



Fine Japanese Art (JAP1221)

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Lot 35

Starting price: €400

Estimate: €800

TOSHIHIKO: A FINE SENTOKU AND SHIBUICHI OBIDOME (SASH CLIP) WITH LUNAR HARE

By Toshihiko, signed Toshihiko
Japan, first half of 20th century

Shaped as two fans overlapping each other. The sentoku fan on top is worked with an inlaid silver moon rabbit prancing above katakiri waves. Signed to the lower right TOSHIHIKO. With an old cord for the attachment to the obi (sash).

LENGTH 4.7 cm

WEIGHT 15 g

Condition: Very good condition with minor surface wear.
Provenance: French private collection.

The obidome (sash clips) are miniature mixed metal clips which were mounted to the obi (sash) with the help of a cord. Like kagamibuta netsuke and kanamono they were fashion accessories, many of them made by famous and celebrated metalwork artists who previously made sword fittings, which fell out of demand due to the Sword Abolishment Edict in 1876. The craftsmanship of these certainly rivaled those of the finest Western jewelers.