

## Categorization of *Yüeh* Celadon Wares Recovered in the Taiwan Straits

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### ABSTRACT

The present essay addresses two groups of objects. The first are a series of *Yüeh*-type celadon wares that were recovered from the Taiwan Straits and are now in the collection of the Graduate Institute of Art History at National Taiwan University. The second are *Yüeh*-type samples gathered on the P'eng-hu Islands and recorded in the book *Yüeh-yao tsai P'eng-hu*. The typological categorization made in this essay serves as the basis for investigating the chronology of the wares through comparison with relevant archeological evidence and several other *Yüeh*-style celadons inscribed with the character *yung*. The investigation concludes that the *Yüeh* ware samples recovered from the Taiwan Straits span over a long stretch of time from late T'ang through Northern Sung, with the majority of the pieces dated back to early Northern Sung period.

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