Provenience: China

People or Culture: Sons of Han

Object: Imperial robe

Material: Embroidered silk

Description: Embroidered in a satin stitch on a yellow background is a large gold dragon overlooking two other dragons below. Between and around these three dragons are blue and red cloudlike designs and red flowers. Below the two dragons is a blue wavelike design and beneath this all around the hem are blue, red and yellow vertically slanted lines. These same dragons are repeated on the back and sleeves of the robe. Around the cuffs, neck and continuing down the side front of the robe about halfway is a navy blue border. (See back)

Dimensions: (in cm.) L. 145 cm. W. 70 cm. Sleeve 69 cm.

On this blue are the same dragons, clouds and waves. The robe is basically rectangular shaped with very loose sleeves from the same piece. There are five brass buttons which fasten the front part to the side. The lining is light yellow silk with a large circular pattern.

late Ch'ing Dynasty prob. later part of 19th century.