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## Imperii Sinarum Nova Descriptio

**Stock#:** 59262  
**Map Maker:** Blaeu  
**Date:** 1655 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 23.5 x 18 inches  
**Price:** Not Available



### Description:

Nice example of Blaeu's map of China, from the *Atlas Sinensis*.

A important general map of China, Korea and Japan, published by Joan Blaeu in the Jesuit Martino Martini's *Atlas Sinensis*, the first western atlas of China.

The map Incorporates the discoveries of Joao de Goma and de Vries into this map. Korea is no longer depicted as an island. Blaeu's map is also the first map to name and show Hokkaido (Ezo) as an island to the north of Honshu. China is mapped with considerable accuracy for the period: the Great Wall is shown.

Martini was the Jesuit Superior in Hangchow, giving him access to indigenous and Jesuit surveys of all the regions of China which he brought back to Europe in 1654 for printing and publication.

### Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor loss below Japan near the Tropic of Cancer, expertly restored on verso. Remnants of an old backing.