**Development of Prehistoric Pottery Technology in Lop Buri**

**Pottery Phase 1 (3,500-3,000 years ago)** Pottery types were diverse. They were decorated with designs distinctive to this period, including incised curvy lines combined with dot impressions, cord marks, incisions with pointed tools, red slips, and red painted short lines or circles. Applique decorations were sometimes added by attaching strips of clay to the outer surface of the vessel.

**Pottery Phase 2 (3,500-2,700 years ago)** The pottery of this period is typically red slip ware. Distinctive types include pots with rounded bases and high stem plates or footed bowls but other shapes including globular pots and bowls have also been found. Additionally, bull figurines have been found which were probably related to fertility rituals and beliefs.

**Pottery Phase 3 (2,700-2,300 years ago)** Distinctive pottery of this period includes large high stem plates or footed bowls with polished exterior surfaces. Bowls were sometimes polished on the interior surfaces to create spiral and square patterns.

**Pottery Phase 4 (2,300-1,500 years ago)** Pottery types were diverse including cups, shallow bowls, and rounded pots with high necks. Footed cups are distinctive and often have polished and incised decorations on their dark brown exterior surfaces. Traces of soot are discernable on the exterior of some vessels which may have been deposited during cooking.

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