

Thesis Title The Development of Ancient Communities and
 their Settlements in the Upper Chi Valley.

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this thesis is to study the development of ancient settlement in the upper Chi Valley. The area under study is consisting of the basins drained by three main tributaries of the Chi river namely Prom, Phong and Choen

The study reveals that there were many sedentary settlements in this river basin of which the inhabitants made their living in three ecological niches namely pied mont, low terrace and flood plain. Among them the settlements in the flood plain were the most dense.

These ancient settlements had gradually undergone technology and cultural change sometimes from the late prehistoric period i.e. around the 5th century B.C. With the advent of Buddhism and Hinduism from the 7th Century A.D. Settlements in the low terrace and flood plain were wide spread and developed into the central place system i.e. relationship between settlements and the

central communities. This is because these area would easily
contact culturaly and communaly with the outside.