



Japanese Lacquer Chest / Coffin - Edo - Namban



3 000 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Lacquer

Length : 45cm

Width : 22,5cm

Height : 26cm

Description

A Japanese lacquer coffer for the Dutch market in pictorial style with exotic patterns, 17th century, around 1650-1680, Kyoto, Japan. Dimensions: 22,5x45x26 cm. This early Edo period (1603-1867) Japanese coffer is probably manufactured for export to Batavia (Jakarta) or Holland. The coffer is overall decorated in 'maki-e' (sprinkled picture) technique with gold powder. Just like the lock plate, the corners have gilded copper protections, pierced with a pearl shaped pattern and floral motifs. On the front we can see two geese on the side of a pond. The left side of the front has a beautiful decoration with an oak tree carrying large leaves and acorns in it. The left side of the coffer is decorated with normal flowering grasses. On the right side of the coffer

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there is something unusual; this side is decorated with palm trees which is (according to us) never been seen before. On the lid there is a large rooster displayed with relief (called 'taka' ??), and finished with copper red powder. The lid is attached to a strap on the inside preventing the top to collapse. The inside is done with gold sprinkles (called 'nashiji' ???). Condition: Losses and wear to the lacquer, somewhere repatched and retouched. One round brace/knob of one handle is replaced. Please note that Japanese export lacquer is very fragile and every piece in very good condition in museums or private collections has been professionally restored. Reference: A comparable larger example was in the possession Marie-Hélène de Rothschild, located in the library of Chalet de Ferrières from baron and baroness de Rothschild.