

nae extremely long, extending beyond occipital margin of the head by about half of its own length. Alitrunk long, mesonotum with area behind the transverse ridge convex so that pro-mesonotum forming two convexities. Mandibles feebly striate; clypeus with five distinct rugae, coarsely oblique rugose at the sides. Pronotum shining; mesonotum, mesopleurae and propodeum densely punctate; punctures on petiole and postpetiole feebler; gaster shining. Erect or suberect hairs long, denser on head and gaster, sparser on alitrunk. Brownish-yellow, head and gaster darker.

Holotypes major worker and minor worker, Daming Shan Natural Conservation (23.4°N, 108.5°E), Guangxi, 30. X. 1995, collected by ZHOU Shan-Yi. Paratypes: 1 major worker, 14 minor workers, data as holotypes.

This new species is similar to *P. allani* Bingham, but differs from the later in: 1) clypeus carinate; 2) anterior margin of clypeus emarginate; and 3) petiole with its upper border entire, not emarginate. In addition, minor worker of the new species with antennal scapes extremely long, SI 164-167, this character is rare in the genus.

### 3 *Pheidole flaveria* sp. nov. (Figs. 6-8)

Holotypes major worker and minor worker: TL 3.8, 2.3; HL 1.35, 0.62; HW 1.25, 0.53; CI 92, 85; SL 0.72, 0.66; SI 57, 124; PW 0.56, 0.30; AL 1.07, 0.71; ED 0.13, 0.08.

Major worker. Head longer than broad, broader posteriorly than in front, deeply emarginate posteriorly, occipital corner rounded; ventral anterior border with five gular teeth; clypeus with its middle portion slightly impressed, no carina, emarginate anteriorly; frontal carinae reaching about two-thirds of the length of the head; antennal scrobes indistinct. Pronotum convex, lateral tubercles prominent but rounded above; transverse ridge of the mesonotum distinct; propodeum with its basal portion and subequal, impressed above; propodeal spines acute, erect, about one-third of the length of the basal portion, longer than its base and shorter than the distance between the two spines. Petiole simple, triangular in profile, bluntly rounded at the top, upper border slightly emarginate; postpetiole transversely broad, about twice as broad as petiole, angularly produced at the sides. Gaster broadly oval, much smaller than the head. Legs stout, femora and tibiae thickened in the middle.

Shining; mandibles sparsely punctate, external coarsely rugose; clypeus shining in the middle, rugose laterally; head sparsely longitudinally rugose, shining in the intervals; occipital corner shining. Pronotum sparsely and irregularly rugose; mesopleurae and propodeum vaguely creased and punctate. Petiole vaguely punctate; postpetiole shining above. Gaster feebly and vaguely punctate.

Pilosity pale; erect or suberect hairs abundant on whole body; short suberect hairs mixed up with long erect hairs on the head; scapes of the antennae and hind tibiae with abundant suberect hairs.

Pale yellow; mandibles and border of clypeus dark brown and with broadly black margin; scape of the antennae, postpetiole and gaster yellowish-brown.

Minor worker. Head oval; mandibles with apical and subapical teeth, followed by 8 teeth which large ones alternating with small ones; scapes of the antennae extending beyond occipital margin of head by about one-third of its own length. Body translucent,