



## Japanese Wedding Sake Set "san-san-kudo" - Vintage Osaka



350 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

### Description

A magnificent traditional Japanese set for the sake cup exchange ritual (San-san-kudo), from the famous Osaka Yayoi Kaikan (Japan). Selling price excluding shipping. The gold inscription on the side of the stand provides information about its origin: 大阪 大住 大和 (Osaka Yayoi Kaikan): This is the name of the place of origin. The "Yayoi Kaikan" was a famous hotel located in the Umeda district, in the heart of Osaka, and was renowned for hosting banquets and wedding ceremonies. Since this establishment no longer exists today, this set has become a sort of "collector's item" or a historical testament to the golden age of Osaka's grand wedding venues. It is a beautiful vintage piece that embodies the history of a place where thousands of Japanese couples celebrated their union, making it a beautiful

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decorative piece and a precious cultural memento! This set is used during Shinto weddingsto symbolize union and prosperity. It consists of:

- 3 cups (Sakazuki) of increasing sizes with vermilion and black finishes. In ascending order of size, they symbolize the past, the present, and the future.
- 1 raised stand (Sanbo) richly decorated. The square base with decorative openings is used to display the cups in a ceremonial manner.
- 1 Matching presentation tray . It fits onto the stand and holds the cups in place.

Artistic details: The set is adorned with gold motifs representing the classic theme of Sho-Chiku-Bai (the "Three Friends of Winter"). The pine, bamboo, and plum tree are Japanese symbols of longevity, strength, and renewal. It also features the character 寿 (Kotobuki), meaning "long life" or "happiness," and "Congratulations."

Features: Material : Lacquered resin (sturdy and glossy). Origin: Osaka, Japan (A collector's item from an establishment that is now closed). Condition: Beautiful vintage condition with a superb sheen (a few slight signs of wear under the base, invisible once displayed), a precious cultural memento! Use: Ideal for refined interior decor, for a collector of Asian art, or for ceremonial use.

Dimensions (approx.):

- Height: 18.5 cm
- Width: 16.7 cm
- Diameters of the cups: one with a diameter of 8.1 cm, one with a diameter of 9.4 cm, and one with a diameter of 10.8 cm

How it was used: During the ceremony, the bride and groom each drink three sips from each of the three cups (for a total of 9 sips, hence the name San-San-Kudo: 3-3-9 times). It is a highly symbolic object representing the sealing of a union and the bonds between families.