

A brief introduction to Nan Lian Garden

Welcome to Nan Lian Garden. The art of landscape gardening is an important facet of Chinese culture. The Garden is designed as a garden in the style of the Tang Dynasty, a classical circulatory landscape garden based on the blue print of the Jiangshouji Garden in Shanxi Province, the shape of which bears a close resemblance to the Garden site.

The Garden is situated right in the midst of the urban hustle and bustle. Great care has been taken to create a garden that includes trees, rocks, hillocks and water features in a harmonious way. Water features such as the Lotus Pond, The Spring, Blue Pond, Pine Brook, Moon Wash and Silver Strand have been formed. Large rocks have been placed at selected locations and hillocks decorated with rocks have been created. The rocks come mainly from Guangxi Province and some are from the north of Guangdong Province. Thousands of trees and plants, including some rare and precious species have been planted. They include Buddhist Pine, Black Pine, Cypress, Common Grape Myrtle, Surinam Cherry, Orange Jasmine, Pagoda Tree, Dragon Tree, Ford's Mahonia, Sago Palm, Chinese Hackberry, India Laurel Fig, Chinese Hackberry and Elm. Along the Garden route, timber structures in the Tang architectural style such as pavilions, terraces, verandahs, halls, bridges and gates have been built. The Garden covering an area of 35,000 m², is a state of the art classical piece. Through skilful construction and positioning of trees, rocks, water features and structures, the Garden embodies many beautiful scenes from nature within its limited confines. It is a secluded haven of peace in the urban hustle and bustle, and also an open museum of a Tang style landscape garden.

In 2003, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government invited the Chi Lin Nunnery to join hands in promoting traditional Chinese culture. A design-and-build trustment contract was signed whereby the Government would fund the infrastructure and construction works, and the other costs would be donated by Chi Lin as a contribution to the community. The Garden was opened to the public in November, 2006. Since the maintenance, management and operation of the Garden are different from those of other public parks under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, and to ensure that the valuable experience gained in the construction of the Garden can be continued in the future, Chi Lin has undertaken to be responsible for the Garden for a period of five years for a nominal fee of \$1. Chi Lin would strive to establish a working model for the future of the Garden during this period. Nan Lian Garden is a joint effort by the Government and the people of Hong Kong for the promotion of Chinese culture and the art of landscape gardening.

Nan Lian Garden is a classical landscape garden in the naturalistic style. It is an elegant, formal and restful place for quiet contemplation. The design concept is centred on a one-way circular route. The route plays the role of a knowing guide and takes visitors to various parts of the Garden. Visitors following the Garden route would be able to enjoy and appreciate the changing scenes as they amble along. The tranquil and serene atmosphere would help them feel relaxed and refresh both their body and mind. In addition, they may gain a better understanding of Tang culture.

The Government acknowledges that Nan Lian Garden is different from other public parks and respects the management measures introduced by Chi Lin to ensure that the purposes and features of the Garden design can be well-served and preserved. The support of the public in observing the management measures of Chi Lin, and in taking good care of each and every piece of precious artifact in the Garden is crucial to the appreciation of the Garden and the better understanding of Tang culture.

Visitors to the Garden are requested to refrain from behaving in any way that might affect other visitors' serene enjoyment of the Garden. They should also refrain from engaging in any activity that might disrupt the tranquility of the Garden and cause a nuisance or an obstruction to others.

Transportation Map



Public Car Park

Tourist Coach Parking

Keep the environment clean and be considerate

No feeding of fish

No releasing of fish or aquatic animals

No smoking

No spitting

No littering

Please keep off the grass

No picking of flowers and plants

No carving and graffiti

No shouting

No hawking and peddling

No pets are allowed

Dress appropriately in the Garden

No commercial photography

Please preserve the tranquility of the Garden.

Touring Arrangement

- 1** When necessary, crowd control measures will be taken. Entry coupons will be issued to regulate the flow of visitors. Coupons are available at the main gate, and also at the Nan Lian Garden Service Counter outside Exit C2 of the MTR Diamond Hill Station on a first-come-first-served basis.
- 2** All groups over 20 (maximum 200) people are advised to make a booking at least five working days in advance by:
E-mail: info@nliangarden.org Fax: (852) 3658 9424

For details, please visit the website: www.nanliangarden.org



**A classical garden in a modern city
Serenity in the midst of urban hustle and bustle**



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The Chi Lin Nunnery is entrusted by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to manage Nan Lian Garden



Entrance
Black Lintel Gate



Chinese Timber
Architecture Gallery



Banyan Grove



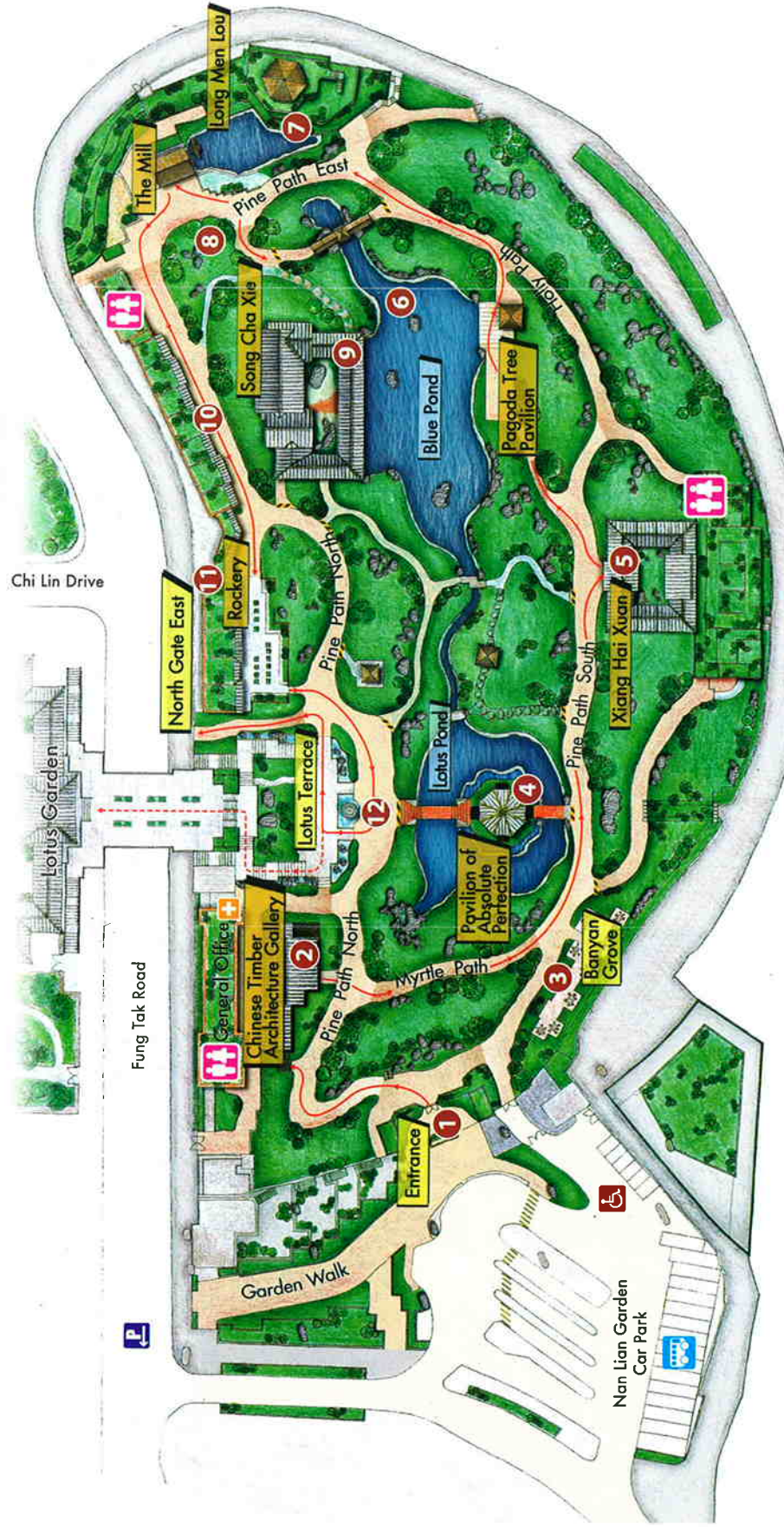
Pavilion of Absolute Perfection
Lotus Pond



Xiang Hai Xuan Multi-purpose Hall



Blue Pond



- Restroom
- First Aid Station
- Public Car Park
- Tourist Coach Parking
- Parking for Disabled Persons

Garden Route

- Xiang Hai Xuan Multi-purpose Hall
 - Chi Lin Vegetarian
 - Song Cha Xie
 - Souvenir Shop
 - Snack Shop
 - Car Park
- Net proceeds from the above outlets will be used entirely for the management and conservation of Nan Lian Garden.



Long Men Lou The Mill
Chi Lin Vegetarian
Tel: 3658 9388



Dragon Hill



Song Cha Xie Tel: 3658 9390



Souvenir Shop Tel: 3658 9398
Snack Shop Tel: 3658 9395



Rockery
Penjing Garden



Lotus Terrace
Lamp of Enlightenment