



Japanese Firefighter's Kimono, "hikeshi-banten" - Meiji Period (1868-1912).



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Linen

Width : 115 cm.

Height : 86 cm.

Description

JAPAN - Meiji Period (1868-1912).HIKESHI BANTEN - Japanese firefighter's kimono jacket, made of thick, quilted cotton fabric with sashiko stitching, designed to be filled with water to protect the wearer from the heat of the flames. It is decorated using the "tsutsugaki" technique (a freehand resist dyeing process on an indigo background) with a motif of a samurai brandishing his katana. Very good overall condition, with slight signs of wear at the nape of the neck. Dimensions: 86 x 115 cm. Notes: Firefighters played a vital role in Edo-period cities, which were regularly devastated by fires. The rudimentary equipment they used during their operations meant they were seen as true heroes willing to sacrifice themselves for the community.

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