



## Birthday of Heavenly Sage Guan 关圣帝君诞

Thian Hock Keng celebrates the Birthday of Heavenly Sage *Guan* - *Guan Sheng Di Jun* (关圣帝君) on **26 June 2018** (戊戌年农历五月十三) with Taoist rituals at 10am and 2pm.

Also known as *Guan Gong* (关公), Heavenly Sage *Guan* is adopted by many businessmen as a protection deity for commerce, with many viewing Him as a Wealth General. He symbolizes loyalty within the ranks, credibility between partners, and courage in adversity.

Thian Hock Keng welcomes devotees to register for the rituals to pray for blessings.

For enquiries/registration, please contact us at 6423 4616.



## Bodhisattva Sangharama 伽藍菩薩

Bodhisattva Sangharama (*Qie Lan Pu Sa*) is commonly identified with Heavenly Sage *Guan* - *Guan Gong* (关公).

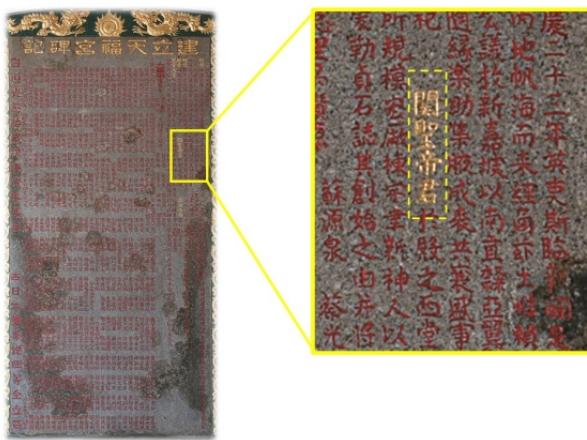
According to the Chinese Buddhist book *Fo Zu Tong Ji* (佛祖统纪), Venerable *Zhi Zhe* (智者) aspired to set up



a Buddhist temple on Mount *Yu Quan* (玉泉山). It was the wandering spirits of *Guan Gong* and his son *Guan Ping* (关平) who helped built the temple. One day, while listening to the preaching of the Dharma by the Master in the temple, *Guan Gong* sought disciplinary ordination from Venerable *Zhi Zhe*. Thereafter, *Guan Gong* became a Buddhist protection deity protecting Buddhist temples.

Today, should you walk into a shop retailing in religious artefacts, and request to purchase a statue of Bodhisattva Sangharama, fret not if you are given a statue of *Guan Gong*.

## Did You Know?



Following the completion of the construction of Thian Hock Keng in 1840, 2 stone steles were installed in 1850 to record how the temple was started, and the names of pioneer leaders and more than 400 companies and individuals who donated generously to build the temple.

**Did you know** that the stele also record that the temple was built to worship Goddess of the Seas *Mazu*, **Heavenly Sage Guan**, Heavenly Sage *Bao Sheng* and Goddess of Mercy?

Find out more on the stele during your next visit to Thian Hock Keng.

## Excursion for Peace 2018 迎神赛会

*Mazu's* Excursion for Peace 2018 was held on 8 May 2018 at 8pm. Our sincere appreciation to devotees and volunteers for the fabulous support!

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## Building History: Monuments in Bricks & Blocks



Building History shares Singapore History through the architecture of eight Singapore's National Monuments. Toy brick

models of each monument introduce visitors to their unique architecture in miniature, showing how the design of each is tied to the communities, beliefs, hopes and dreams of our forefathers. Each story is captured in small plastic bricks, but leaves landmarks for visitors to explore.

Catch Thian Hock Keng in small plastic bricks:

**Date: 7 to 30 June 2018**

**Time: 10am to 9pm**

**Venue: Central Public Library, National Library, B1**

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