



THE ORIENTAL CERAMIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG LIMITED

SOTHEBY'S AUTUMN 2008 AUCTION PREVIEW SESSION

GUIDED TOUR

Date: Saturday, 4 October 2008
Venue: Hall 2, HK Convention and Exhibition Centre (New Wing)
1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong
Time: 10 a.m.
Cost: Members Free, Guests \$100 per head

Sotheby's Hong Kong upcoming auction of Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art, titled *Legacies of Imperial Power* gathers together objects reflecting the Qianlong Emperor's power and legitimacy. With approximately 35 lots, the sale includes massive Imperial seals, large Imperial handscrolls, as well as objects of military authority.

Of great interest to Oriental Ceramic Society members will be the sale of the Imperial seals from the estate of Émile Guimet (1836-1918), founder of the celebrated Guimet Museum in Paris. One is a white jade "dragon" seal and the other is a massive Khotan-green jade "dragon" seal. In 1876, when Guimet travelled to Japan, China, Indochina and India, the celebrated humanist, philanthropist and visionary French collector received many gifts and also purchased entire collections. While the bulk of his collection was gifted to the State with the establishment of the Guimet Museum in 1889, Émile Guimet continued to collect works of art privately. The collection of Qianlong Imperial seals, from this private group, comes from his direct descendants.

Two exceptional Qianlong scrolls will also be on view. The *Emperor Qianlong's Review of the Grand Parade of Troops (Dayue Tu)* is a huge scroll measuring 68 cm x 15.5 m, showing a vast panoply of military figures. The *Compilation of the Lanting Xu Imperial Collection of Documents* woven in *kesi* ("cut silk" tapestry) is a testament to one of Emperor Qianlong's most ambitious cultural enterprises – the exhaustive search for all remaining versions of Wang Xizhi's seminal *Lanting Xu* (Preface to the Poems of the Orchid Pavilion) calligraphy. At more than 17 m long, it is an exceptionally large and fine 18th century *kesi*.

Please complete the form below and return it to the OCS Office to reserve a place or reserve online by emailing ocs@orientalceramics.org.hk.

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Yes, I would like to join the Pre-Auction Tour on Sunday, 4 October 2008. Please reserve for

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Guests _____ places at HK\$100 each.

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

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