

SA1139378

**Japanese Imperial Silver Lidded
Box Engraved Gold
Chrysanthemum Mon Meiji
Period Bonbonniere**

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1139378****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 3.2 cm (1.3")

Width = 6.2 cm (2.4")

Depth = 5.1 cm (2.0")

Description

An Imperial Japanese silver and gold presentation lidded box, Meiji period Konpeito or Bonbonniere box, circa 1900 A fine solid sterling silver box with inlaid gold imperial chrysanthemum kamon mon. Hand engraved leaf and swallow motifs. The silver with original matted surface. In very good condition, insignificant indent to the base. 2,7/16" x 2" x 1,1/4" or 62mm x 51mm x 32mm weight 132 grams or 4.2 troy ounces. ***** This small but beautifully crafted silver bonbonniere would have been given as a gift from the emperor to his guests at certain ceremonies and events. There are many variations of the bonbonnières given over the years starting with the first given in 1889. They were often made by the emperor's master craftsmen mostly in silver but also cloisonné and lacquer. There were three major events in the Meiji period, the Meiji accession to the throne in 1868, the birth of the Crown Prince in 1879, and the ceremony of instituting the Crown Prince in 1889. In 1891 it was decided to stress the dignity of the imperial household to the world with more regular ceremonies. It is not known when the emperor first began giving cachou boxes as gifts but oft...

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