



Manuscript plan with wash colour, mounted on blue silk and paper, on original rollers, a few tears to silk not affecting image.

A CHINESE PLAN OF THE FORBIDDEN CITY

Beijing quan tu. [A Complete Plan of Beijing City].

Author

Li Mingzhi

Publication date

[1861-1887].

Publisher

Publication place

Physical description

Manuscript plan with wash colour, mounted on blue silk and paper, on original rollers, a few tears to silk not affecting image.

Dimensions

(sheet size)1050 by 760mm. (41.25 by 30 inches). (including rollers)

Notes

Large and detailed Chinese manuscript plan of nineteenth century Beijing.

The present plan depicts the whole of the old walled city of Beijing. At its centre is the Forbidden City, surrounded by a moat; to the left are the vast imperial gardens (now Beihai Park), with the whole imperial complex surrounded by large walls marked in red. Throughout the plan all major

public buildings, monuments, and temples are marked, including: The Temple of Heaven, The Temple of Agriculture, The Temple of Earth, The Temples of the Sun, and the Moon, and the Bell Tower, among many others. All the major foreign legations are marked within the legation area.

Bibliography

Provenance

Price:

Inventory reference: 12933