

## Short History of the Zheng AnJing Qi-tong (Temple)

AnJing 安靜 is the 6<sup>th</sup> son of Tai Ngai 太崖 . AnJing lived from 1455-1529. The “temple” was built from start to finish between 1496-1504, during the reign of Emperor Hongzhi of the Ming Dynasty. It has a history of more than 500 years. The Ancestor’s temple provided a rich degree of social services to the immediate descendants of AnJing. This included record keeping of each descendant’s live events (births, marriages, changes in names which was customary, death and burial information). It also provided school and special education for members of the family, and it was a social gathering place for festivities- public and private.

Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century until now, normal operation of the ancestor temple was stopped and at one time it was used as a brigade office and light furniture plant. It was completely vacant later on. Due to its long period of disrepair, the hall was dilapidated, and the structural components of the main body were also seriously damaged.

Anjing built the qi-tong for administrative purposes, rather than a memorial. (this is where the information of the “juk pu” or ancestral books were updated). It was the responsibility of the temple to keep private family information. It was NOT the responsibility of the government to keep that kind of information.

After repeated study and discussion by all the personnel of the research committee, it was decided that the Beijing Construction and Research Institute will carry out the integrated construction of surveying and mapping investigation, restoration design and improvement, and restore the ancestral hall according to the old appearance. (*publicized June 16, 2020*).

*Side Note:* According to the jukpu and Basilio Chen, our first to tenth generation ancestors moved south by Imperial Edict from Fujian Province to Sam Heong area (Sanxiang). They lived in Kiu Tow village. *Then our 12<sup>th</sup> generation ancestor, Zheng AnJing started Oo Syak village and this begins the lineage of the Zheng family (Chang) of Oo Syak .*