Bibliography of Taiwan Archaeology from 1950 to 1968

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From 1950 through 1953, most of the archaeological research in Taiwan was done by individuals, both amateurs and trained archaeologists. The results of this work were published mainly in T'ai-wan-feng-t'u, a weekly newspaper which was edited by Chen Chi-lu. There were no organized archaeological excavations conducted during this time.

A new development occurred in 1953 when the Bulletin of the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology of National Taiwan University began to be published. Most of the archaeological work at this time was undertaken by the faculty and students of the department. The systematic excavation of the Yüan-shan shell mound was the most important effort (Chang 1954d, Shih 1954a, 1954b, Sung 1954b, 1954-55). Archaeological field-training sessions were held by the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology every year from 1954 to 1968. As a result, a large number of site reports were produced.

The Commission for Historic Research, Taipei Prefecture, has been another center for archaeological work. The Ta-p'en-k'eng site was excavated in 1962 and 1963 by Liu Pin-hsiung with the sponsorship of the Commission. Since 1957 many archaeological surveys on the Taipei Basin and its vicinity have been done by Sheng Ching-ch'i of the Commission. The results of this work have been published in T'ai-wan-wen-hsien [Journal of Historical Research of Taiwan].

During 1964 and 1965 there was a large-scale excavation of the western coast of Taiwan conducted by the Yale University Archaeological Team and the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology of National Taiwan University.

A minor excavation at O-luan-pi, a newly discovered prehistoric site located at the southern tip of Taiwan, was carried out by the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology and Department of Geology of National Taiwan University.

Up to the present time, hundreds of prehistoric dwelling-sites, tombs, shell

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mounds and megalithic constructions have been found in Taiwan, but full-scale diggings are still few. As a result of these surveys and excavations, attempts are being made to compare the prehistoric cultural horizons of Taiwan with their counterparts on the Chinese mainland. [See Kwang-chih Chang, "Prehistoric Archaeology of Taiwan," AP XIII: 59–77. Ed.]

This brief introductory note is intended to give a context to the bibliography that follows. The bibliography covers archaeological work on Taiwan published between 1950 and 1968.

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