

Historic Building Appraisal
Hung Shing Temple
Fuk Tsun Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon

Hung Shing Temple (洪聖殿) in Fuk Tsun Street (福全街) of Tai Kok Tsui (大角咀), Kowloon, was relocated from the vicinity due to urban development in 1930. The old temple was erected in the 7th year of the Guangxu (光緒, 1881) reign of the Qing (清) dynasty as a cloud gong (雲板) in the temple has the dating inscribed on it. It was a temple for the worship of Hung Shing, a popular deity for the protection of fishermen and sea-farers erected by villagers of Fuk Tsun Heung (福全鄉). The village was established after 1860 when the Kowloon peninsula was ceded to the British which separated the old Sham Shui Po village into two. The southern part of the old village was renamed as Fuk Tsun Heung. The 1930 temple was built at a cost of \$6,000- with donation from local residents, the Tung Wah Hospital and the government. In 1931, the Hospital was renamed Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, and the temple has been being managed by the Group since then.

*Historical
Interest*

The temple is a Qing vernacular building of a one-hall plan of three bays. A forecourt surrounded by a boundary wall is in front of the building. The building was constructed of grey brickwork with its walls to support its pitched roofs of timber rafters, purlins and clay tiles. The building has been structurally strengthened with concrete beams and columns. Its walls are plastered and painted internally and externally. The main altar is at the end wall of the hall houses the statue of Hung Shing in the middle. The name of the temple is engraved in the lintel of the stone doorframe of the recessed entrance. Its ridge is decorated with a pair of ceramic dragon fish locally known as *aoyus* (鰲魚), and geometric, clouds and rocks pattern mouldings.

*Architectural
Merit*

It is the only temple dedicated to Hung Shing in Kowloon. However, its authenticity has been diminished by extensive renovations.

*Rarity, Built
Heritage
Value &
Authenticity*

Other than the Hung Shing, Kwun Yam (觀音), Ho Sin Gu (何仙姑), Pau Kung (包公), Wong Tai Sin (黃大仙) and others are also worshipped at the temple. On the 13th of the second lunar month, the Birthday of Hung Shing would be celebrated.

*Social Value,
& Local
Interest*

Hung Shing Temple is within walking distance of other historic buildings, such as Lui Seng Chun (雷生春, Grade 1), and Nos. 1166 and 1168 Canton Road (廣東道), Mong Kok (Grade 3).

Group Value