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**TIANCHENG INTERNATIONAL**  
**JEWELLERY AND JADEITE SPRING AUCTION 2020**  
**Highlighting Magnificent Gemstones, Diamonds and Jadeite**  
**Preview: 4 – 6 July | Auction: 7 July**



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**HONG KONG, 2 June 2020** Tiancheng International Jewellery and Jadeite Spring Auction will take place on 7 July, showcasing a vast selection of natural coloured gemstones, diamonds and jadeite pieces. Leading the sale is a magnificent 10.25-carat natural unheated Burmese Mogok ruby. Suffused with fiery “pigeon’s blood” colour intensity and unearthed from the celebrated Mogok mine, this gem is an exceptional choice for one’s trophy collection.

**Ms. Connie Huang, Head of Tiancheng International’s Jewellery Department,** remarks, “We are pleased to present our carefully curated auction to connoisseurs. With the COVID-19 pandemic still affecting all spheres of life, we have handpicked a more refined selection of gemstones and opulent jadeite, alongside a variety of branded jewels, designer pieces and exquisite watches. Tiancheng International hopes to offer a dazzling spectacular for our discerning clients as COVID-19 is showing signs of subsidence in Asia.”

The Preview of the Spring Auction will be held from 4 to 6 July (10am to 6pm), and the Auction will take place on 7 July 2020 (Tuesday, 1pm) at 30/F Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## “Pigeon’s Blood” Rubies



### **Lot 146**

#### **10.25-Carat Natural Unheated Burmese Mogok “Pigeon’s Blood” Ruby and Diamond Ring**

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In recent years, high-quality Burmese rubies have become increasingly rare as mines in Burma deplete. Among them, those weighing 5 carats or above and with the “pigeon’s blood” hue are like gold dust. The present lot is a natural unheated ruby originating from the prestigious Mogok mine in Burma. Displaying saturated red hue and unrivalled translucency,

it is certified to possess the “pigeon’s blood” colour by American Gemological Laboratories (AGL), GemResearch Swisslab (GRS) and Swiss Gemmological Institute (SSEF), making it a paragon of rubies. The surrounding 16 pear-shaped white diamonds, totalling 8.33 carats, bring out the fiery prominence of the treasure that set every heart aflutter.

### **Lot 145**

#### **5.63 and 5.06-Carat Natural Unheated Burmese “Pigeon’s Blood” Ruby and Diamond Earrings**

**Estimate: HK\$ 6,500,000 - 9,500,000 / US\$ 833,300 - 1,218,000**

These luscious “pigeon’s blood” rubies are also natives of Burma. Complemented by diamonds weighing 7.75 carats in total, this pair of rubies bears resemblance to two delicate flowers in full bloom that usher in the charms of springtime.



## Pink Diamond



### **Lot 72**

#### **4.07-Carat Natural Fancy Purplish Pink VS2 Clarity Excellent Polish Diamond Ring**

**Estimate: HK\$ 10,500,000 - 15,000,000 / US\$ 1,346,000 - 1,920,000**

Among the wide array of coloured diamonds, pink diamonds are some of the rarest, which are highly sought-after and have often fetched record-breaking prices. Weighing 4.07 carats, this diamond is in a vivacious and sweet pink with a tint of purple hue, granting the scintillating gem an endearing twist.

Its allure is further accentuated by the pear-shaped cut, rendering it an irresistible beauty for diamond lovers.

## Star Sapphire



### **Lot 70**

**38.48-Carat Natural Unheated Burmese Star Sapphire and Diamond Ring**  
**Diamonds together weighing approx. 6.25 carats**

**Estimate: HK\$ 2,000,000 - 3,000,000 / US\$ 256,000 - 385,000**

Star sapphires are known to entice with its mysterious character. The optical phenomenon of the stone is called asterism, caused by reflections from tiny, needle-like inclusions that are oriented in several specific directions. This stunning star sapphire is of a substantial size, complemented by a mesmerising blue and superb clarity. Featuring the razor-sharp beams, this sapphire flaunts its star-like quality that is a tour de force of Mother Nature.

## Opulent Jadeite

### **Lot 144**

**Jadeite “Gourd” and Diamond Pendant; and Matching Earrings**  
**Diamonds together weighing approx. 7.10 carats**

**Estimate: HK\$ 5,000,000 - 7,500,000 / US\$ 640,000 - 962,000**

This jadeite pendant and earrings set is prized for its fine texture and intense emerald green hue. Carved in the shape of a gourd, not only does the pendant embody the blessing of fortune, deriving from the Chinese pronunciation of “gourd”, it is made more auspicious by engraving the characters for longevity and jubilation. Spirited and steeped in blessings, this impressive jadeite set is the true manifestation of quintessential Chinese culture and preeminent craftsmanship.



### **Lot 41**

**Jadeite Bangle**

**Estimate: HK\$ 3,000,000 - 4,500,000 / US\$ 385,000 - 577,000**

Jadeite bangles are remarkably precious as the production process involves immense wastage. This delicate jadeite bangle displays a luminous emerald green colour and boasts a lustrous sheen. Its flat interior and curved exterior, as opposed to the traditional rod-shaped bangle, are fine niceties that bring extra comfort to the wearer, marking the epitome of genteelness.

## **Branded Jewellery**

### **Lot 127**

**Black Onyx and Diamond Ring, Tiffany & Co.**

**Black onyx weighing approx. 8.00 carats**

**Estimate: HK\$ 45,000 - 65,000 / US\$ 5,800 - 8,300**

Based on the timeless designs from the Tiffany Archives, Tiffany & Co. released “The Great Gatsby” series for the blockbuster of the same title in 2013, which were then elevated into classics as they were sported by the film’s cast. This ring is part of the unique series. Featuring a black onyx complemented by brilliant diamonds, the ring exudes a sense of elegance that transports any wearer back to the roaring 1920s — the age of jazz, flapper dresses, and extravagant parties.



## **Designer Pieces**

### **Lot 10**

**Jadeite, 8.58-Carat Natural Burmese Ruby, Gem-set and Diamond “Orchid”**

**Brooch, Wang Chin-Lin; Diamonds together weighing approx. 9.85 carats**

**Estimate: HK\$ 68,000 - 98,000 / US\$ 8,700 - 12,600**

This vernal piece, designed by Taiwanese jewellery designer Wang Chin-Lin, was inspired by the depleting numbers of wild orchids due to the damages caused to the environment. Rendered in a graceful form, the two orchids made of a myriad of gemstones and natural jadeite are no doubt a feast for the eyes. The bee on the branch is a detail not to be missed — as it oscillates freely, it breathes life into the otherwise serene yet static scene set by the orchids, illustrating the designer’s optimism for the orchids to blossom again.



### **Lot 140**

**Diamond, Ruby and Tsavorite Garnet “Rat” Brooch, Nisan**

**Ruby weighing approx. 1.30 carats; Tsavorite garnets and diamonds together weighing approx. 2.35 and 5.25 carats respectively**

**Estimate: HK\$ 42,000 - 62,000 / US\$ 5,400 - 8,000**

With its distinctive style and impeccable craftsmanship, Thai jeweller Nisan’s creations are true works of art. A superlative example is this golden rat, where its plump body is bejewelled with glistening brown and white diamonds. With the enchanting ruby in its paws, the rat stands upon the leaves made of tsavorite garnets, the brooch vividly captures a sense of vigour as the rat discovers a treasure in the bushes.



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## NOTES TO EDITORS

Tiancheng International Jewellery and Jadeite Spring Auction 2020		
Auction	7 July 2020 (Tue)	1pm
Preview	4 to 6 July 2020 (Sat – Mon)	10am to 6pm
Venue	Tiancheng International 30/F, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong	

**\*Auction and Viewing will be opened to the public on an appointment-only basis. To schedule an appointment, contact +852 2150 0700 or [info@tianchengauction.com](mailto:info@tianchengauction.com).**

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