



Imperial Document/Seal Box

Date

19th century

Primary Maker

Artist Unknown

Medium

wood, lacquer, copper alloy and gilding

Description

Boxes of this type were made to specifically hold imperial seals, yò-xi, as well as seals of office. The boxes were colored denoting their importance within the imperial hierarchy, so that a gold lacquered box would contain seals of greater significance than those in a green lacquered one.

Dimensions

Overall: 12 1/4 x 14 3/4 x 9 7/8 in. (31.1 x 37.5 x 25.1 cm)