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**THE FIRST EVER SUITE OF 109.08 CARATS KASHMIR SAPPHIRE NECKLACE
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THE PEACOCK NECKLACE

**TO LEAD CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG
AUTUMN SALE OF MAGNIFICENT JEWELS**



THE PEACOCK NECKLACE

A Superb Kashmir sapphire and diamond necklace

HK\$95,000,000 - 120,000,000

US\$12,000,000 - 15,000,000

Hong Kong – Christie's Hong Kong Jewellery department is honoured to present ***THE PEACOCK NECKLACE***, a unique and extraordinary set of the finest sapphires in the world.

These mesmerising sapphires were unearthed in the legendary mines of Kashmir- the undisputed origin of the most desirable sapphires ever to be discovered. Adored for their rich, cornflower blue colour and reminiscent of the gorgeous hue of a peacock's neck, they have since gained a legendary status among collectors.

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This exceptional necklace is set with 21 dazzling Kashmir Sapphires of the highest quality, showcasing a combined 109.08 carats. Each sapphire was painstakingly assembled to ensure the creation of a collection of stones that are unsurpassed in beauty and harmony. The center stone weighs an astounding 10.56 carats, an absolute rarity in size, as finding a single sapphire of this calibre is tremendously difficult, let alone composing a complete suite of equal excellence.

As a leading highlight this autumn auction season, all eyes will be focused on this breath-taking necklace as global collectors vie for the privilege in owning one of the most unprecedented achievement in the history of the jewellery industry.

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