



## **Large Japanese blue and white Arita dish, 17th century POA**

Large Japanese blue and white Arita dish, 17th century, decorated in the centre with fruiting branches of pomegranate and peaches amongst stylised leaves, the border with Kraak-style panels containing branches of flowers or precious objects.

Diameter: 13 ¼ in. (32.8 cm.)

Condition:

Restored

Notes:

For a similar example see, Jorg, Christiaan, *Fine and Curious: Japanese export Porcelain in Dutch Collections*, Hotei: Amsterdam, 2003 (p.28.).

Although not native to Japan, pomegranates can frequently be found in Japanese ceramic design. The motif is adapted from Chinese and Islamic models: in both cultures, the fruit is a symbol of fertility and numerous children.

<b>Material and Technique</b>	Porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue decoration
<b>Origin</b>	Japanese
<b>Period</b>	17th Century
<b>Condition</b>	Other
<b>Diameter</b>	Diameter: 13 ¼ in. (32.8 cm.)

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