



**Japanese Satsuma plate, Meiji period (1868 -1912)**  
**POA**

Japanese Satsuma plate, Meiji period (1868 -1912), of shallow rounded form, finely decorated in enamels and gilt with the procession of a feudal lord (??, 'daimyo') and attendant samurai passing in front of a castle with roof ornaments (??, 'shibi') in the shape of a Japanese sea monster (???, 'shachihoko'); the rim with a geometric brocade design.

Condition: Slight frits to footrim

Notes: It was believed in Japanese folklore that shachihoko, a mythical creature with the head of a tiger and the body of a carp, would cause rain to fall, thus shibi in this shape were thought to protect buildings from fire and commonly used to adorn the roofs of important buildings.

<b>Material and Technique</b>	Porcelain with enamelled decoration
<b>Origin</b>	Japanese
<b>Period</b>	Pre 1900
<b>Diameter</b>	18.5cm. (7 1/4in.)

Antique ref: W22