

A Comparative Study Between Bamboo Handicraft in Sri Lanka and China

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Abstract

Bamboo art has a significant place in Sri Lankan and Chinese cultures. It has deep cultural and economic roots in China, the country with the largest bamboo resources in the world. Over the last three decades bamboo has evolved from a supply of raw material into the material base of an increasingly diversified array of products and, more recently, into a potentially important source of cultural and environmental services. Although Chinese bamboo handicraft are famous all over the world, bamboo handicrafts in Sri Lanka are often restricted to Sri Lanka. But there are similarities and differences from bamboo craft weaving technology to production, to finish current research focuses on the comparative study between Chinese bamboo crafts. Relevant information was collected from research, books and government information centers and resources conducted by Chinese and Sri Lankan researchers. It explores its various uses, from bamboo and food to furniture. With the development of the society and the progress in cultural life, there were an increasing variety of bamboo products including seats, such as bamboo chairs, bamboo stools and bamboo sofas; and sleeping furniture such as bamboo deck chairs, bamboo beds, bamboo mats and bamboo pillows. Clothing was also made of bamboo, including bamboo hats and bamboo shoes. They also made decorations, including bamboo screens, bamboo curtains, bamboo vases and bamboo lanterns. As for containers, there are bamboo cupboards and bamboo cases; tableware, such as bamboo bowls and bamboo chopsticks; and writing materials, like bamboo brushes and bamboo pen containers, Farmers use bamboo tools like bamboo baskets, bamboo brooms and dustpans, and bamboo poles, as well as fishing tools means of transport and many other daily necessities. By virtue of investigations in this paper modern designers, provide a reference for scholars, research on bamboo craft products and enhance possibility of craft product design and innovative design. Bamboo handicrafts in Sri Lanka and subject to some changes compared to Chinese bamboo handicrafts. This research examines the differences between bamboo crafts in both countries.

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