



Yoroi Samurai Armor Belonging To A Daimyo Of The Kamei Clan, Juyo Bunka Shiryo



45 000 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Wrought iron

Description

Exceptional
Daimyo Armour of the Kamei Clan -
Hozumi-Suzuki Lineage, Juyo Bunka Shiryo
We
are pleased to offer an exceptionally fine and
complete authentic Japanese
samurai armour that belonged to a daimyo of the
Kamei clan from the
Hozumi-Suzuki lineage. The armour dates from
the middle Edo period,
approximately 1688-1800.
The
expert assessment records the armour as a
kuro-urushi-nuri kiritsuke-kozane
kon-ito-odoshi ni-mai-do gusoku - a suit
constructed with black-lacquered
kiritsuke-kozane, laced in deep indigo-blue silk

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and fitted with a two-piece cuirass. The combination of lustrous black lacquer, dark-blue lacing and richly gilt metal fittings creates an exceptionally elegant and commanding ensemble befitting the high social status of its original owner.

The focal point of the armour is an impressive, exceptionally finely riveted kabuto with a monumental arrangement of helmet crests. A gilded crescent with a central circular element gives the helmet a distinctive and majestic silhouette. The kabuto is accompanied by an expressively modelled lacquered menpo with an open mouth, strongly defined features and a pale moustache.

Another outstanding feature is the large back-mounted sashimono, formed as a tall crescent and attached to a long vertical support. Sashimono served as battlefield identification and as a symbol of the warrior's identity and status. In this unusually monumental form, it defines the silhouette of the entire armour and further emphasises its daimyo and ceremonial character.

The complete ensemble displays an exceptionally high standard of craftsmanship and remarkable attention to detail. The large sode are decorated with gilt ornamental fittings and repeated family crests, or mon. Richly woven sleeves, iron kote, haidate, suneate and the other surviving components form a harmonious and visually impressive suit of armour.

Its daimyo provenance, associated with the Kamei clan and the Hozumi-Suzuki lineage, gives the armour considerable historical

importance. It is not merely an outstanding example of Japanese armour-making, but an object directly connected with a distinguished feudal family of the Edo period.

Of particular significance is the result of the expert assessment conducted by the

Nihon Katchu Bugu Kenkyu Hozonkai - The Association for the Research and Preservation of Japanese Helmets and Armor.

According to the report dated 26 July 2026, reference number 47, the armour was dated to the middle

Edo period and classified as Juyo Bunka Shiryo (?????? - Important Cultural Material, First Class).

This represents the highest level within the organisation's five-tier certification system and is reserved for objects of exceptional historical importance and outstanding artistic workmanship. The corresponding formal certificate will be issued at the end of September 2026.

The combination of daimyo provenance, association with the Kamei clan and Hozumi-Suzuki lineage, monumental sashimono, exceptional artistic quality, completeness and the highest Juyo Bunka Shiryo classification makes this an extraordinarily rare collector's piece, ideally suited to a discerning private collection or a prestigious museum display.