

Ancient human skeletons found in China

HONG KONG Aug 20:—Human skeletons stone and bone artifacts pottery and other valuable finds of the Neolithic age (about 10,000 to 4,000 years ago) have been found by Chinese archaeological workers at three separate Neolithic sites in Hopei Kwangsi and Kwangtung provinces reports AFP. More than 1,000 relics dating back 7,000 years were uncovered from the Tzusnan site in Wu'an country Hopei province the New China News Agency said Friday.

Among them were axes spades chisels grindstones and stone rollers potter jars Ju (basins) plates bowls and bone arrowheads hairpins tweezers and needles.

Storage pits for food traces of grain hunting gear and semi subterranean pits used for dwellings and skeletons of pigs sheep deer and oxen also found on the site.

These finds illustrate that more than 7,000 years ago Chinese ancestors led a settled life and were engaged in studying the origins and development of Chinese culture said NCNA.

On a site in Chinchou county Kwangsi more than 50 stone spades axes chisels knives and hammers and fragments of stone meteorites were dug up.

Also unearthed were many fragments of incision decorated pottery and pottery of clay mixed with sand and decorated with cord impressions.

A shell mound site in Nanhai county Kwangtung province was heaped up which consisted different kinds of clam shells and bones of fish tortoise wild birds animals and domestic animals.

Two dwellings and six human skeletons fossilized to a certain extent were found in an area of some 100 square metres that had already been excavated.

There were also over 50 stone and bone artifacts and pottery spinning wheels NCNA added.