

## Egypt finds remains of 3,700-year-old pyramid

### 考古人员在埃及发现 3700 年前的金字塔

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考古人员在埃及发现了一座约建于3700年前的金字塔遗迹。代赫舒尔帝王墓古迹位于开罗南部，考古人员在这里挖出了一件刻有十列古埃及象形文字的石块，并已发掘出金字塔内部的一条通道。埃及国家古物部称，出土文物均保存完好，且发掘工作仍在进行，以考证这座金字塔的实际体积及相关信息。请听 Sebastian Usher 的报道。

What's left of this latest pyramid to be uncovered is in good condition. For archaeologists, it is a significant **find**, potentially giving them further insight into the more than 120 pyramids already discovered.

The **excavation** is still **at an early stage**, the part of the inner structures being revealed including a corridor and a room. A little **alabaster** block holds intriguing **hieroglyphic inscriptions**. The **remains** of this little pyramid from the 13th dynasty are dwarfed by the Red Pyramid and the Bent Pyramid nearby, which **narrowly predate** the Great Pyramids at Giza further up the road to Cairo and clearly contributed vital **expertise** to their construction.

Egypt launched an ambitious project a year and a half ago dubbed 'Scan Pyramids' to try to discover secret **chambers** in these extraordinary structures that have defined the country's image for **millennia**, and so **shed light on** the mysteries that still surround how they were built.

## 词汇表

<b>find</b>	被发现的文物
<b>excavation</b>	发掘古迹的工程
<b>at an early stage</b>	在初期阶段
<b>alabaster</b>	雪花石膏，一种矿物材料
<b>hieroglyphic</b>	(古埃及) 象形文字的
<b>inscriptions</b>	铭文，刻字
<b>remains</b>	遗址，遗迹
<b>narrowly</b>	差一点地，仅仅地
<b>predate</b>	在……前存在，早于……
<b>expertise</b>	专业知识
<b>chambers</b>	(正式) 房间
<b>millennia</b>	几千年，单数是 millennium
<b>shed light on</b>	为……提供线索

## 测验

请听报道并回答下列问题。

1. How many pyramids have archaeologists discovered up to now?
2. What is engraved on the recently discovered alabaster block?
3. True or false? *The Great Pyramids at Giza were built earlier than the Red Pyramid and the Bent Pyramid.*
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## 答案

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**More than 120 pyramids have been discovered by archaeologists.**

2. What is engraved on the recently discovered alabaster block?

**The alabaster block is engraved with intriguing hieroglyphic inscriptions.**

3. True or false? *The Great Pyramids at Giza were built earlier than the Red Pyramid and the Bent Pyramid.*

**False. The Red Pyramid and the Bent Pyramid narrowly predate the Great Pyramids at Giza.**

4. Which word in the text means 'to be seen smaller'?

**Dwarfed.**