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## Tiancheng International's Inaugural Auction concluded HK\$268,247,040

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**Theme sale 'Contemporary Literati' exceeded pre-sale estimates**

**Jewellery section totaled HK\$160 million**



Auguste Rodin (1840-1917), *Monumental Head of Pierre de Wissant*, bronze,  
Inscribed with the signature *Auguste Rodin* and with the foundry mark *Alexis RUDIER. Fondateur. PARIS*  
Height: 32 ¼ inches 82 cm

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concluded its inaugural auction with **HK\$268,247,040 (US\$34,418,509)** today, offered 233 lots of Modern and Contemporary art, jewellery and Chinese works of art. The star lot of the sale,

***Monumental Head of Pierre de Wissant* by Auguste Rodin**, fetched **HK\$ 64,900,000**

**(US\$8,327,254)**. The bronze head sculpture was sold over three times of the pre-sale low estimate to an Asian private collector after intense bidding. This large head of Pierre de Wissant is an



outstanding example of Rodin's work which captures the fear, pathos and courage of Pierre de Wissant in an expressive way.

"We are happy with the sale result today," said **Ingrid Lam, CEO of Tiancheng International**. "As a new auction company, we are committed to bring in more new collecting categories for buyers and collector, the sale result shows that quality art works are highly sought-after by collectors."



The special theme sale 'Contemporary Literati' performed above pre-sale estimates. "The sale exceeded our expectation today. The art theme 'Contemporary Literati' received positive feedbacks from buyers and collectors, we are confident in introducing more fresh art categories to the market in our upcoming auctions." commented Meiling Lee, head

of modern and contemporary art department. ***Raincloud over Wushan***, a splashed ink painting by **Zhang Daqian**, was sold at **HK\$17.7 million** (Estimate: HK\$9,000,000-12,000,000). The piece is a signature work by Zhang with green and blue splashed ink in his mature style executed between the 60s to the 70s. Another highlight of the sale, ***Spring*** by **Wu Guanzhong** was sold at **HK\$6.49 million**. (Estimate: HK\$ 6,000,000 - 7,000,000)



The Jewellery and Jadeite section achieved **HK\$160 million** in total. Top lot of the section is a **pair of impressive pink diamond ear pendants**, which sold for **HK\$28,556,000**. An **important 17.8 carat unmounted pear - shaped DIF diamond** fetched **HK\$27,966,000**. (Estimate: 24,600,000 – 28,600,000).



### **ABOUT TIANCHENG INTERNATIONAL**

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