


Bishamonten

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.:	9537 
Type:	painting; hanging scroll
Date of production:	late 19th century Meiji era
Place of production:	Japan
Materials/Techniques:	colours on paper
Dimensions:	height: 126 cm width: 36 cm mirror: 65.5 × 24.8 cm
Acquisition:	collected by Péter Vay

The scroll contains an image of Bishamonten (毘沙門天). He is shown in his typical military costume, with greaves, a breastplate and helmet. In his right hand, he holds a sceptre topped with the wish-fulfilling jewel, while in his left hand, he holds his principal attribute, a stupa, symbolising the teachings of the Buddha.

