


Pearl-shaped jarlet

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	4887.1-2 
Type:	miniature; pottery
Date of production:	14- mid-16th century
Place of production:	Sawankhalok (?), Thailand (Siam), Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	ceramics, glazed
Dimensions:	height: 9. 8 cm diameter: 5. 5 cm

Narrowing pot with a tiered lid and a greyish glaze coating. The base is perforated. Probably Sawankhalok pottery. In the former town of Sawankhalok in northern and central Thailand, the pottery industry developed to an extraordinary extent in the period from the 14th to the mid-16th century. This was partly due to the sudden ban on the export of Chinese ceramics during the Ming dynasty in 1371. It was at this time that Vietnamese and Thai ceramics took the place of Chinese ceramics in Southeast Asian markets.

Typical pieces of the type are celadon glazed ceramics, learned from Chinese masters, but other types of wares also existed.

The pieces found today have been found partly in field excavations and partly as cargo from sunken shipwrecks.

