

Historic Building Appraisal
To Tei Temple
Stanley Main Street, Stanley

Tai Wong Temple (大王宮) in Stanley Main Street (赤柱大街), Stanley, was built before the Second World War for the worship of Tai Wong (大王). The temple was constructed on the seashore facing the sea. The deity might refer to a God of the sea as Stanley was a big fishing village occupied by Hakkas (客家) and Hoklos (鶴佬) people. The deity might also be the Hung Shing (洪聖) deity, a most popular sea god commonly called Tai Wong Yeh (大王爺). The temple is at the crab's eye location as the locals considered the shape of Stanley as a crab. A small separate To Tei Temple (土地廟) was constructed to its further left for the worship of the Earth God (土地). The temple is managed by the Stanley Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association (赤柱街坊福利會).

***Historical
Interest***

Located in front of a giant oval-shaped granite rock and thick vegetation, the temple is a small Qing (清) vernacular structure in the form of a shrine. The building appears to be constructed of bricks with its walls to support its descending roof painted green. The walls and floors are plastered and painted in red. It has no door with an incense burner in its front. The altar is at the end wall of the building houses the statue of the Earth God in the middle for worship.

***Architectural
Merit***

It is a To Tei temple to remind the settlement of the old Stanley village.

Rarity

It has little built heritage value.

***Built Heritage
Value***

A renovation was carried out in 2002. It is in good condition with its authenticity barely kept.

Authenticity

It has group value with the Tai Wong Temple to its right.

Group Value

The temple (with the Tai Wong Temple) is one of the four temples in Stanley. The other four are the Tin Hau Temple (天后古廟), Shui Shin Temple (水僊古廟) and Pak Tai Temple (北帝廟). Tin Hau Temple is the biggest and the most popular one. Being a small temple, it has no festival celebration. The worshippers are mainly the locals.

***Social Value,
& Local
Interest***