

Kongōsatta

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.: **6738** 

Type: **painting**

Date of production: 17th century
Edo (Tokugawa) period

Place of production: **Japan**

Materials/Technique
s: **colours on silk**

Dimensions: height: 94 cm
width: 43 cm

Acquisition: collected by Péter Vay

The deity Kongōsatta (金剛薩埵, Sanskrit: Vajrasattva), who is revered as the first patriarch of the Japanese Shingon school of esoteric Buddhism, is depicted seated on an enormous lotus flower throne on an intricately worked hexagonal and octagonal base. The figure is surrounded by a double halo. Above his head are colourful clouds.

