

THE GREEK – SWEDISH – DANISH EXCAVATIONS AT KASTELLI, KHANIA

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View from 2010 excavation displaying, Turkish, Venetian, Byzantine, LM III and LM I walls.

The Greek-Swedish-Danish Excavation (GSDE) on the Kastelli hill at Khania took place during the years 2010, 2013 and 2014. It had as its main purpose to excavate – as completely as the modern habitation permitted – the remains of the large Building 2 of the Late Minoan IIIA:2/IIIB:1 period. In this building Linear B tablets and an inscribed stirrup jar had been unearthed during earlier excavations. These Linear B inscriptions were the first in Crete to be dated with security to the LM III B:1 period. For the publication of the GSDE the project inherited a number of excavation seasons from the Greek-Swedish Excavations connected to Building 2. In the presentation there will be a short outlook to the old excavations while the main focus shall be on the three seasons of the GSDE which brought to light new important evidence not only on the LM III period, but also on the LM I, the Venetian and the Early Christian periods.