

Standing Buddha with the right hand in the gesture of conferring grace

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	89.31.1 
Type:	sculpture; religious or cult object; lacquers
Date of production:	second half of the 19th century
Place of production:	Vietnam, Southeast Asia
Materials/Technique s:	wood, lacquer, silvered, gilt, painted
Dimensions:	height: 50 cm

Buddha image with the right hand in the gesture of conferring grace (Skt.: varada mudra) The most characteristic type among the standing Vietnamese Buddha images. The chest is decorated with a svastika embedded in a net of jewels, the left hand in front of the belt holds the wish-fulfilling jewel (Skt.: cintamani). This type of Buddha image is often identified as Buddha Ratnasambhava ("Jewel Born"), one of the five transcendental Buddhas of Vajrayana Buddhism.

