

**Chihkan** Tower No. 212, Sec. 2, Minzu Road

Built in 1653 by the Dutch, Chihkan Tower was then called "Fort Provintia". The original fort base still exists and is known as "Red-head Fort" or Chihkan ower by the Han people. A number of Chinese-style towers were added during the late Qing Period, and the Sea God Temple, Tower of the God of Literature, and Penghu Academy still stand today. Every year when exam season approaches, many people come to the Tower of the God of Literature to pray to the deity for good exam results.

Open hours: 08:30 - 21:30 Admission: full price NT 70/half price NT 35

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### **Grand Mazu Temple** No.18, Ln. 227, Sec. 2, Yongfu Road 06-2211178

Built in 1665, the Great Tianhou (Matsu) Temple was originally the household of Prince Ningjing during the Period of Ming Loyalist Koxinga Rule. It later became the first official Matsu Temple in Taiwan assigned by Qing Dynasty rulers to hold ritual rites and ceremonies. With more than 300 years of history, the fully preserved Ming-style architecture is definitely worth a visit. People also come to the temple to pray to the Matchmaker (Deity of love and marriage): for decades the deity has been visited by many asking for a good match. One glimpse at all the gold medallions and wedding pastries placed here as a thank-you gift to the deity shows how powerful he is!

Open Hours: 07:00 - 20:30 Free admission

# **National Historic Monuments**

# **Tainan Sacrificial Rites Martial Temple** lo.229, Sec. 2, Yongfu Road

This temple of Lord Guan Yu was built in 1665. Commonly known as the "Larger Guandi Temple", this is a martial temple officially assigned by the rulers to host religious rites and rituals, thus the name "Sacrificial Rites Martial Temple" and is highly respected by the public. There is also a Matchmaker (Deity of love and marriage) Hall in the temple. For people looking for a good match, they should sincerely ask the deity for assistance then take a piece of red string in front of his statue. Carry the string with you to make your dreams come true. Open hours: 06:00 - 20:50

# **Municipal Historic Sites**

# Wanfu Temple Wall No.5, Ln. 317, Sec.2, Minzu Road

Wanfu Temple belongs to Guanyin and the Monkey King. It has an inscribed board from the period of Qing Emperor Daoguang's rule (1842) and three horizontal inscribed boards written by artist Lin Cao-yin during the period of Qing Emperor Jiaqing's rule (1842). All of these are important historical artifacts. A gate screen wall is a unique traditional architecture element set at the entryway of houses. It is said to block out bad luck and evil. When set up at temple gateways, it symbolizes the border of the religious space and that they will not disturb the other residents.

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# **Beiji Temple** No. 89, Sec.2, Minquan West Road 06-2268875

Established in 1665, Beiji Temple is commonly known as the "Larger Shang Di Temple". It is the temple of Xuan Tian Shang Di, the guardian deity of the Ming Dynasty. The wooden board with "威靈赫奕" written on it inside the temple is the oldest inscribed board in Taiwan, and the only existing inscribed board from the Ming Dynasty. It is said the reason that the deity was originally depicted as standing on a turtle and a snake is because the Qing Dynasty rulers wanted the people to stop thinking about to the past Ming Dynasty and interpreted the stance as "give up your killing ways and you instantly become a Buddha", demoting the guardian deity to the patron god of butchers. Next time when you visit the temple, take note that the Xuan Tian Shang Di here is not standing on turtles and snakes! Open hours: 06:00 - 21:00 Free admission

# **Municipal Historic Sites**

**Tiantan Tiangong Temple** No.18, Ln. 227, Sec. 2, Yongfu Road 06-2211178 The Tiantan Tiangong Temple, or "Altar of Heaven", is the temple of the the temple is always crowded with people. There is an inscribed board with the Chinese character "One" written on it in the temple. This is one of the three most famous inscribed boards in Tainan. The "One" symbolizes "the Heavens can change your fate with one stroke". Many residents come to the temple to get rid of bad luck: the Tao Masters perform a rite then whips a paper human figure to get rid of the person's bad luck.

Open hours: 06:00 - 22:00 Free admission

# **National Historic Monuments Southern Region Weather Center**

Former Tainan Weather Station No.21, Gongyuan Road This was originally the Tainan weather station built in 1898 and later renamed as the Central Weather Bureau Southern Region Weather Center

after WWII. The central wind tower is the most striking architecture of this 120-year-old station. Nicknamed the "pepper pipe", the tower has a spiral staircase inside that leads to the top - the best place for weather observation.

Open hours: 09:00 - 17:00 Guided tours reservations: 06-3459218 (weekdays); 06-3459200 (holidays)



Yongsheng Canvas Bag Shop 06-2275125

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Sin Wen Tang

Stamp Shop

06-2227375

Wenjhong Hall

06-2221525

06-2250021



**Embroidery Shop** 06-2271315

Tian De Stationery Store & Paper Factory

06-2222238











**Maxwell Memorial Church** No. 6, Gongyuan Road

The current church is a 1954 restoration of the original church built in 1902. The British Presbyterian church gifted the church a memorial stone and named it the "Maxwell Memorial Church" in memory of doctor Maxwell, the first missionary to Taiwan (1865). The simple mid-sized organ on the second floor has more than 100 years of history and is one of the oldest organs in

ree admission: 09:00 - 12:00; 14:00 - 17:00

Open hours: Mon. to Fri.

### **Municipal Historic Sites** Koxinga Ancestral Shrine No. 36, Sec. 2, Zhongyi Road

Built in 1663 by Zheng Jing, the shrine was exclusively for Koxinga During the Qing Dynasty, it was renamed as the family temple of the Zheng family, also known as Zhaoge Hall. It is the first Zheng family temple in Taiwan. The ancient well at the gate was covered up during the Japanese Occupation Period, but later followers asked the temple to reopen the well again. The digging process yielded pieces of broken chinaware from the Ming and Qing Dynasty and Japanese Occupation Period; broken bricks and tiles, and iron bullets which may had come from the late Ming/early Qing period. These artifacts document the

# **Municipal Historic Sites**

# Land Bank of Taiwan No.28, Zhongzheng Road

This Land Bank of Taiwan was originally the Tainan Branch of the Japanese Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank. Situated at the crossroad of present Zhongyi Road and Zhongzheng Road, the bank was built in 1937 and renamed Land Bank of Taiwan after the Recession of Taiwan. The most impressive parts of the exterior design are the corridors of heavy columns which reminds people of ancient Egyptian temples. Interestingly, although the building is located on the corner of the ossroad, the bank entrance is not set at the obvious corner, but instead crossroad, the bank entraine is not set at the obvious column corridor on behind the columns facing Zhongzheng Road. The column corridor on the side of Zhongyi Road is gone due to road expansion projects, and Not open to visitors has left no trace after building repairs.



No. 2-1, Zhongzheng Road 



The Tainan City Fire Museum is located on the Minsheng Road side of the first and third floors of Former Tainan He Tong Building. The building, which is next to Tang Te-chang Memorial Park, was the first fire station in Tainan, making it a suitable place for a Fire Museum. In addition to displaying historical documents and artifacts, the museum also offers new interactive displays such as firefighter gear and clothing for visitors to try on and VR

Free admission

### **Tainan Confucius Temple** No.2, Nanmen Road

This is Taiwan's first Confucius Temple, originally called "the Temple of the First Teacher". Suggested by Military Advisor Chen Yong-hua, it was built during the Period of Ming Loyalist Koxinga Rule and was the highest education agency set up by a ruling party. The establishment of the temple started the study of Confucianism in Taiwan, therefore it is known as the "First in Learning in Taiwan". Tainan Confucius Temple has a rich history and is where the Memorial Ceremony for Confucius is held on Teacher's Day. This ceremony is the most important part of the Confucius Temple Culture Event and requires a total of 38 procedures to complete. Tainan Confucius Temple is the only Confucius Temple that follows the ceremonial procedures announced by Qing Emperor Kangxi.

This was originally the Chianan Irrigation Waterways Irrigation Project Office. Built in 1940, the L-shaped building was constructed during the war with limited resources and designed in the style of Modernism, therefore possesses very minimal and simple decorations.

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eclectic style. Building 1 combines old and new spaces to display works by local artists and major artists from other places. The museum also organizes many art education programs and activities to promote art and related education.

Open hours: 10:00 -18:00 (closed on Mondays) Open hours are extended to 21:00 on Saturdays Admission: According to the museum

### **National Historic National Museum of Taiwan Literature** Former Tainan Prefectural Hall 06-221720

Built in 1916, it served as the governmental office and Tainan Prefecture Hall during the Japanese Occupation Period, and the air force supply department and Tainan City government after WWII. This y is Taiwan's first national-level literature museum which collects preserves, and conducts research. The museum also introduces literature to the public through exhibitions, activities, and continuing education. Behind the museum is the Cultural Heritage Preservation and Research Center of the Bureau of Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture.

Open hours: 09:00 -18:00 (closed on Mondays) **Free admission** 

# **National Historic Monuments**



### Hayashi Department Store was the largest department store in Tainan when it was completed in 1932. Nicknamed "The Five-Stories-House" by the locals, the building's actual name

Hayashi Department Store

comes from its founder, Japanese businessman Hayashi Houichi. There is a clear character "林" (Hayashi) on the center windowsill of the building which also has the very first elevator in southern Taiwan. The renovation of this historical building was completed in 2013. It is now a cultural and creative industry department store managed by an outsourced party assigned by the Tainan City government Cultural Affairs Bureau. pen hours: 10:30 - 21:30

No.25, Youai Street

**Municipal Historic Sites** No.63, Sec.2, Zhongyi Road 06-2213000



**Chongqing Temple** 

No.2, Ln.5, Zhongzheng Road Built in 1721, Chongqing Temple was once one of the major fifteen originally located on was expropriated by the government, and the temple was relocated to the back alley of present National Museum of Taiwan Literature. The temple was initially a Buddhist temple, later it also welcomed Taoist deities and kept a space for Tantric Buddhism practices, making it a religious space for three religions. The temple also houses The Matchmaker (Deity of love and marriage), Subao si, and a "vinegar pot" for lovers to ask for blessings. This is why the temple is also nicknamed 'vinegar pot temple", as the vinegar pot is said to respond to relationship-related requests. Open hours: 07:30-18:00 Free admission

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06-2215065 The building was completed in 1925 and used as a tree nursery/Forestry Affairs Office during the Japanese Occupation Period. It later served as the Confucius Temple Cultural Park Tourist Information Center, and in 2012, the Yeh Shyr-Tau Literary Memorial Museum was officially set up here. There are two colonial pine trees (about three-stories high) in the court yard which were probably planted there in 1951. Growing three meters apart, the two trees both slant to the right after all these years in the natural elements. Since the two seem to be leaning together, many call them "the Couple"

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This building was originally the Tainan Police Department which was completed in 1931. Designed by Japanese architect and Tainan Prefecture technician Sutejiro Umezawa, this Art Déco building shows an







Yeh Shyr-Tau Literary Memorial Museum Former Tainan Forestry Office No.8-3, Youai Street 





Open hours: 09:00-17:00 (Wed. - Sun.) Free admission

history of the family temple. Open hours: 08:00 - 20:00

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the culture of Taiwanese folk beliefs. Open hours: 05:00 - 21:00

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No. 86, Chenggong Road

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# The Zhongyi Elementary School Student Hall was originally Canone Manager

Tainan Wude Martial Arts Gym during the Japanese Occupation Period. Built in 1936, Wude Martial Arts Gym was where the Japanese promoted their traditional Budo. Currently, there are also other martial arts gyms around the island, including Xinzhuang, Daxi, Longtan, Changhua, Erlin, Nantou, Xinhua, Kaohsiung, Pingtung, and Fangliao. The ones in Tainan and Kaohsiung are the largest.

**Municipal Historic Site** 

Not open to visitors.

**Tainan Wude Hall** 

No.2, Sec. 2, Zhongvi Ro

**Municipal Historic Sites** Former Tainan Patriotic Women's Association o. 195 & 197, Sec.1, Fugian Road The Japanese Patriotic Women's Association is one of the

major women's associations in Japan. Its Taiwanese HQ was located in Taipei, and the Tainan branch was built in 1940. After WWII, all of the Association branches were transferred to the Red Cross Society of The Republic of China (Taiwan). Since 2013, some of them have been used as offices by the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Division (Cultural Affairs Bureau, Tainan City Government), Open hours: 09:00-17:00

**Municipal Historic Sites** Tainan City Fire Museum | Former Tainan Joint Office Building 06-2975119 ext. 220

rescue mission experiences.

Open hours: 09:00 -18:00 (closed on Mondays)

National Historic Monument

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Open hours: 08:30 -17:30 For tickets/fares, please refer to on—site ticketing informatio

**Municipal Historic Sites** Chianan Management Office, Irrigation Agency, Ministry of Agriculture

**Municipal Historic Sites Tainan Art Museum Building 1** Former Tainan Police Department

No.37, Nanmen Road 06-221888

