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中国瓷器诞生于两千多年前, 是中国文化最具象征意义的符号之 一,它的美丽打动了世界,成为中 国与世界沟通最早的桥梁。在漫长 的发展过程中,瓷器不仅形成了光 泽莹洁、典雅高贵、浑厚质朴的艺

术渗代化统活清青如清花华风透的、和情丽瓷玉幽瓷贵,中想艺的,永纯瓷的秀,的而国文传生的从的洁、青丽绘出且历文传生

Born more than two thousand years ago, Chinese porcelain, whose impressing beauty was the earliest bridge connecting China with the world, is one of the most symbolic signs of the Chinese Culture. During

an age-long evolution, along

with the glossy and elegant appearance as well as the unadorned art style, Chinese porcelain is also permeated with the philosophies of the past dynasties, the art and craft traditions and the life goals and the tastes for beauty of ancient Chinese. Ranging from the comely and delicate celadon, the pure and jadelike white porcelain, the

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千年之瓷 Millennia Porcelain

看似普通的泥土,借助人类的双手,就能焕发出令人惊叹的能量。世界四大文明古国不约而同地以土制器并走向兴盛。古埃及人用泥板记录文献,古希腊人借泥土释放对艺术的想象,古巴比伦人把泥土视为文明的象征,而中国人则把泥土与火熔在一起,创造出独特的瓷器之美。

The seemingly ordinary earth can glow with miraculous splendor through human hands. Coincidentally, the Four Great Ancient Civilizations all had gone through an age of earthenware, making their paths towards prosperity. While ancient Egyptians employed clay boards to keep records; Ancient Greeks released artistic imagination via soil; Ancient Babylonians deemed soil as a symbol of civilization; Chinese, however, fused earth with fire and created a unique beauty of porcelain.



> 瓷器的历程

在英文中"瓷器"(china)与 "中国"(China)同为一词。中 国是瓷器的故乡,瓷器的发明是中 华民族对世界文明的伟大贡献。早 在三千多年前的商代,中国就已经 出现了原始青瓷。虽然在胎质、釉 色和烧制工艺上与今天的瓷器还有 很大差距,但是中国瓷就是从那时 起,开始了跨越千年的发展历程。

> The History of Porcelain

In English, the word "china" (the porcelain ware) and "China" (the country) is the same word. China is the birthplace of porcelain. And the invention of porcelain is a tremendous contribution to the world civilization. Dating from three thousand years ago, in the Shang Dynasty (1600 B.C.-1046 B.C.), primitive celadon was already born on this land. Compared with today's porcelain, it had a great gap on body, glaze color and firing craft, however, from then on, Chinese porcelain initiated its millennia developing history.

瓷器的发展历程

The Development of Porcelain

商周——西汉

原始青瓷出现,初步达到瓷器的标准,但在一些方面又不够完善。器形多 承袭自同时代的陶器和青铜器。

The Shang Dynasty and the Zhou Dynasty (1600 B.C-221 B.C)-Western Han Dynasty (206 B.C.-25 A.D.)

Primitive celadon appeared. It preliminarily reached porcelain's standard, yet was still not perfect in some aspects. The ware shapes generally inherited from the contemporary pottery and bronze ware.



• 原始瓷鼎(战国)

Primitive Porcelain Ding (Ding refers to an ancient cooking cauldron) (The Warring States Period 475 B.C.-221 B.C.)

东汉时期

诞生了成熟的青瓷, 比原始青瓷制 作更加精细, 胎质致密坚硬, 瓷化程度 较高。 The Eastern Han Dynasty (25-220)

The matured celadon emerged. Compared with primitive celadon, it possessed more exquisite craft quality, denser and more solid body, and with vitrification of a higher degree.



 青瓷罐(东汉)
 Celadon Jar (The Eastern Han Dynasty 25-220)

三国两晋南北朝

南方以越窑为中心,继承并发展了 东汉青瓷的成就,北方晚期首次出现了 白瓷。

The Three Kingdoms (220-280), the Western Jin Dynasty and the Eastern Jin Dynasty (265-420), and Southern and Northern Dynasties (420-589)

Yue Kiln as the southern porcelain center inherited and developed the celadon achievements of the Eastern Han Dynasty. Later in this period, white porcelain first appeared in North China.



中国瓷 (分)

越窑青瓷点彩鸡首壶(东晋)
 Yue Kiln Stippling Cock-headed Ewer with Celadon Glaze (The Eastern Jin Dynasty 317-420)

隋唐五代

社会的进步促进了制瓷业的发展, 北方邢窑白瓷与南方越窑青瓷并立,形成了"南青北白"两大窑系。 The Sui Dynasty, the Tang Dynasty and the Five Dynasties (581-960)

Social prosperity promoted the development of porcelain-making. *Xing* Kiln in the north and *Yue* Kiln in the south existed simultaneously, forming a Celadon South & White North two-kiln system.

宋代

瓷器空前发展,瓷窑遍及南北,名 窑迭出,品类繁多,除青、白两大瓷系 外,黑釉、青白釉和彩绘瓷纷纷兴起。

The Song Dynasty (960-1279)

The art of porcelain entered an era of unprecedented prosperity. Kilns spread throughout China, among which came up many prestigious ones. And the categories varied a lot. In addition to the celadon and white porcelain, black glaze, Bluish-White (Qing-Bai) Glaze and polychrome painted porcelain also sprang up.



White Porcelain Zhuzi (Zhuzi refers to an ancient Chinese wine ewer with lid,also called Zhihu and Zhuhu.) (The Tang Dynasty 618-907)



青白釉凤首流水注(南宋)
 Phoenix-headed Ewer with Bluish-White (Qing-Bai) Glaze (The Southern Song Dynasty 1127-1279)

元朝廷在景德镇设"浮梁瓷局"统一管理制瓷业,发明了瓷石加高岭土的二元配方,烧制出大型瓷器。青花瓷和釉里红瓷的成功烧制,在陶瓷史上具有划时代的意义。

The Yuan Dynasty (1206-1368)

During the Yuan Dynasty, the imperial court established an official department, Fu Liang Porcelain Bureau ("Fu Liang" refers to a county in China of the day, an upper administrative machinery of Jingdezhen.) in Jingdezhen to manage the national porcelainmaking. The invention of binary formula composed of porcelain stone plus Kaolin clay made firing large porcelain vessels possible. The success of Blue-and-White (Qinghua) porcelain and Underglazed-Red porcelain possesses an epoch-making significance in the history of porcelain.



景德镇设立"御窑厂",成为全国制瓷业的中心,烧制出许多稀世珍品,如永宣时期的青花瓷和铜红釉、成化的斗彩瓷、万历五彩瓷等。福建的德化白瓷产品也十分精美。

The Ming Dynasty (1368-1644)

Imperial Kiln Factory was set in Jingdezhen to become the center of China porcelain industry where a number of rare treasures were born, such as Blue-and-White (Qinghua) porcelain and Copper Red Glaze of Yongxuan period (Yongle(1403-1424) and Xuande (1426-1435) period of the Ming Dynasty), Chenghua (1465-1487) Contending-Color (Doucai) porcelain, Wanli (1573-1620) Polychrome porcelain, etc. Dehua White porcelain in Fujian Province was also with high aesthetic value.



• 青花瓜竹葡萄纹菱口盘(元)

Blue-and-White (Qinghua) Rhombohedralmouth Plate with Melon, Bamboo and Grapevine Patterns (The Yuan Dynasty 1206-1368)



• 青花缠枝葡萄纹小罐(明宣德)

Blue-and-White (Qinghua) Jar with Grapevine Scroll Patterns (The Ming Dynasty, Xuande Period 1426-1435)



所illennia Porcelain 千年之瓷 康、雍、乾三代瓷器的发展达到了 历史上的最高水平。不但恢复了明代永 乐、宣德朝以来所有精品的特色,还创 烧了很多新的品种。单色釉、青花、釉 里红、珐琅彩、粉彩等品种异彩纷呈。 The Qing Dynasty (1644-1911)

Porcelain in the reign of emperors Kangxi (1662-1722), Yongzheng (1723-1735) and Qianlong (1736-1795) three successive generations reached its highest level in history. It not only restored the fine characteristics of the Yongle (1403-1424), Xuande (1426-1435) periods in the Ming Dynasty, but also created many new varieties, including monochrome glaze, Blue-and-White (Qinghua), Underglazed-Red, Enamel-Color (Falangcai), Powdered-Color (Fencai), etc.



• 粉彩雉鸡洞石花卉纹罐(清康熙)

Powdered-Color (Fencai) Jar with Pheasant, Rockwork and Floral Design (Kangxi period, the Qing Dynasty 1662-1722)



国数 Sinese Porcelain

原始瓷

瓷器是从陶器发展而来的。传说在黄帝时代(公元前2500年左右),人们虽已懂得用火烧熟食物,但却没有合适的器物去盛装烹饪。黄帝手下的一个官员宁封子,发现用泥土捏成的器皿在火中烧就会变硬,这就是最初的陶器。黄帝任命他为陶正,管理陶器的生产。



• 原始瓷单柄三足罐(战国)

通体饰瓦楞状的宽带条纹。胎质浅灰,釉面呈青黄色,薄厚均匀,由于烧制温度不够理想,釉面有脱落现象,这种器型在战国时期的印纹硬陶中亦有发现,有明显的时代特征。

Primitive Porcelain Pot with Three Feet and Single Handle (the Warring States Period 475 B.C.-221 B.C.)

The entire pot is decorated with vertical corrugated broad stripes, and has light gray body, bluish yellow glaze, and uniform thickness. Due to the unsatisfactory firing temperature, its glaze layer is partially peeled off. This shape is also found in stamped hard pottery at the time, bearing distinctive characteristics of the age.

Primitive Porcelain

Porcelain evolves out of pottery. Legend has it that, during the Yellow Emperor era (about 2500 B.C.), although people had already known how to use fire to cook food, they didn't have any proper vessel to serve food on. An official named Ning Fengzi, found clay-made vessel hardens after being burned in the fire, which is the earliest pottery. The Yellow Emperor appointed him as Taozheng (the official of pottery) to manage the pottery production. Although this is a legend, it indicates that Chinese ancestor's technical improvement of pottery-making craft,



• 青釉弦纹尊(商)

Celadon-glazed Zun (medium-sized ancient Chinese wine cup) with String Patterns (the Shang Dynasty 1600 B.C.-1046 B.C.) 这虽然是个传说,却显示出先民们 对制陶工艺的改进,由最初的露天 堆柴焙烧,发展到挖洞筑窑。

大约在公元前16世纪的商代, 中原的先民在烧陶的过程中,经过 不断的摸索和改进,烧制出了原始 的瓷器。作为陶器向瓷器过渡时期 的产物,原始瓷比陶器胎质更致 密,外观更漂亮,更重要的是,它 们便于清洗,而且经久耐用。

原始瓷也叫"原始青瓷",以 高岭土为制胎原料,烧成后胎骨细 from original open-air bonfire bake to built kilns' production.

In the Shang Dynasty, around the 16th century B.C., through continuous exploration and improvement during pottery-making, the Chinese ancestors living in the central plains made the primitive porcelain. As a product of the "pottery to porcelain" transition period, primitive porcelain possesses more intense body, more beautiful exterior, above all, washable and durable features.

Primitive porcelain, also known as "primitive celadon", applied Kaolin clay as the raw material of its body. After firing, the base would become smooth, solid and water-proof. The color would turn lighter, as grey white and light yellow.



• 原始瓷兽首鼎(战国)

春秋、战国时期原始瓷造型多仿青铜礼器,此器物在仿制青铜鼎样式的基础上又有所创新,器沿一侧装饰兽首,兽首高昂,双目外突,额上配有双角,兽首相对一侧饰兽尾,给人古朴稳重之感。

Primitive Porcelain Animal-headed *Ding* (the Warring States period 475 B.C.-221 B.C.)

In the Spring and Autumn period (770 B.C.-476 B.C.) and Warring States period (475 B.C.-221 B.C.), most primitive porcelains were inspired by bronze ritual vessels. This item innovated beyond the bronze *Ding*, as being decorated with animal head on one side of edge, which has a highly raised head, a pair of protruding eyes and double horns on the forehead, whereas on the opposite side, being decorated with an animal tail. This porcelain ware as a whole gives a sense of modesty and ancientry.