

Cigarette box

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: 2000.75.1 

Type: object for daily use; metalwork

Date of production: late 20th century

Place of production: Thailand, Southeast Asia

Materials/Technique
s: silver, burlwood, gilt, enamelled, niello

Dimensions: height: 9.3 cm
width: 28.4 cm
depth: 17.2 cm

This box with enamel and niello decoration was a state gift. The lid is decorated with a background of parrots and squirrels hiding under a canopy, a central figure with two palms pressed together in greeting gesture (Skt.: anjali mudra), and a coat of arms on each side. On the left, the personal royal badge of King Rama IX (Bhumibol Adulyadej, reigned 1946 - 2006) is shown, in the field of the "The Great Crown of Victory" (the symbol of the reigning monarch). The emblem on the right is a personal seal created from the name of his wife, Queen Sirikit.

The object was donated to the Hopp Museum in 2000 by Árpád Göncz, President of the Republic of Hungary.

