

Land of Giants' Footprints

Truku Community Collaboration and Public Archaeology at Ciyakang

As the most important neolithic nephrite manufacturing site in eastern Taiwan and the traditional territory of Takaday of contemporary Truku people, Ciyakang represents a cultural heritage that extends back centuries. In recent years, after addressing the issues of heritage evaluation and land ownership, the indigenous community has worked with archaeologists and the cultural affairs administration to develop the "Ciyakang Initiative". Embracing reflexivity and multivocality as its core value, this action plan is aimed at preserving the Ciyakang site and promoting sustainable culture and economy through community engagement and public archaeology.



Ciyakang Initiative

The Ciyakang Initiative is an action plan of indigenous archaeology collaboratively executed by the local community, archaeologists, and the cultural affairs administration. It abides by the principles of collaborative partnership, equality and reciprocity, information transparency, and land ownership protection, to achieve sustainability of the Ciyakang site and local culture and economy.

Indigenous Youth Empowerment

Youth empowerment sessions were organized to share information on the archaeological work at Ciyakang and knowledge of Truku tradition and culture, with the goal of facilitating dialogue, collaboration, and multivocality. The young participants proposed plans to "connect past and present lifestyles", "make archaeological knowledge more accessible", and "promote archaeological heritage and community economy" to make Ciyakang a more sustainable site.

Public Archaeology

Archaeologists, archaeological museum staff, and young people of the community worked together to conduct excavations and promote public awareness and interpretation of the cultural heritage at Ciyakang while supporting the indigenous community's claim to its economic rights in its traditional territory.

Archaeological Education

The study plan developed by the archaeological team and Silin Elementary School served as a tool for Truku children to learn about the invaluable archaeological and cultural relics in their community. It has helped to enhance their knowledge of archaeology and cultural heritage and raise awareness of protecting the traditional territory and former settlements.



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