Main characteristics/features

Chiang Mai celadon is ceramic clay stoneware made using black clay or clay mixed with black clay, glazed with rice husk ash, and fired at a high temperature in an incomplete combustion atmosphere. Cracks in the glaze are visible. The glaze is transparent and comes in many shades of green, from yellow-green, grey-green, bamboo-leaf green, emerald green, tree-leaf green to brown-green. It may also be blue or brown. Celadon makes a resounding sound when tapped.

Production and processing

The production process of Chiang Mai celadon begins with clay preparation. The clay is dried, pounded, grounded, and sieved to produce good quality clay. It is then mixed with water so that it is malleable, kneaded, and shaped into the desired products. After that, the clay is dried in an oven, fired and glazed in accordance with techniques handed down from older generations. Chiang Mai celadon products are elaborately hand-carved, using skills inherited over a very long period of time.

Geographical area

Chiang Mai celadon is manufactured in the Chiang Mai Province of northern Thailand.

Link between product and territory

400 to 500 years ago, when the Thai Kingdom of Lanna was rising, celadon cups were produced in the area currently known as Amphoe San Kamphaeng, Chiang Mai. Celadon making was significantly developed to the extent that it could be exported. Several more workshops were set up in Chiang Mai, where the business has continued to the present day. The know-how of making celadon stoneware has been passed down from generation to generation.

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