

Ancient gigantic Buddha statue with puzzling background

After Taliban blew up the world's two largest Buddha statues in Bamyān, Afghanistan, 16 years ago, the 32-meter-high standing statue of Buddha in Sichuan became the largest on Earth.



The world's tallest standing Buddha statue in Sichuan Province in Southwest China. [Photo:scol.com.cn]

However, despite its splendid view on Mt. Baxian, 891 meters high above the sea level, the origin of the statue remains elusive.

Its builders and dynasties have yet to be identified, and its hairstyle, earlobes and dressings are different from conventional Buddha statues. For example, Buddhas don't usually wear bracelets. Moreover, this Buddha statue looks like it's wearing an apron, which distinguishes its clothing from others.

Although the ambiguous elements of the statue perplexes historians, experts still believe the Buddha statue has distinctive historic value.