**Miniature Stupa**

Medium: Bronze

Art Style: Khmer art in Thailand, Bayon style

Date: Early 13th century CE

History: The miniature stupa was found at the Thepsatri Rajabhat University.

Stupas and pagodas were not common in Khmer culture where a large number of Hindu temples were built. Although some stupas have been found within the ancient city of Angkor such as Preah Khan Temple, they were evidently built later after the Angkor period.

These bronze sculptures were made in the Bayon style of Khmer art in Thailand dated to the early 13th century CE (800 years ago). They display a mixture of the Bayon style of ancient Khmer art, Bagan art of Myanmar, and Pala art of India. The sculptures comprise small pieces which can be disassembled, reflecting an advanced technology of casting bronze into composite pieces to be subsequently assembled.

These 13 pieces of sculptures were found in Khmer stoneware jar discovered during the excavation of the waste water maintenance tank behind the Science Building of the Thepsatri Rajabhat University in Lop Buri Province.

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