



## Asian Art Discoveries - Japanese & Korean Art (AK0921)

Fri, 10th Sep 2021

### Viewing:

You may view objects in this auction in our gallery from September 3 to September 10, 2021. We are open Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM CET, as well as by appointment. On the day of the sale, the preview will be open until 11 AM.

## Lot 48

**Starting price:** €200

**Estimate:** €400

### **AN INLAID SHIBUICHI KOZUKA WITH SHELLS FOR KAI-AWASE (SHELL-MATCHING GAME)**

Japan, late 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century, Edo period (1615-1868)

The kozuka inlaid with three shells for the game kai-awase, one upturned and with a diapered pattern in shakudo and gold, the other two of shakudo and further inlaid with gold and silver, the shibuichi ground finely textured, the other side with file marks (yasurime).

LENGTH 9.7 cm

WEIGHT 32.7 g

Condition: Excellent condition with only minor surface wear.

Provenance: British private collection.

Kai-awase is a Japanese game with shells that are painted on the inside, often with scenes from the Tale of Genji, the aim of the game being to find the other half that would fit to a specific shell.