

What's happening at Thian Hock Keng?

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Happy 53rd Birthday Singapore!

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all **Happy National
Day!**



Birthday of Goddess of Mercy Guan Yin



Thian Hock Keng celebrated the Birthday of Goddess of Mercy *Guan Yin* on Tuesday 31 July 2018 (19th Day of the 6th Lunar Month) with Buddhist rituals from 9am to 11.30am. In the evening at 8pm, as part of the temple's tradition, Thian Hock Keng invited Siong Leng Musical Association to perform classical Chinese court music

Nanyin in the temple. Visit our [FB](#) for photos of the event.

7th Lunar Month Prayer Rituals Yu Lan Jie (盂兰节)

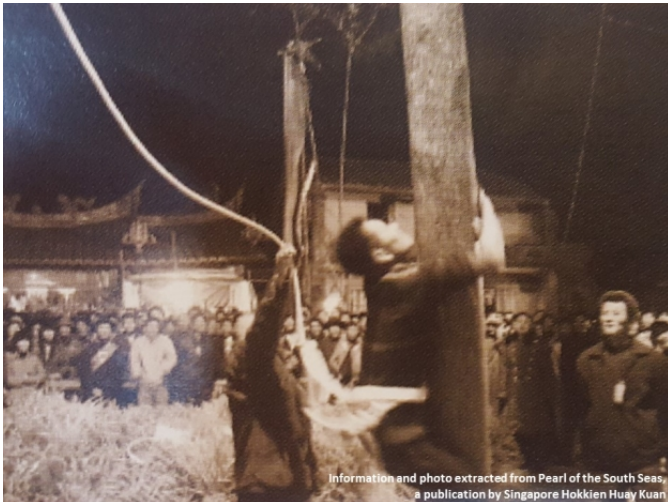
In Buddhism, the 7th Lunar Month (Ghost Festival) is known as *Yu Lan Pen* (盂兰盆) which means "absolving one (the souls) from the sufferings".



Thian Hock Keng marks the festival **Yu Lan Jie** with Buddhist prayer rituals *Ci Bei San Mei Shui Chan* (慈悲三昧水忏法会) on 18 Aug 2018 from 9am to 4pm.

Thian Hock Keng welcomes devotees to register their ancestors for the prayer rituals.

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Did You Know...

... that in the past, a ceremony known as "*Qiang Gu*" (抢孤) is organized on the 15th Day of the 7th Lunar Month?

During the ceremony, devotees would rush to "snatch" offerings secured on high grounds. They believed that some spirits

will remain on earth on the last day of the Ghost festival (from 1st to 15th Day of the 7th Lunar Month), and by "snatching" the offerings, it was to demonstrate that humans are fiercer, and thus scaring the spirits off.

According to a media report dated **22 Aug 1891**, Thian Hock Keng held a similar ceremony every year on the 15th Day of the 7th Lunar Month. This ceremony was subsequently stopped for safety reasons, and it had since become a part of history.

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