

## KWONG WAI SIEW PECK SAN TENG - History Extract

Kwong Wai Siew Peck San Teng was established in 1870 during the Qing Dynasty by the Cantonese and Hakka community. It is located at Upper Thomson Road 8 miles (13km).

In 1890, a total donation of \$8,589 was received to build the temple and road.

A system of "Model Mountain" was created in 1912 and it is managed by Nine (9) Clans: Nam Soon, Poon Yue, Tung On, Chung Shan, Ning Yeung, Kong Chow, Sam Sui, Wui Chiu & Sin Heng. Another Seven (7) Clans: Ching Yuen, Fa Yun, Shun Tak, Chen Loong, Koh Yiu, Hok San & Yen Peng joined in later, total of 16 Clans.

Between 1936 to 1981, the Kwong Wai Siew Peck San Teng School was built.

In 1948, Kwong Wai Siew Peck San Teng own a total of 18 mountains, 324 acres (about 1.31 square km), comprises of 10 pavilions and a temple.

On 28/08/1973, the Ministry of Environment and Development decided to acquire all its land for New town development.

To enable Peck San Teng to continue within its traditional customs, the Government leased a total of 8 acres (0.03 square km) to Peck San Teng for accommodating an Office, a Pagoda (Columbarium), a Memorial, Old folk's home, a Tea kiosk and compensated with \$490 million (\$4,900,000)

In 1982, there was a relocation of bone ashes of 100,000 Ancestors. Part of them were placed at Mandai Columbarium, while others were arranged by the families/ relatives or friends of the ancestors.

Peck San Teng's management reimbursed \$720,000 for resident's relocation compensation, \$880,000 for Land development tax, and \$3,300,000 for new construction funds.

According to "Kwong Wai Siew Peck San Teng 118<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Special Issue (1988), Clans and Societies Main Graves Volume: Szeto Clan Guild Mutual Help Association had placed a monument at Kwong Wai Siew Peck San Teng, the 9<sup>th</sup> Pavilion, Ru Bao Ling, Sheng Zhi Shan, No 35 in Republic of China 42<sup>nd</sup> years (1953).

Today, the directory name of Szeto Main Graves can be seen recorded on the Kwong Wai Siew Peck San Teng Sages' Monument, located at 50, Kampong San Teng (Bishan Lane), Singapore 576498.

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