



# Learning Mandarin in Taiwan

## Architecture and Art of Taiwan Temple

Let's learn about the places where the deities in Taiwan reside through our introduction! Like the home setup, from which you can tell the personality and characteristics of a person, you can gain insights into the affluent traditional arts and culture in Taiwan from the exterior of temples! Take the rooftop of a temple for example. The dragons and ancestors made of ceramics in varied colors recount the ancient Chinese mythology. Also, the exquisite carved eastern dragon pillar implies "favorable weather and timely rain." A temple stands as a library with rich collections of mythology, history and folklores. Join us to read the cultural stories of Taiwan!

### In the conversation, you will know:

1. Seeing churches in the West like seeing temples in the East;
2. The focuses in appreciating temples in Taiwan: rooftop and Koji Pottery;
3. The focuses in appreciating temples in Taiwan: stone, wood, calligraphy and paintings.

### After listening to the conversation, think about:

1. What are the unique designs we can see at the temples in Taiwan?
2. What meanings do the dragon pillars in a temple carry?
3. Besides decorative purpose for temples, what other function does painting serve?

### For more information, check out these websites:

- [Performance Venues & Architectural Heritage](#)
- [Legend - Master of Temple Art: Lin Ngog-lu](#)
- [Traditional temple painter | Zhuang Wu-nan](#)
- [Tourism Bureau, Republic of China \(Taiwan\)](#)





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## 臺灣寺廟建築

跟著我們的介紹，一起來認識臺灣神明居住的地方吧！就像從一個家的布置，可以看出一個人的個性與特色；從廟宇的外觀，也可以看了解臺灣豐富的傳統藝術及文化！例如廟宇的屋頂上，不同顏色的瓷片黏貼而成的龍及先人，敘述著中華古老的神話故事；又好比精細雕刻的東方龍柱，有著「風調雨順」的含意。一座廟宇就像一座豐富的圖書館，記錄著各種神話、歷史及傳說，快跟著我們一起閱讀臺灣的文化故事！

在對話中，你（妳）將會知道：

1. 西方世界看教堂，東方社會看廟。
2. 欣賞台灣寺廟的重點：屋頂與交趾陶。
3. 欣賞台灣寺廟的重點：石頭、木頭、書畫。

聽完對話，請你（妳）想一想：

1. 在臺灣的廟宇，可以看到哪些特別的設計？
2. 廟宇裡的龍柱代表什麼含意？
3. 繪畫除了可以美化廟宇外，還有什麼樣的功能呢？

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