A000-Asia-Thailand-Ban Chiang-Tinkler Bell-Bronze-3600 BCE



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Display Description: This Ban Chiang bronze tinkler bell (in the center of the photograph) was designed to be sewn on a piece of clothing or ritual regalia and may date to the earliest grave 2000 BCE, as evidenced by crucibles and bronze fragments that have been unearthed neat similar bells.

LC Classification: DS589.B17

Date or Time Horizon: 300 BCE-300 CE

Geographical Area: Ban Chiang, Udon Thani, Thailand

Map:



Fig. 4. Ban Chiang is near Vientiane



Fig. 6. Detail of Ban Chiang location

GPS coordinates: [17°24′25″N 103°14′29″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Ban_Chiang&params=17.4069_N_103.2414_E_type:landmark_region:TH-41)

Cultural Affiliation: Ban Chiang

Medium: Bronze

Dimensions:

Weight:

Condition: original

Provenance: Thailand

Discussion:

A date of 2100 BCE was obtained from rice phytoliths from inside a grave vessel of the lowest grave. A dating program for this site has involved dating the bones from the people who lived at Ban Chiang and the bones of animals interred with them. The resulting determinations have been analyzed using the Bayesian statistic OxCal 4.0, and the results suggested that the initial settlement of Ban Chiang took place by about 1500 BCE, with the transition to the Bronze Age about 1000 BCE.

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