

Treasures of death: A series of remains covered with jewels in the tomb

Ancient 2,000-year-old tombs are located right on the starting point of the Silk Road, people in the tomb are dressed in pieces of jade, amidst countless treasures of jewels.

An international archaeological team led by the Xi'an Institute of Cultural Relics and Archeology uniquely discovered 27 mysterious ancient tombs in Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province (China), which is said to be the first point of the famous Silk Road. 27 graves are real treasures, with loads of valuable burial objects.

Four of the 27 tombs are of particularly large scale, in addition to they are buried in a mysterious blue outfit, sewn with 2,200 pieces of jade. Archaeologists believe that this was the resting place of people of high status at that time.



Part of a complex of 27 ancient tombs in the Han Dynasty has been found - photos provided by the team

Among the burial objects, most notably the small ceramic statues that scientists expect to reveal more about the owner of the tombs.

It is estimated that ancient tombs date back about 2,000 years, that is, from the Han Dynasty. The silk road that started in China at that time lasted 6,400 km, passing many places such as the Takla Mkan Desert, crossed the Pamirs Mountains, through Afghanistan, Levant and then through the Mediterranean Sea . This is the route that silk was exports to the West and wool, gold and silver to go from the West to the East.

Back to Xi'an city, it is one of the four largest ancient capitals of China, where seven illustrious dynasties were once based.



The newly discovered burial ground has just begun to be excavated, the artifacts have not been displayed yet, but according to researchers, the jade burial clothes in these ancient tombs are similar to the artifacts being displayed in Tay Son Mausoleum - photo: Tay Son Mausoleum

The excavation of 27 ancient tombs is just beginning. Archaeologists hope a comprehensive excavation of the burial site will expand their knowledge of the complex burial customs of that period.

This is not the first time that luxurious jade suits have appeared in ancient Chinese tombs. Earlier, a similarly beautiful artifact was excavated from the Tây Sơn Mausoleum (Vịnh Thành, Hà Nam, China).

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