

SA1044153

Superb Japanese Meiji/Taisho
(early 20thC) Silver Minogame,
Ryubundo Company

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1044153

Date of manufacture: 1910

Dimensions

Height = 6 cm (2.4")

Width = 29 cm (11.4")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

Beautiful Japanese early 20thC Meiji (1869-1912) or Taisho (1912-1926) era silver Minogame by the Ryubundo Company (Kyoto). Modelled with a typical exaggeratedly long, feathery tail, its head raised and turned slightly to the left, the details finely cast, eyes inlaid in gold and shakudo. Signed on the underside with chiselled characters 'Ryubundo tsukuru' with the stamped seal gin (silver) mark. Measures ca 29cm long x 15cm wide x 6cm high, weight 1.5kg. Lovely condition and patina. Small dent in tail but does not detract from its beauty. The minogame is a mythical turtle that can live many thousand years with a long feathery tail made of seaweed, and is a symbol of longevity and happiness.

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