



Chinese blue and white kendi, Wanli (1573-1619)

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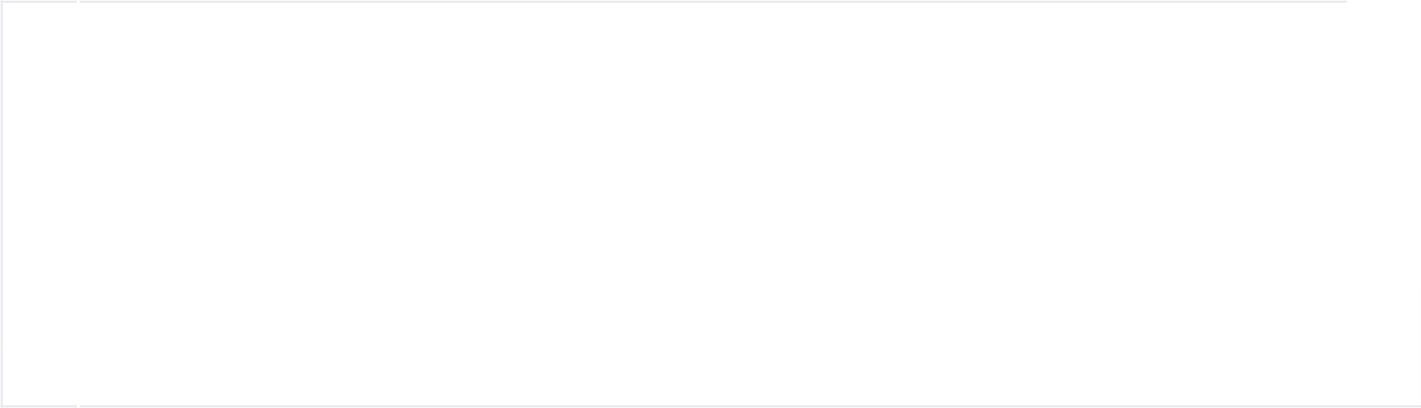
Chinese blue and white kendi, Wanli (1573-1619), of round bulbous form, the body with roundels containing flying cranes amongst scrolling clouds, the spout with beribboned precious objects and leafy fruits, the neck with zig-zag leaf band above a garland of ruyi heads.

Height: 16.5cm. (6 1/2in.)

Condition: hairline across base, nibbles to spout with one associated small crack, shallow chip to rim and flange

Notes: This kendi was made for the Islamic market. The roundels on this kendi are reminiscent of the badges worn by officials in Imperial China to denote the status of the wearer; the flying crane represented a civil official of the highest rank. The kendi shape originated in Islamic cultures before being adopted by Chinese potters, largely for export. The drinking vessel was traditionally to be used communally, with the shape and height designed so that liquid could be poured into the mouth without touching the lips.

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| Material and Technique | Ceramic with underglaze cobalt blue decoration |
| Origin | Chinese |
| Period | 16th Century |
| Condition | Good |
| Dimensions | Height: 16.5cm. (6 1/2in.) |



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