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Stock#: 73568
Map Maker: Hondius
Date: 1610 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking Hondius Map of Southeast Asia

Fine example of Hondius' map of China and Southeast Asia, from the famous Mercator-Hondius Atlas.

Extending from India to the coasts of Southern China with the Pearl River Estuary, Canton and Formosa, it also includes all of the Malay Peninsula and Indochina, northern Borneo, and the Philippines.

One of the most interesting and unusual features of the Southern Malay peninsula is its dissection in two, the southern part becoming an island just south of Malacca where it is separated from the rest of the peninsula by a northeasterly channel. Another important feature is the mythical Lake Chiamay, here written as *Chiamai*, which gives rise to five rivers.

The decorative detail includes a large sea monster, a European ship and an oriental junk. It also has the characteristic scrollwork title and scale cartouches of the Mercator-Hondius Atlas.

One of the finest early Dutch maps of the region, it was first published in 1606 as one of the 37 new maps engraved for Jodocus Hondius' expanded edition of the Mercator Atlas.

Detailed Condition:

Minor wear at centerfold. Latin text on verso.