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## **Beijing Exhibition Celebrating** 50th Anniversary of **Hemudu Culture Discovery**

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On November 7th, "Prehistoric Lower Yangtze: Commemorating 50 Years of Hemudu Culture Discovery — Special Archaeological Exhibition" kicked off at the National Museum of China, with an expected duration of three months.

11月7日,"远古江南·海陆山河 河姆渡文化发现50周年考古成果 特展"在中国国家博物馆开幕,展期预 计三个月。

The exhibition showcases 324 (sets of) artifacts unearthed from archaeological sites including Hemudu, Tianluoshan, Tashan, and Jingtoushan, including pottery, stone, bone, and shell tools, wooden and woven wares, and other representative relics. Silhouetted against the "Ancient Ningbo Bay," this commemorative event is hailed as the grandest and most detailed one since the discovery of the Hemudu Culture 50 years ago, unfolding the rich connotations of this "cultural discovery written into textbooks".

展览展出了河姆渡遗址、田螺山遗 址、塔山遗址、井头山遗址等出土的陶 器、石器、骨器、贝器、木器、编织物等 324件(套)文物,向世人讲述"古宁波 湾"往事。据了解,这是河姆渡文化发 现50周年来,最盛大、最全面、最集中的 次亮相,全方位展示了这一"被写入 教科书的文化发现"的丰富内涵。

In 1973, the discovery of the Hemudu archaeological site in Yuvao County, Ningbo, revealed extensive remains of wooden structures dating back six to seven thousand years, along with an exceptionally rich collection of plant and animal remains. Particularly noteworthy were wellpreserved remains reflecting the development of rice cultivation, securing a unique role for Hemudu Culture in the field of Chinese archaeology.

1973年,宁波余姚河姆渡遗址被发 现,出土了距今六七千年的大片干栏式 木构建筑遗迹和极其丰富的动植物遗 存。尤其是保存良好的反映稻作农业发 展进程的各类稻作遗存,奠定了河姆渡 文化在整个中国考古学中的特殊地位。

This discovery enriched our understanding of the origin of the Chinese civilization, which was believed to develop on China's Zhongyuan (the Central Plains), embraced by the Yellow River. Changing this monolithic view, the neolithic sites



The special archaeological exhibition of Hemudu Culture discovery.

demonstrated that, like the Yellow River Basin, the Yangtze River Delta is also a cradle of Chinese culture.

河姆渡文化的发现改变了此前人 们在中华文明起源的问题上中原地区 一元论的认识,证明了长江流域与黄河 流域一样都是中华文化的发祥地。

The exhibition hall features a large number of animal remains, including shells, fish bones, turtle shells, deer antlers, and dog bones. Additionally, there are abundant remains of rice cultivation, well- preserved stilted wooden structures of mature design, unique pottery mixed with charcoal, and other exquisite handicrafts. Epitomizing the archaeological achievements of the Hemudu culture. these relics unveil the social production and lifestyle of the Hemudu people in a comprehensive way, placing visitors in a virtual ancient Jiangnan where people flourished on this "land of rice and fish," and lived in harmony with nature.

展厅中展出了大量贝壳和鱼骨、龟 甲、鹿角、狗骨等动物遗骸,还有丰富的 稻作遗存、成熟的干栏式木构建筑遗 迹、独特的夹炭陶器和精美的手工艺品 等河姆渡文化重要标志性考古成果,全 面展示河姆渡人丰富多彩的社会生产 与生活情况,引领观众直观感受饭稻羹 鱼、万物有灵的远古江南风情。

"Hemudu culture is the pinnacle of prehistoric culture in Zhejiang and, to a certain extent, an 'archaeological guiding star' for Zhejiang's history, civilization, and even Chinese civilization. Fifty years ago, its groundbreaking unveiling rewrote

history and challenged the prevailing knowledge of that time," stated Yang Jianwu, the Director of the Zhejiang Provincial Cultural Relics Bureau.

"河姆渡文化是浙江史前文化的一 座高峰,从某种程度上说也是'浙江的 考古启明星',对整个浙江的历史、文明 以至于中华文明都有巨大贡献。50年 前,河姆渡遗址的发现,可以说是石破 天惊,它改写了历史,也颠覆了当时的 认知。"浙江省文物局局长杨建武在展

In recent years, a succession of relevant sites such as Tianluoshan, Jingtoushan, and the ancient rice field in Shiao were brought to the surface, adding to the significance of the Hemudu culture.

而近年来,随着田螺山遗址、井头 山遗址、施岙古稻田遗址等周围一批重 要遗址的发现,河姆渡文化的内涵得到 了更大程度的丰富。

"The discovery, excavation, research, and exhibition of these ancient sites can vividly recreate the typical environmental changes along the coast of eastern Zhejiang over the past ten thousand years. It also illustrates the first step of our ancestors in adapting to and exploring the ocean. Today, we can say that the culture represented by the Jingtoushan site more than 8,000 years ago is a precursor to the Hemudu culture from six to seven thousand years ago, and they both mark the origin of the Neolithic maritime culture in China's coastal areas," said Sun Guoping, Director and Researcher of the Prehistoric Archaeology Department at the Zhejiang Provincial Institute of Cultural Relics and Archaeology.

"这几处远古遗址的发现、发掘、研 究、展示,可以清晰地重现浙东沿海一 万年以来典型的沧海桑田式的环境变 迁,以及中国先民适应海洋、开发海洋 的最初足迹。今天我们可以说,8000多 年前的井头山遗址所代表的文化类型 就是六七千年前的河姆渡文化的,也是 中国沿海地区新石器时代海洋文化的 源头。"浙江省文物考古研究所史前考 古室主任、研究员孙国平说。

To make the historical spectacle more vivid, the National Museum applied various presentation techniques, including scene restoration, multimedia video insertion, interactive screen setting, and schematic-board illustrations.

而为了让展览更"好看",国家博物 馆使用了场景还原、多媒体视频插入、 互动屏设置、线图展板勾勒等多种方式 丰富展览的呈现形式。

"Hemudu culture is one of the Neolithic cultures in China and a significant component of the Chinese civilization. The discovery and excavation of Hemudu culture not only filled the archaeological gaps in the lower reaches of the Yangtze River but also provided crucial evidence for the study of the origin of Chinese civilization. The grand opening of this exhibition is of great significance for promoting the dynamic utilization and innovative development of Hemudu culture," said Guan Qiang, Deputy Director of the National Cultural Heritage Administration during his opening speech.

"河姆渡文化是中国新石器时代文 化之一,是中华文明的重要组成部分。 河姆渡文化的发现和发掘,不仅填补了 长江下游地区新石器时代考古的空白, 而且为研究中国文明起源提供了重要 的实物资料。'远古江南·海陆山河-河姆渡文化发现五十周年考古成果特 展'的盛大开幕,对于推动河姆渡文化 活化利用及创新性发展,具有重大意 义。"国家文物局副局长关强在开幕式 致辞中表示。









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