

What's happening at Thian Hock Keng?

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Thian Hock Keng
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Celebrate the Birthday of Jade Emperor at Thian Hock Keng

Chinese holds the Jade Emperor, who commands all Heavenly deities and Earthly beings, in great respect. They mark the birthday of the Jade Emperor on the 9th Day of the 1st Lunar Month. Joss sticks, oranges, candies, prosperity cakes, tea and incense papers are offered during this day.



Participate in traditional Taoist rituals led by senior Taoist priests to seek blessings for yourself and your loved ones. Join us at Thian Hock Keng as we mark the Birthday of the Jade Emperor from 10pm on 4 Feb 2017 (8th Day of the 1st Lunar Month), and from 9am to 5pm on 5 Feb 2017 (9th Day of the 1st Lunar Month).



Blessings in Abundance - Fortune Rice Bucket

During the Lunar New Year, the Fortune Rice Bucket (发财米桶), which symbolizes “Blessings in Abundance”, can be offered to the Jade Emperor. After the ritual, devotees can bring the rice bucket home.



Thian Hock Keng Fortune Rice Bucket consists of the following items:

Rice: Signifies that one shall always have food and be clothed (丰衣足食)

Radish: Represents good tidings (好彩头)

Pineapple: Signifies long lasting prosperity (旺来)

Oranges: For good luck and fortune (大吉大利)

Prosperity Cake: Signifies prosperity and promotions (发大财、步步高升)

New Year Auspicious Ornament: Auspicious and luck (吉祥如意)

Getai - A Colourful Local Stage Roadshow

Thian Hock Keng continues to preserve the tradition of having a *Getai* during important festivals such as the Birthday of Jade



Emperor and Birthday of *Mazu* every year. *Getai* performances are considered an offering to deities and spirits during the seventh month. Catch the lively and colourful performance “天公赐福” on 4 Feb 2017 at 7.30pm.

Giant Rice



Turtle comes to Town!

Come catch a view of a giant Rice Turtle at Thian Hock Keng from 10 to 12 Feb 2017 (14th Day to 16th Day of Chinese New Year 2017).

Turtle-shaped offerings are usually associated

with seeking longevity and good health. In the past, cooked glutinous rice 'kueh' shaped in a tortoise are used. However, packets of rice are now used instead. Devotees have to ask *Mazu* for consent to bring home a pack of rice and have 3 chances to "Pua Puay" (擲杯). "Puay" in hokkien, refers to a pair of crescent-shaped wood pieces, usually red in colour. Each piece is flat on one side and concave on the other side. Devotees must throw up one that is flat and one concave in order to succeed. Devotees will then give thanks by returning a red packet during the following New Year.

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