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## Medal of Sino-Soviet Friendship, 1953 issue.

Brass, enamels; measures 44.3 mm in height (incl. eyelet), 39.2 mm wide. The obverse shows national flags of the USSR and People's Republic of China and the motto on the red scroll "Long Live Sino-Soviet Friendship!" The reverse has raised inscription "People's Revolutionary Military Committee of the Central People's Government of the Chinese People's Republic" and the 1953 issue date.

Very fine condition. There are small chips and surface flakes to enamel in the upper corner of the Chinese flag and the edges of the scroll, as well as some scratches, few dings that resulted in darker areas around them, and minor contact marks throughout. The enamel nevertheless appears very presentable and retains great deal of original luster. There are no large penetrating chips, repairs or other glaring flaws.

The raised details of the artwork are well preserved. There is attractive even patina to the brass on both sides, no blemishes. The medal comes with a well-preserved original ribbon which includes connecting link sewn-in to the ribbon and a primitive pin attachment on the back. The tin star that was once on the ribbon is missing (this part was rather flimsy and prone to breaking off on the early versions of the medal, and it is often missing on the surviving examples of this award).

Established in 1951, the Sino-Soviet Friendship Medal was issued to Soviet military and civilian personnel the Chinese during the Korean War. The early versions of the medal had date of issue in raised numerals on the reverse, whereas the later ones did not have a date. The last of the dated issues, from 1953, is relatively uncommon.

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