

# Ancient Latte Village

## Mochong

The Mochong archaeological site is considered the best preserved and largest latte village in the Marianas. It comprises of over 50 individual latte sets, associated with human skeletal remains, buried around or within their houses, grinding stones, tools, fishing implements and an abundance of predominantly plain-ware pottery. Based on archaeological investigation, the latte village is reportedly to have been settled and occupied for over 3,000 years. According to accounts by numerous explorers, latte stones served as structural foundations for Chamorro residences and other specialized buildings such as men's (Uritao) and canoe houses. Today they are considered the most important cultural symbol for modern Chamorros as they represent and define who we are as a people.