

What's happening at Thian Hock Keng?

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Birthday of Bodhisattva Avalokitesvara 观音菩萨

Thian Hock Keng celebrates the birthday of Bodhisattva Avalokitesvara, *Guan Yin* (观音) on **31 July 2018** (戊戌年农历六月十九).

Guan Yin is a Bodhisattva of great compassion and mercy, who is known to be able to manifest herself into different worlds to liberate living beings.

Thian Hock Keng welcomes devotees to participate in the Buddhist ritual on 31 Jul from 9am to 11.30am. Devotees may also register to offer Candles of Blessings for one's well being.

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



Nanyin Performance (南音)



If you would like to experience classical Chinese court music, head down to Thian Hock Keng on 31 Jul 2018 at 8pm to enjoy Nanyin performance by Siong Leng Musical Association (湘灵音乐社).

Admission is free!



Did You Know...

... that wishes and prayers of devotees are commonly reflected in a temple's architecture with the use of carvings and paintings of symbolic plants, animals, and nature? The symbols are generally portrayed through homophonic ("sounds like") features of

the language.

In Thian Hock Keng, plants that are used as pictorial symbols include (but not limited to):

Lotus (莲花) is a plant with many seeds (子 *zi*) which is a homonym for "children". Lotus is thus used to represent fertility and offsprings.

Radish (菜头) is a vegetable that sounds like "彩头 *cai tou*" meaning good omen.

Plants that are associated with longevity include **Chrysanthemum (菊花)**, **Pine (松柏)**, and **Peach (仙桃)**, while **Peonies (牡丹)** are often associated with wealth and affluence.

Try locating these symbols of blessings during your next visit at Thian Hock Keng!

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