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CERTIFICATE

VASE WITH INSCRIPTION IN SANSKRIT CHINA – HAN DYNASTY (206 BC - 220 AD)

MATERIAL AND TECHNIQUE: grey terra cotta vase typical to Han culture covered in a very pretty rusty colour patina from the earth of the archeological dig. Ovoid-shaped vase entirely decorated with Sanskrit characters. Original lid. Good condition.

ORIGIN: This object was found in Hunan province.

Sanskrit is an Indo-European language of the Indo-Iranian family, making it the ancestor of all Aryan languages. Spoken throughout the Indian subcontinent, it gave birth to many other languages to the north of India. A cultural and religious language, it very quickly became fixed 2000 years ago in an immutable grammar, which made it become a lingua franca, as Latin is for us.

Sanskrit has no regular writing, able to be written by different semi-syllables representing different phonemes. British colonists imposed the Devanagari for western publications. It is still today the official language of India.

DIMENSION: Height 26.5 cm.

THERMOLUMINESCENCE TEST: n° 32270306 carried out by the Ralf Kotalla laboratory which confirms the dating.

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