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**A fine Cast-Iron and Silver-Gilt-Bronze Inlay  
Ruyi Scepter**

Qing Dynasty, Qianlong period (1736-95)

The “*ling zhi*” shaped head decorated with a central medallion depicting a five-clawed dragon in silver with a gilt-bronze inlaid flaming pearl, within clouds. The rest of the head finely inlaid with the “*wan*” diaper within a double band border.

The front of the shaft inlaid with five quatrefoil reserves, each with another set of five-clawed dragons and flaming pearls, as on the head, all on “*wan*” diaper ground. The back with silver-inlaid archaic characters within a double border. The elegantly curved shaft ending in a double silver inlaid “*ruyi*”.

Provenance:

David Kidd Collection, Japan, Kyoto

L 12 in

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