



Object/Work: 55 x 65 mm

Hat-Ornament

Date

1644-1912

Medium

Glass, metal alloy

Description

Spherical white glass ball on a supporting ornamental metal mount, decorated with a feathered or clawed motif. This would have been mounted on top of a Mandarin's hat. There were nine different classes and the colour of the button indicated a Mandarin's rank. A white opaque button such as this was worn by those of the sixth class.

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