

**THE NATIONAL TRUST – SRI LANKA LECTURE ON THURSDAY THE 25TH OCTOBER 2012
– SOME EVIDENCE ON PROTO HISTORIC BURIAL PRACTICE IN SRI LANKA” By
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The tradition of clay canoe burials was unearthed recently and excavations have revealed that the tradition prevailed in the second millennium BCE. The canoes were used to cremate the deceased and intern the corporeal remains together with prehistoric stone implements, earthenware vessels etc. suggesting the beginning of a new cultural realm unknown in the history of Sri Lanka.

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We hope to see you at the lecture.

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