

Taiwan's First Salt Field

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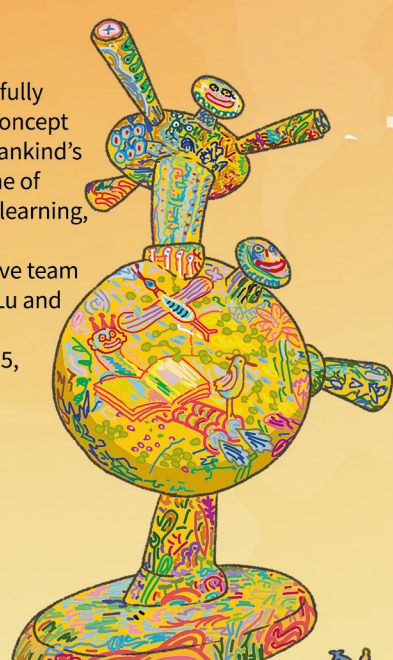


Tainan Yancheng Library

Tainan's Yancheng Library opened its doors at the end of 2015. The library was designed by architect Y.C. Tsai who also designed Tainan's famous Chimei Museum. The library's exterior resembles books all shapes and sizes stacked upon each other—an image not only symbolizing the crystallization of knowledge, but also a nod to the library's function and the area's long history with salt fields. Y.C. Tsai's architectural works in Tainan City are many and include: Anping District's Lin Mo-niang Park (2004), Rende District's Chimei Museum (2015), South District's Yancheng Library (2015), North District's Hsu Shi Music Library (2018), and Tainan City's Nanhua District Office (2020).

Children! Let's Fly Together (public art installation)

This public art installation built of colorfully painted steel plates has as its creative concept that knowledge serves as a record of mankind's progress. In the unfolding of the timeline of history, we are all children—exploring, learning, and flying on the wings of knowledge. Artists: Euglena Program of Art. A creative team founded in 2011 by two artists, Mu-jeu Lu and Sheng-wei Chiao, who boast markedly different creative styles. Finished in 2015, the installation is constructed of hand-painted steel plates.



Former Tainan Branch of the Monopoly Bureau of the Governor-General of Taiwan

In 1901, the Tainan Branch of the Monopoly Bureau of the Governor-General of Taiwan was established and tasked with overseeing the government's monopoly in the Tainan area. In 1922, the branch name was changed to Yancheng Office of the Monopoly Bureau of the Governor-General of Taiwan, Anping Branch. The name was changed once again in 1952 to the Tainan Salt Corporation's Yancheng Branch Office of the Taiwan Salt Works. In 1971, the Tainan City Government announced that the salt fields would be decommissioned and in 2003 the area was designated as a municipal heritage site. Its name was later changed to Former Tainan Branch of the Monopoly Bureau of the Governor-General of Taiwan, but is more commonly known as the Yancheng Office. The complex's principal building is the Wushulin Branch Hong Mao Port Office, formally situated in Kaohsiung's Hong Mao Port before being relocated to Yancheng to serve as the location for the Tainan branch office of the Monopoly Bureau. In the building's entry hall, several Japanese decorative architectural elements can be seen, including hanging fish, pagodas, pears, and corbels, making the structure an intriguing mix of Japanese and Western architectural styles.

Taiwan's First Salt Field Stele

This stele was erected in 2012 by the Tourism Bureau of Tainan City Government and details the history of salt drying in Yancheng. Although Yancheng has gradually developed into an industrial and commercial zone, the rise and fall of the area's salt production industry continues to be part of the collective memory of Yancheng's residents. Consequently, this stele was established to underscore the pioneering and hardworking spirit of the first residents of Yancheng and highlight the unique character of the area's historical and cultural assets.



Linan Street

What today is called Linan Street was formally a watercourse of the Yancheng River that due to its many bends was prone to flooding. The watercourse was straightened, moved underground, and later paved over to become Linan Street.

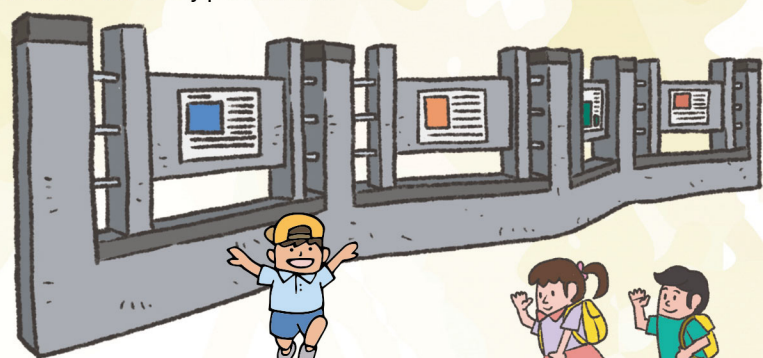


Taiwan's First Salt Field/Yancheng Story House

Taiwan's First Salt Field/Yancheng Story House is a historical home built in the early days of the Yancheng settlement. In 2016, with the cooperation of community residents and the local district office, the home was turned into the Yancheng Story House.

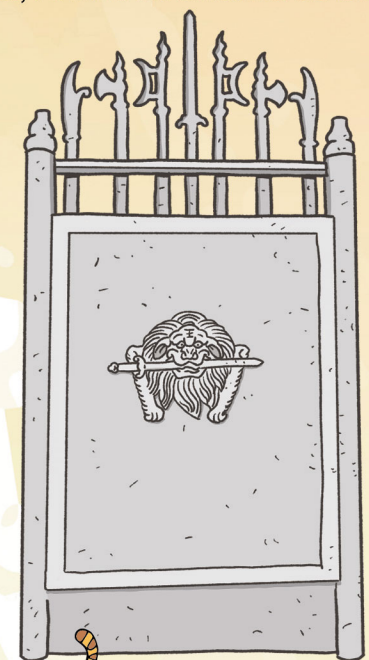
Rihsin Elementary School

Rihsin Elementary School, located in Tainan's South District, was established in 1912 under the name of Tainan City Anping District Public School, Yancheng Branch (today's Anping District Anping Elementary School). In 1918, it became independent and was renamed Tainan City Yancheng Public School. On May 5, 2018, the Rihsin Elementary School celebrated its centennial anniversary. Next to the school is the Rihsin Elementary School T-bike Station where one can rent or return Tainan City public bikes.



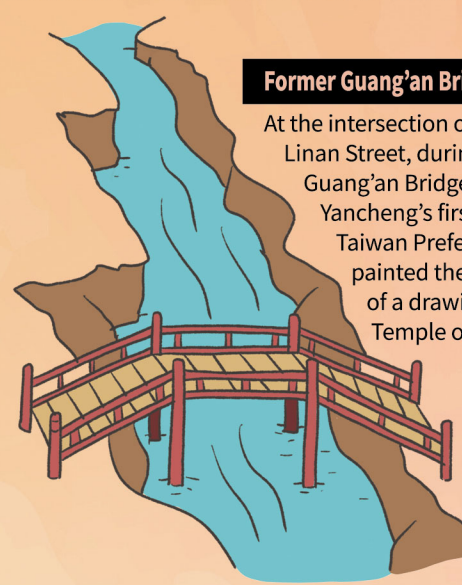
Zhang Family Sword Lion/Armament Screen

A rarely seen armaments screen made of washed stones found in Tainan's South District. The screen's two sides hold images of a sword lion and the mythical beast Kirin. The screen was often used in traditional households as a charm and placed in the outer courtyard to ward off evil. The image facing away from the home is the sword lion whose fierce visage wards off evil spirits. The image facing the home is the benevolent Kirin as a prayer for good fortune. At the center top of the screen is a sword. Descending to the left and right are a halberd, axe, and knife—further symbols of warding off evil.



Yancheng Road

Yancheng Road was formerly the main thoroughfare for the Yancheng area. However, much of the vehicle traffic shifted to Jinhua Road after its completion by the Tainan City Government. Today, Yancheng Road is mainly used by local residents.

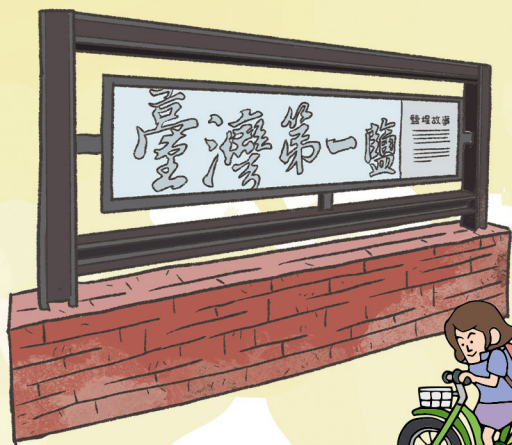


Former Guang'an Bridge (Yancheng Bridge) Historic Site

At the intersection of what is now Yancheng Road and Linan Street, during the Qing Dynasty there was Guang'an Bridge (also known as Yancheng Bridge), Yancheng's first ever completed bridge. In 1778, Taiwan Prefecture Governor Jiang Yuanshu painted the Guang'an Bridge at the bottom right of a drawing titled "Reconstruction of the Temple of God Xuanwu in Laibei Saltern."

Yanguan Street

During the Qing Dynasty, salt warehouses and salt tax offices were called yanguan (lit. "salt office"). A yanguan was built here after the establishment of the Laibei Saltern, but its precise location is unknown today. In 2016, the Tainan City Government renamed the street to "Yanguan Street" due to its proximity to Yancheng Library.

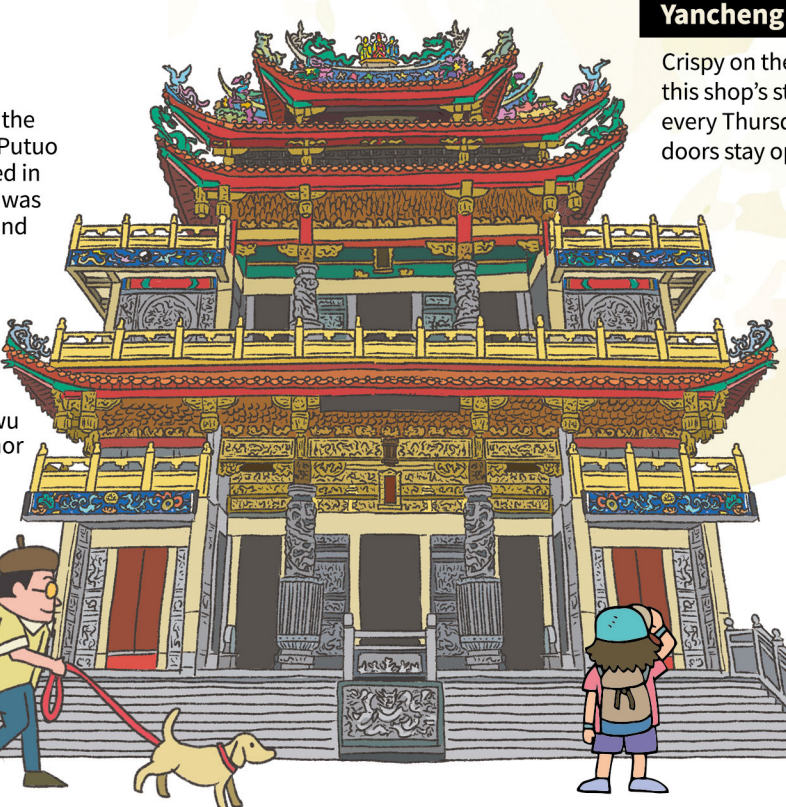


Yancheng Guanyin Temple

Yancheng's Guanyin Temple is dedicated to the worship of Bodhisattva Guanyin. During the reign of Emperor Guangxu (1875-1908) the statue of Guanyin traveled from its home on Putuo Island off the coast of China's Zhejiang Province to Taiwan where it was initially enshrined in private homes. It was later moved to the Yancheng Guanyin Temple whose construction was finished in 1992. Enshrined on the temple's first floor are the Five Kings, the Earth God, and the Goddess of Childbirth. The second floor is dedicated to Bodhisattva Guanyin, as well as the deities Guanyin with Child, Lady Linshui (Chen Jinggu), Thousand-armed Avalokitesvara, the Tiger God (Hu Ye), and the Lords of the Southern and Northern Dipper.

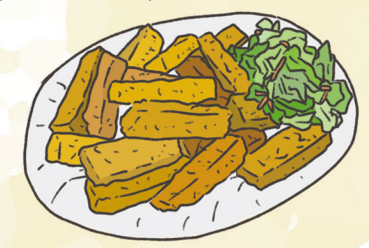
Yancheng Beiji Temple

Yancheng Beiji Temple was originally a small temple dedicated to the god Xuanwu (one of the highest ranking deities in Taoism). In 1778, Taiwan Prefecture Governor Jiang Yuanshu donated money to have the temple rebuilt. The temple that stands today was finished in 1988. In the past, the residents around Yancheng Beiji Temple were primarily engaged in agriculture and salt drying, and Xuanwu was a source of spiritual substance and a center of religious faith for the community. Grateful for the power and protection of the god, every year, on 3rd day of the third month of the lunar calendar, a celebration for the health and longevity of Xuanwu is held. Yancheng is a low lying area and often suffers from windstorms and flooding. In the southwest corner of Yancheng, a statue of a general riding a tiger was enshrined to protect Yancheng's residents from natural disasters. As public housing began to be built in Yancheng, to the left of Yancheng Beiji Temple was constructed the Great Emperors of the Five Blessings Pavilion to pray for the prosperity of Yancheng and the safety of the nation and its people.



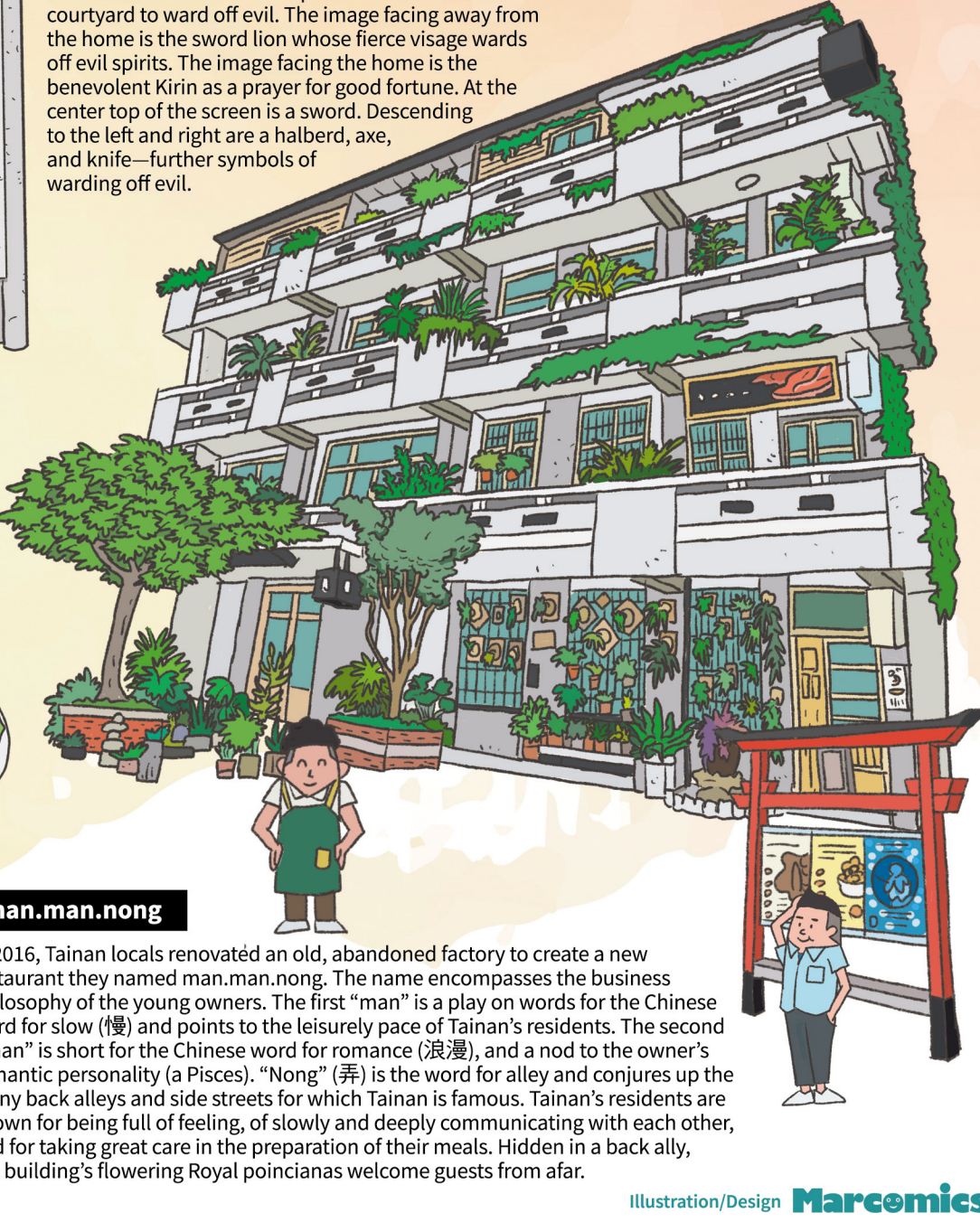
Yancheng Beiji Temple Stinky Tofu

Crispy on the outside and soft on the inside, this shop's stinky tofu is a local favorite. Open every Thursday to Sunday from 3:30pm, the doors stay open till the shop sells out.



man.man.nong

In 2016, Tainan locals renovated an old, abandoned factory to create a new restaurant they named man.man.nong. The name encompasses the business philosophy of the young owners. The first "man" is a play on words for the Chinese word for slow (慢) and points to the leisurely pace of Tainan's residents. The second "man" is short for the Chinese word for romance (浪漫), and a nod to the owner's romantic personality (a Pisces). "Nong" (弄) is the word for alley and conjures up the many back alleys and side streets for which Tainan is famous. Tainan's residents are known for being full of feeling, of slowly and deeply communicating with each other, and for taking great care in the preparation of their meals. Hidden in a back alley, the building's flowering Royal poincianas welcome guests from afar.



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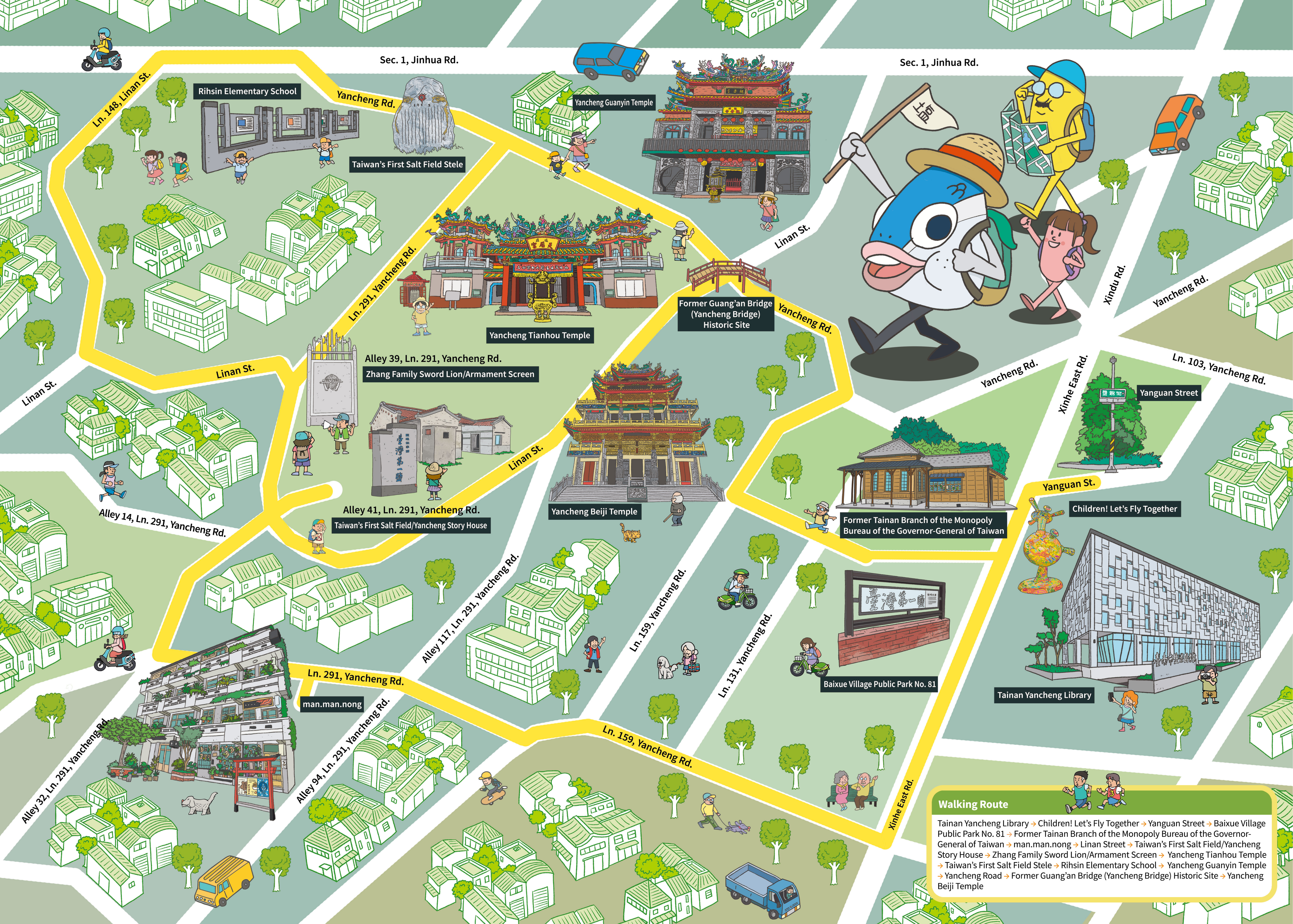
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