



#### Yaowarat Chinatown Heritage Centre

It is a museum that tells the storu of the overseas Chinese who received assistance from the King to settle in the country, and later became prosperous on the "Road of Gold" of Thailand. The Centre lets visitors know about the beginnings of the Chinese community in Sampheng and Yaowarat until it became the largest commercial district in Bangkok. From here, inside Wat Traimit Withauaram is enshrined a precious sacred object in which visitors should take the opportunity to pau homage to ask for a blessing. This is Phra Phuttha Maha Suwan Patimakon or "Luangpho Thong Kham", which is a beautiful Buddha image and is the largest solid gold Buddha image in the

world. It is valued at 21.1 million pounds.

### The Celebration Arch of the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Anniversaru Memorial (Odeon Circle)

It is located at the intersection of Charoen Krung, Yaowarat, and Mitraphap China-Thai Roads. This roundabout was originally called the Nam Phy Circle, and was constructed during the period of Field Marshal Praphas Charusathien. At present, it has been restructured to be the Celebration Arch of the 6th Cycle Anniversary Memorial, which is a symbol of China Town and designed by a Chinese artisan. The top of the Arch has 2 dragons raising the crest of "Celebrating the Auspicious Occasion of His Majesty the King's 6th Cucle Birthdau Anniversary 5 December 1999"

and 99 Baht of pure gold with a monogram of the King's signature of Pho Po Ro. This refers to the Thai-Chinese people who were admired by King Rama IX. Under the archway is a stone inscription that was donated by King Rama IX, which on one side has Thai language and on the other has the handwriting of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. The four Chinese characters on the inscription of "Soeng Cho U Jiang" mean "Long Live the King" together with the royal designation of "Sirindhorn". It is prominently standing as the gateway to China Town.

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# Eiah Sae, coffee and toast shop



This old coffee shop has been open for more than 80 years in Yaowarat. Every day, there are elderly people coming to sip on coffee here. It is like a meeting place. The tables and chairs in the shop are dark wood that looks strong and increases the character of the shop to have

> charm, which is hard to find nowadays. The coffee here has a slogan "Freshly roasted, new brew daily". It is open 05.00 - 20.00 Hrs. dailu.

# Yaowarat Gold Museum, Tang Toh Kang Gold Shop

This 7-storey museum built in the reign of King Rama VI was designed by Dutch architects, but the interior decoration and various furniture is in a Chinese style. The Museum is located on the 6th floor: however, it is not a large room but is full of tools and instruments for making gold; e.g., moulds for gold, ancient wooden scales, clay jars for keeping acid that was used in engraving pure gold. Besides this, there are tools like forceps, hammer, rasp, scissors, etc. that were used for making the designs on gold, gold crosses, gold altar, and also a gold stove, which was the final procedure of making gold. It is open from 09.30-16.00 Hrs. and admission is free, but book in advance (especially if coming as a group).



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#### Thai Heng Restaurant, Khao Man Kai (Hainanese chicken rice & ancient suki)

"Thai Heng" is a restaurant that first opened on Yaowarat Road in 1920. At that time, it was the first restaurant that sold Khao Man Kai (Hainanese chicken rice) and sukiyaki in the Hainan style of using a charcoal stove. In particular, the seasoning of the sukiyaki is a fermented mix of meat and vegetables that is made to be a sauce and is a recipe resulting in the legendary deliciousness of the Khao Man Kai and sukiyaki on Yaowarat Road till now.

#### Wat Bamphen Chin Phrot (Yong Hok Yi)

Originally, it was called Wat Yong Hok Yi, and is assumed to have been built by the Chinese in the early Rattanakosin period. Later, Phra Achan Sok Heng restored the chapel of Avalokitsvara Bodhisattva as well as changed the name to be "Yong Hok Yi". In

1887, the temple made a request to King Rama V the Great to give it a new name, which was "Wat Bamphen Chin Phrot". It is regarded as one of the smallest temples in the country, but has Chinese monks. The small chapel is only 7.80 metres wide and 10.20 metres long, and is a wooden structure in the Chinese style with walls made of plaster and brick with a gabled roof of leaf sheaf clay tiles in the Chinese style, and enshrines various important principal Buddha images





#### Wat Kanmatuyaram

This temple was built at the end of the reign of King Rama IV by Mrs. Klip Sakhonwasi who donated her floral garden for the temple to be built. Later, the son of Mrs. Klip Sakhonwasi who was Phra Darunraksa (Kan Sakhonwasi) offered his services to be a royal page of King Rama IV. When the construction was completed, Mrs. Klip Sakhonwasi

graciously requested for the temple to be named as "Wat Kanmatuyaram", which means "the temple that the mother of Mr. Kan founded". The area of this temple is a somewhat narrow important place of worship with an upside-down Sri Lankan-style bell-shaped chedi that is an imitation of the Dhamek Stupa in India, and in the chapel, there are wall murals of the Buddha's life.

#### Wat Mangkon Kamalawat (Leng Noei Yi)



It is a Chinese temple under the responsibility of Thailand Chinese Buddhist sect in which the temple received royal donations from King Rama V the Great. This temple was built in 1871 and took 8 years to be completed. It is in the Southern Chinese architectural style of Taechio artisans and was planned according to



the royal temple style, which has Wihan Thao Chatulokban that comprises the principal Buddha image in the main chapel. Behind the main chapel is the chapel of the deities that is built of wood and brick that are considered as important materials. From the entrance to Wihan Thao Chatulokban, there are 4 statues (2 on each side) in the uniform of a Chinese warrior, and the Chinese people call them "Si Tai Thiang Uang" referring to the deities that protect the 4 directions next to Wihan Thao Chatulokban. These are chapels, which enshrine the 3 principle images of the temple consisting of Phra Sakyamuni, Phra Amitabha, and Phra Phaisachai Khuru. Besides this, there are another 58 deities. Wat Mangkon Kamalawat (Wat Leng Noei Yi) is open daily for performing rituals from 06.00 – 18.00 Hrs.



# Leng Buai Ia Shrine

It was constructed by the Taechio Chinese in the middle Ayutthaya period in the Taechio Chinese style. The columns are shaped like a rice grain with a small vent in the middle wrapped around by long dragons. Besides that, it is decorated with precious rare antique objects. There is an

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important ancient bell that was made in the Ming Dynasty. Also, another important item is the incense burner that was donated by King Rama V the Great. At present, the Leng Buai Ia Shrine has numerous visitors coming to pray, especially for Leng Buai Ia, Hu Yin and Ho Hia Huang, the masters of Feng Chui and fortune telling. It is suitable for visitors and people who need a place to live.

#### Guan Yin Shrine, Thian Fah Foundation Hospital

The Thian Fah Foundation was established in 1902, and was the first foundation in Thailand set up from the gathering of 5 Chinese

language communities to assist impoverished patients to receive medical treatment. The treatment is a combination of modern-day medicine and Chinese traditional medicine. Within the Foundation, there is a Guan Yin Shrine. The principle image is Avalokitsvara Bodhisattva in which people come to pray to cure them of their illness and make them have good health. The sandalwood image has been carved in the Tang Dynasty art style, but it was supposedly created during the Song Dynasty or around 800-900 years ago. In 1958, it was taken from China and placed inside the temple till the present.

# Street Food e Yaowarat



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