

Temple cloth

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: 61.383.1 

Type: textile; religious or cult object; textile arts

Date of production: turn of the 19th and 20th century

Place of production: North Vietnam, Southeast Asia

Materials/Techniques: silk and metal embroidery on silk, mirror inlay

Dimensions: width: 68cm
length: 207 cm

The ornamented textile depicts two dragons playing with a flaming pearl. Above them, separated by some Chinese good luck knots, five items from the treasures of the Chinese Scholar can be seen (from the left: two scrolls, a scroll for calligraphy, a collection of books, Chinese chess (In Japanese: go), and a rhinoceros horn, which - due its rareness - was a gift for those who gained an official position in the era of the Chinese Empire. Gift of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

