Provenience: China (origin), Philippines (usage)

People or Culture: Filipino

Object: bowl

Material: ceramic

Description: Very large Swatow bowl – the rounded body of which is semi-hard and has a coarse quality. Massive and heavy, the color is darkly creamish and dull. The six large chrysanthemums boldly painted to a neat design on two sides of the bowl are prominently outstanding in contrast to the flat background. The cavetto is plain. (over)

Dimensions:
(in cm.) diameter 34, height 14

Collection: Gift from John J. Hoellen, 12/28/79
The sides are flaring out to a wide 108 cm circumference around the mouthrim. The foot is rough with too much sand sticking to it. The thinly glazed base has a light greenish shade. Ming dynasty - 15th - 16th century.