Carat Natural Unheated Burmese Sapphire and Diamond Ring, Boucheron

Estimate : HK\$ 1,000,000-1,500,000 / US\$ 128,000-192,000

Boucheron is a celebrated French jewellery brand well loved by celebrities and royalty across the globe. This 12.88-carat sapphire ring combines the deep blue hues of a thermally untreated sapphire from Burma with an oval design, flanked by white diamonds from both sides totalling 1.50 carats. Barring its prestigious brand background, the estimate of the blue sapphire is a third of its market value. Given its superlative quality, this shining glory promises to bring further sparkles to the auction.

Dazzling Diamonds

In recent years, fancy diamonds exceeding 50 carats in weight are a rare find in auctions. This important 59.93-Carat Fancy Deep Orange-Brown Diamond Ring (Estimate: HK\$15,000,000-19,000,000 / US\$ 1,920,000-2,440,000) is named "*La Splendeur Dorée*" (The Golden Splendor). Akin to the finest-quality precious stones unearthed at the famous Golconda mine in India, it has an amazing weight of 59.93 carats and VVS1 clarity. This magnificent diamond is also certified as a Type IIa diamond due to the absence of Nitrogen impurities, which normally can confer a yellow, brown, orange, pink, red or purple colour to the gem. Type IIa diamonds make up of 1-2% of all natural gem quality diamonds produced, making this diamond an exquisitely rare one. When it comes to cutting, modifying brilliant faceting style is common among fancy diamonds in order to intensify the face-up colour. Such modification is unnecessary for "The Golden Splendor". Its elegant oval brilliant cut suffices to evoke the stone's naturally intense and lively colour. The



diamond's golden sparkle is reminiscent of the brilliance of the rising sun, full of alluring charm. Undoubtedly the most marvelous gift of diamond from nature, it is a rare treasure hotly pursued by avid collectors. Kept in an Indian family collection for over a century, The Golden Splendor is now appearing at auction for the first time.



“Eternity of Love”

25.72-Carat D-colour VS2 Clarity Diamond Ring

Estimate : HK\$ 22,000,000-25,000,000 / US\$ 2,820,000-3,200,000

It takes years of experience and great skills to craft a perfect heart-shaped diamond. A flatter cut creates illusion of a bigger diamond but diminishes its brilliance. Thus, diamond cutter needs to strike a balance between size and brilliance while giving shape to a heart-shaped diamond. “Eternity of Love” is cut and polished from a 67.45-carat diamond rough. Its substantial 25.72-carat weight complements a minimalist heart-shaped design to provide a symbol of unyielding love that endures the test of time. This diamond has an excellent

polish and symmetry, with D-colour and VS2 clarity, possesses a bright, pristine look that inspires love at first sight.

“The Triple Excellent Collection”

Besides superb transparency and flawless clarity, every diamond draws its beauty from high-precision cut, polish and symmetry. The world-renowned 3EX (Triple Excellent) benchmark can be equated to the ultimate grade in cut, polish and symmetry enabling a diamond to attain unparalleled light reflection. This season, Tiancheng International has amassed a variety of 3EX diamonds, all of no fluorescene, including:



J colour, Internally Flawless to VVS2 Clarity Diamond Necklace, 54 diamonds together weighing 68.69 carats ; centred diamond weighing 7.81 carats

Estimate : HK \$ 3,600,000-4,600,000 / US\$ 460,000-590,000

J Colour, Internally Flawless to VVS2 Clarity Diamond Bracelet, 23 diamonds together weighing 28.83 carats

Estimate : HK\$ 1,100,000-2,000,000 / US\$140,000-256,000

Pair of 12.58 and 12.24-Carat J Colour VVS1 Clarity Diamond Earrings

Estimate : HK\$ 6,000,000-7,000,000 / US\$770,000-900,000

18.35-Carat K Colour VVS1 Clarity, Type Ila Diamond and Diamond Ring

Estimate : HK\$ 4,350,000-5,500,000 / US\$ 558,000 -705,000

Whether it comes to sophisticated diamond rings or glamorous diamond necklaces, jewellery connoisseurs and collectors can expect to see diamonds with excellent cut, polish and symmetry, all of no fluorescence, at their purest and highest quality, in the auction.

OPULENT JADEITE



Jadeite “Laughing Buddha” and Diamond Pendant

Estimate : HK\$15,000,000-20,000,000 / US\$ 1,920,000-2,560,000

“Maitreya Buddha”, also known as the “Laughing Buddha”, has captivated the public imagination with his smile and benign facial expressions. In this much-coveted lot, the Buddha’s iconic image is carved on top-quality jadeite of enchanting translucency and intense emerald-green colour, further brought to life by the exquisite craftsmanship.

Jadeite bead necklaces are highly valued among jadeite jewellery. It takes massive wastage of even-quality material, along with intricate work procedures, to produce fully rounded jadeite beads. This Jadeite and Diamond Necklace (Estimate : HK\$ 10,000,000-15,000,000 / US\$ 1,280,000-1,920,000) , kept in a prestige family for half the century, comprises 59 jadeite beads of rich imperial green colour and spectacular translucency. Each bead emanates an arresting sheen, embodying the virtues of perfection and beauty symbolised by jadeite.



Jadeite “Gourd” and Diamond Pendant; and Pair of Matching Pendent Earrings

Estimate : HK\$ 12,000,000-15,000,000 / US\$ 1,540,000-1,920,000

Gourds are rich in auspicious meanings for the Chinese. Their term for gourds is *hulu*, which has a similar pronunciation to *fulu*, meaning “happiness” and “good fortunes”. Trailing gourd vines and substantial fruits of the plant are associated with a large family of numerous offspring. Bearing the legacy of Chinese culture, this natural jadeite “gourd” pendant is designed to offer a wealth of blessings for its owner.

Creating jadeite “double hoops” not only entails high wastage but also imposes stringent demands on the quality of the jadeite boulder and preeminent craftsmanship. Therefore, jadeite “double hoops” carved to perfection are exceptionally rare nowadays. This Pair of Jadeite “Double Hoops” (Estimate : HK\$ 6,000,000-8,000,000 / US\$ 770,000-1,030,000) is imbued with intensely saturated green colour, matched by a delightful translucence. Elegant in appearance, the twin interlocking hoops augur double happiness.



Lavender jadeite is cherished for its graceful, enchanting colour and lustrous sheen. This Lavender Jadeite Bangle (Estimate : HK\$ 10,000,000-15,000,000 / US\$ 1,280,000-1,920,000) exudes saturated lavender purple hue, is impressive to all jadeite connoisseurs with its remarkable lucidity and scrumptious texture.



Three Coloured Jadeite “Miniature Buddha” Pendant Necklaces, Wang Junyi

Estimate : HK\$ 3,700,000-4,700,000 /

US\$ 475,000-602,000

Based on a creative concept emphasising the “oneness of heaven and humanity”, Chinese jade carving master Wang Junyi has created numerous masterpieces highly sought-after by collectors at jewellery auctions. One of his most representative works is the “Miniature Buddha” series. This lot comprises three miniature Buddha

pendants, each carved with subtle details from fine natural jadeite, icy jadeite and red jadeite respectively. Wang goes beyond the subject’s physical appearance to delve into the spiritual mercy of Buddha, taking the art of jadeite carving to an unprecedented level of aesthetic expression.

Icy Jadeite “Guanyin”, Jadeite, Sapphire and Diamond Pendant, Alessio Boschi

Estimate : HK\$ 4,500,000-5,500,000 / US\$ 557,000-705,000

Skillfully carved as a Guanyin with a small green patch suffused on the forehead, this icy jadeite pendant depicts the dignified presence of Guanyin, particularly personifying the compassion and kindness through details of the facial expression. Renowned jewellery designer Alessio Boschi fashions the



bodhisattva's hands from rose gold, suspended from an adjustable black cord, to express unconditional love for sentient beings. A rare work of jadeite carving, the lot celebrates the superb craftsmanship to the full.

DESIGNER'S PIECES

Tiancheng International has always been dedicated towards providing a platform for independent designers, where their works could be introduced to jewellery collectors from around the world. Some of their exquisite creations will be showcased in the upcoming sale.



Jadeite, Brown Diamond and Diamond "Bat" Brooch, Nisan

Estimate : HK\$ 45,000-85,000 / US\$ 5,800-11,000

"Blessings" and "bats" share a similar pronunciation in the Chinese language. Due to this, the winged creature has always been perceived as a symbol of auspiciousness and longevity. Mr. Nisan

Ongwuthitham, a jewellery designer from Thailand, has incorporated modern shapes and lines into the Chinese-themed jadeite jewellery. Brown and white diamonds complement each other in brilliant glitter, to bring the bat motif to life.

This Jadeite and Titanium "Ginkgo Leaf" Brooch (Estimate : HK\$ 45,000-75,000 / US\$ 5,800-9,600) is a unique creation by famous Taiwanese designer Tsai An Ho, who skillfully fashions the wings of a beetle in azure tones with titanium fired at a high temperature. In addition, an elegantly-shaped leaf is crafted on 18 karat pink gold. Not only are its veins clearly visible, the leaf provides a resting place for the endearing beetle created from natural jadeite.



Green and red jadeite are juxtaposed, with the adornment of loose yellow diamonds, in this Pair of Jadeite, Red Jadeite "Ruyi", Ruby, Yellow Diamond and Diamond Pendant Earrings (Estimate : HK\$ 100,000-180,000 / US\$ 12,800-23,000) by Ice. The colour of this pair of earrings is aptly matched to generate a fresh and novel beauty. Equally outstanding is the Amethyst, Tsavorite Garnet, Ruby and Brown Diamond "Tree Frog" Pendant (Estimate : HK\$ 160,000-220,000 / US\$ 20,500-28,000), another offering

from Ice. Here, the figurine of a tree frog holding an enchanting amethyst of 171.15 carats makes for an amusing highlight.





Opal, Moonstone, Sapphire and Diamond “Dandelion” Brooch, Farn Farn
 Estimate : HK\$ 90,000-150,000 / US\$ 11,500-19,200

From the Taiwanese jewellery design brand Farn Farn comes this “Dandelion” brooch, a picture of extraordinary beauty. A 17.30-carat opal, together with moonstones, blue sapphires and diamonds weighing 39.30, 1.05 and 4.15 carats respectively, are brought together to form a dynamic design, unified by a blue titanium to depict the different parts of dandelion strands, as though they are swaying in the spring breeze. A work of ultimate beauty, it pays homage to the season where the natural world awakens to life and vitality.

Another designer’s piece is a Jadeite, Multi-Coloured Jadeite and Diamond “Flower Basket” Brooch (Estimate : HK\$ 70,000-100,000 / US\$ 9,000-12,800) , executed by Taiwanese jewellery designer Wang Chinlin, which reflects her penchant for simplicity and minimalism and the integration of East and West. Since 2005, Wang has been creating a flourishing flower basket piece each year to chronicle her state of mind. Created in 2014, this brooch skillfully resembles blossoms and leaves with red, yellow and green jadeite pieces to elevate the blooming of spring, glorifying the beauty of nature in a dazzling way.



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Tiancheng International Jewellery and Jadeite Spring Auction 2015		
Auction	14 Jun 2015 (Sunday)	1pm
Previews	30 May to 4 Jun 2015 (Saturday to Thursday) 11 to 13 Jun 2015 (Thursday to Saturday)	10am to 6 pm
Venue	Tiancheng International 30/F, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong	

ABOUT TIANCHENG INTERNATIONAL

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