

Lee Kuan Yew's Montblanc Pen Sells for S\$461,500 at Hotlotz Auction

Chua Mia Tee Painting Also Sets New Auction Record at Same Sale

SINGAPORE, 16 AUGUST 2026 – A silver Montblanc Meisterstück fountain pen once owned by Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's founding Prime Minister, sold for S\$461,500 inclusive of buyer's premium after 111 bids at Hotlotz's 'Interiors & Collectibles - August, Fine Art Focus' auction.

Engraved "SM Lee Kuan Yew" from his years as Senior Minister, the pen was previously sold for S\$52,000 at "The Lee Kuan Yew Family Collection" charity auction in July 2003. The sterling silver Meisterstück No. 146, with gold-tone highlights and an 18K gold nib, carried a pre-sale estimate of S\$30,000 to S\$50,000.

Lee Kuan Yew served as Singapore's founding Prime Minister from 1959 to 1990, before continuing as Senior Minister until 2004.

A Chua Mia Tee painting from the same sale, "Singapore Chinatown, Temple Street" (1976), sold for S\$107,900 inclusive of buyer's premium, setting a new auction record for the Singaporean artist. The work drew 58 bids.

The painting carried a pre-sale estimate of S\$20,000 to S\$30,000, with bidding opening at S\$18,000. It surpasses Chua Mia Tee's previous auction record of S\$97,600 inclusive of buyer's premium, set on 14 January 2023 for his 2003 work "Prosperity."

A stoneware pottery vase by Dr Iskandar Jalil, the Singaporean ceramicist and Culture Medallion recipient sold for S\$12,350 inclusive of buyer's premium. The item drew 25 bids at the same sale. The price was more than double the high end of its S\$2,500 to S\$4,000 estimate. Dr Iskandar was conferred the Distinguished Service Order on National Day (9 August 2026).



**LOT 51 – A MONTBLANC MEISTERSTÜCK NO. 146
FOUNTAIN PEN BELONGING TO LEE KUAN YEW**

Hammer price: S\$355,000
Price incl. buyer's premium: S\$461,500



**LOT 57 – CHUA MIA TEE (SINGAPOREAN, 1931-
2026) – 'SINGAPORE CHINATOWN, TEMPLE
STREET'**

Hammer price: S\$83,000
Price incl. buyer's premium: S\$107,900



LOT 102 – DR ISKANDAR JALIL (SINGAPOREAN, B. 1940) – POTTERY VASE

Hammer Price: S\$9,500

Price incl. buyer's premium: S\$12,350

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