


# 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/Techniques:	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.

