



THE ORIENTAL CERAMIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG LIMITED

PREVIEW OF CHRISTIE'S SPRING AUCTIONS

WITH ROSEMARY SCOTT AND POLA ANTEBI

Date: Saturday, 24 May 2008
Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
Convention Hall (Old Wing)
1 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Cost: Members Free
Limited to 20 participants

The OCS is again fortunate to have the expert guidance of Ms. Rosemary Scott and Ms. Pola Antebi to preview objects in the Christie's May auctions. On view are: *Elegance and Artistry: Treasures from a Private Collection*; *The Imperial Sale: Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art*; *Magnificent Clocks for the Imperial Court from the Nezu Museum* and *Important Chinese Rhinoceros Horn Carvings from the Songzhutang Collection*.

Treasures from a Private Collection comprises just a handful of pieces, foremost of which is a Mughal-style inscribed white jade cup dated 1774. Also from the Qianlong period (1736-1795) and from the same private collection are a pair of enamelled turquoise ground *famille rose* vases. *The Imperial Sale* features an Imperial blue and white "Dragon" vase with a Qianlong six-character seal mark, an Imperial gilt-bronze "Dragon" temple bell, an Imperial cloisonné enamel ice-chest, both from the Qianlong period, and an early Ming copper-red-decorated *kendi* ewer from the Hongwu period (1365-1398)

Clocks for the Imperial Court, which are being sold by Tokyo's famed Nezu museum to contribute to renovations, comprise one of the most significant collections outside of the Palace Museum in Beijing. In contrast from the intricate automata of the clocks, naturalism and the use of organic materials are seen among the thirty examples of *Rhinoceros Horn Carvings from the Songzhutang Collection*, which have been assembled over several decades. One of its highlights is a finely carved lotus leaf-shaped rhinoceros horn water-dropper from the Ming dynasty.

Because of heavy demand and a strictly limited number of places, this event will be open only to OCS members.

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Yes, I would like to join the Preview of Christie's Spring auction tour on Saturday, 24 May 2008. Please reserve for

Members _____ places.

Name: _____ Mr/Mrs/Ms/Prof/Dr Member: Yes/No
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