

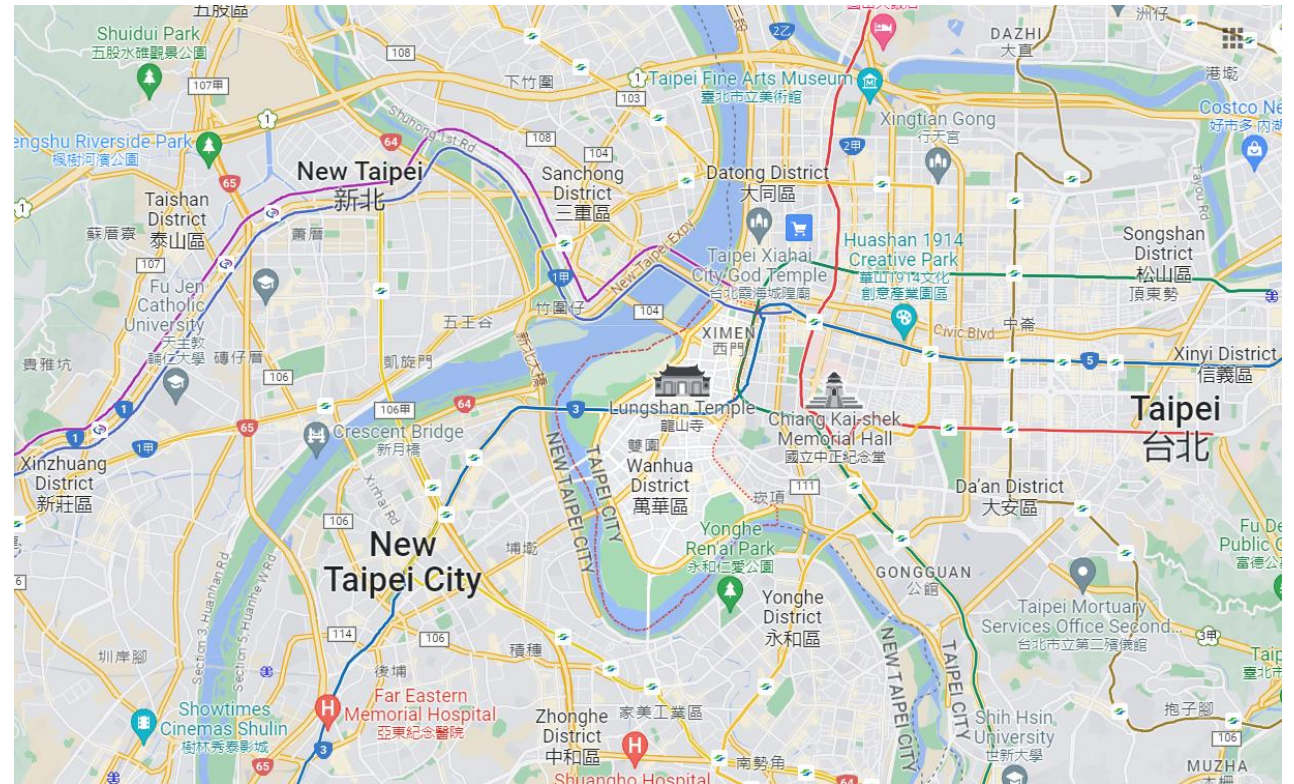
Trip to Taiwan

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Trip Information

- Original trip organized for 2021, postponed due to COVID
- Dates: 4 – 13 April 2023
- Wanhua District 萬華區



A bit about myself

- Science and Maths teacher (Ireland)
- Online Qin student with Peiyu since 2019
- Chinese traditional music, drawing, Weiqi and calligraphy enthusiast
- Chinese language student



Aims

- Learn more about Qin culture
- New experiences inaccessible in Ireland
- Traditional Chinese music, calligraphy and drawing
- Geographical point of interest – nature/biodiversity
- Practice Chinese language

Taipei Botanical Garden and Herbarium





Baiyue music shop

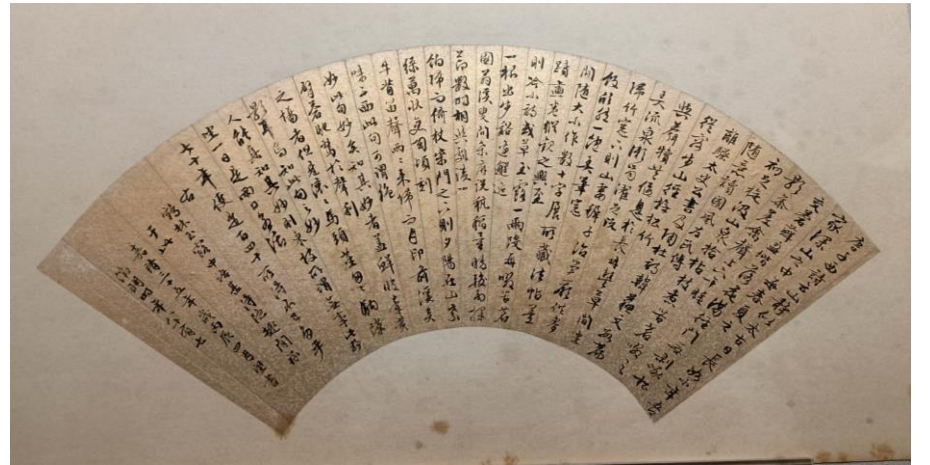
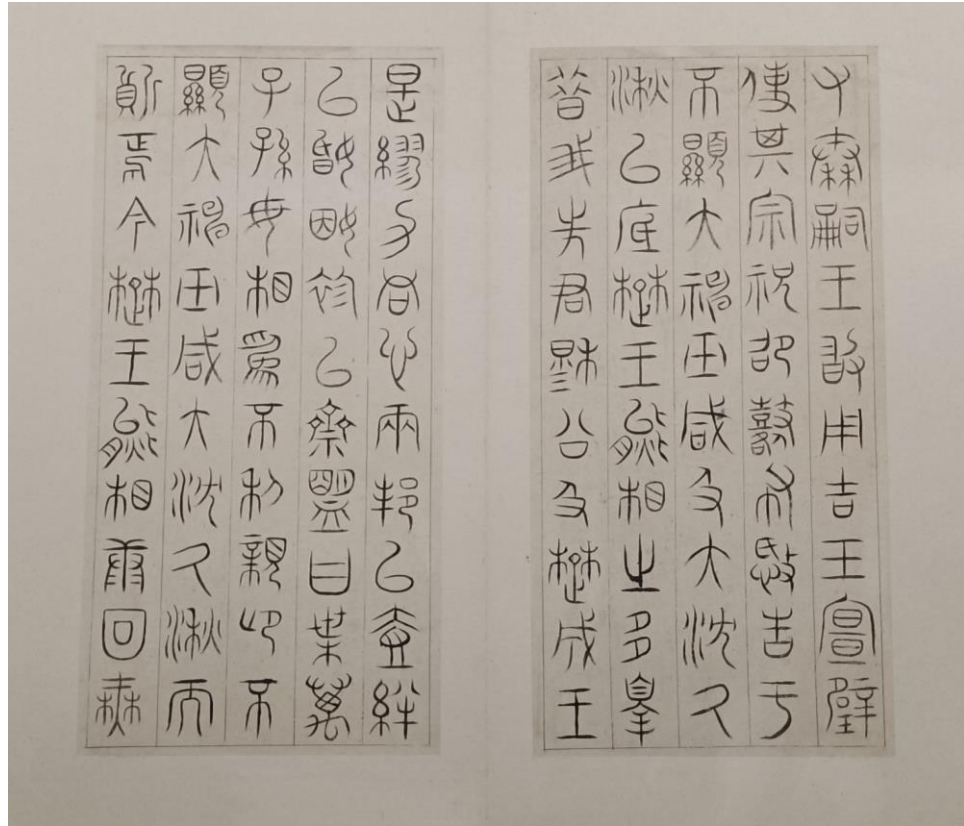
<http://baiyue-music.com/>





National Palace Museum



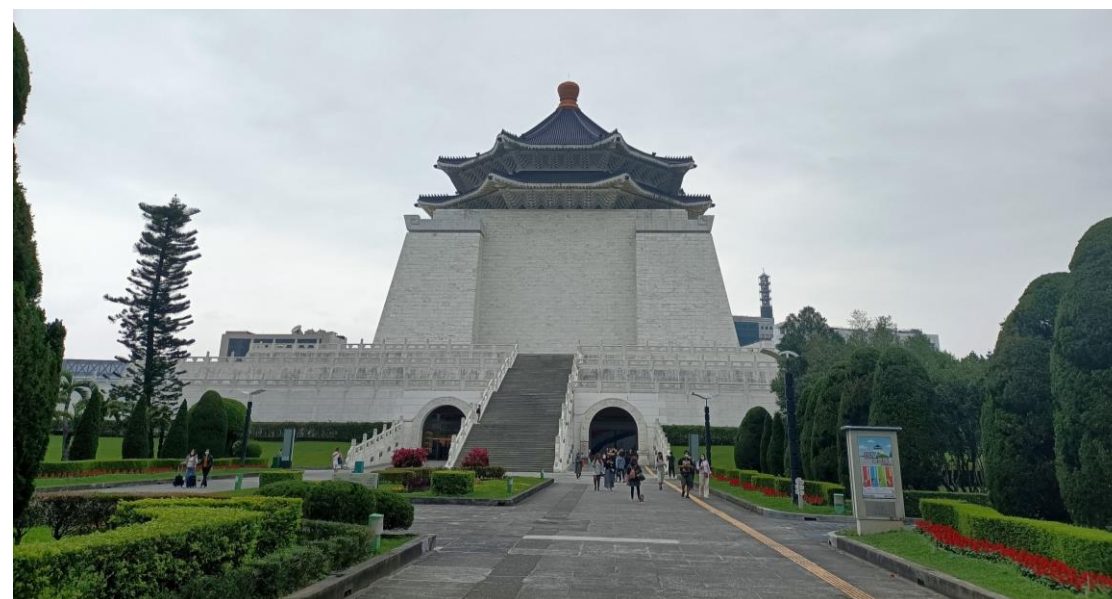




Zhishan Garden 至善園



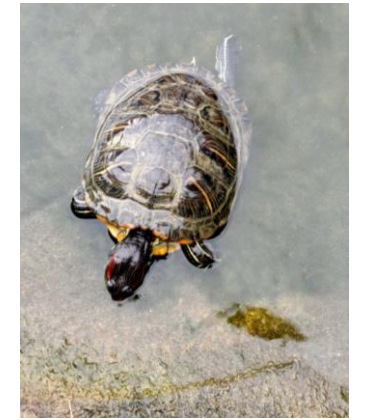
Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall



“Eggsactly like this”

by Lin Jiahong





Yehliu Geopark 野柳地質公園



Yangmingshan National Park 陽明山國家公園



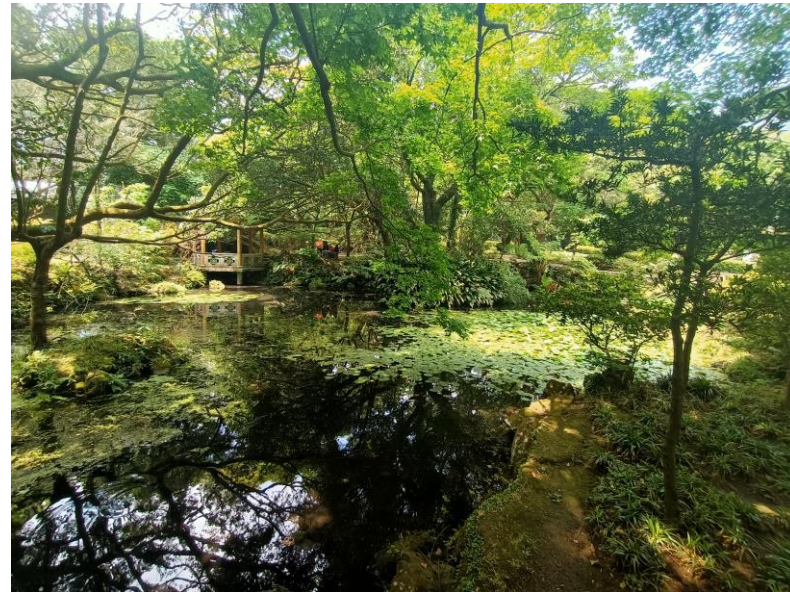
Erziping 二子坪

Mt. Miantian 面天山



Mt Qixing 七星山





Meeting Master Yuan Jung-Ping

Taipei Qin Hall
臺北琴道館



Struggle integrating Qin in my daily life

How to achieve this level of concentration, patience
and persistence?

How to experience that feeling of one with the Qin
that can only at times be felt?

Scholar Playing the *Guqin* (琴士圖)

[Tang Yin \(唐寅, 1470–1524\)](#), Ming Dynasty (1368–1644)

Handscroll, ink and light color on paper, 29.2 x 197.5 cm, National Palace Museum, Taipei



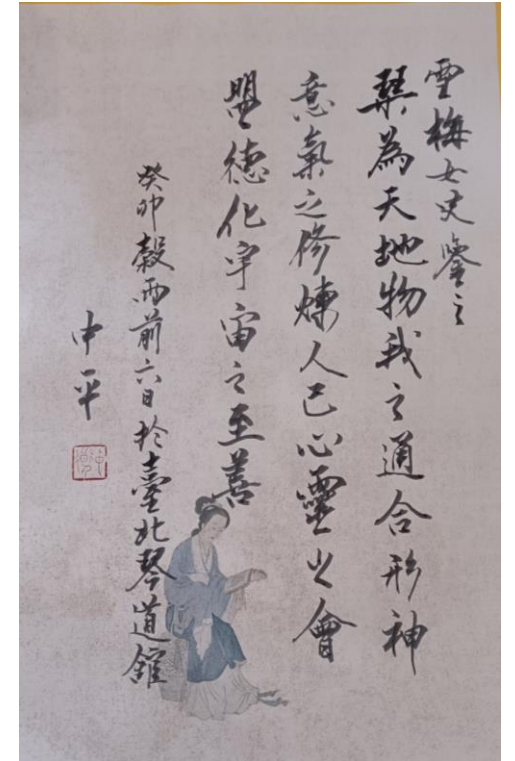


Qin is a union of me, Heaven and Earth.

It cultivates my body and mind... My spirit and Chi.

It creates a spiritual bond between me and those who understand my music.

In the end, a state of absolute integrity with the universe and supreme goodness is achieved. The ultimate goal, indeed.



<https://youtu.be/0lbbwpVVVMM>

What I have learned

- The Qin reflects what is inside so the time, the place and the people who listen are all important
- Its is necessary to reflect on why do you want to play the Qin and what you hope to achieve with it
- We should aim to express our own life experience using the Qin
- Knowing more of Qin history and culture can improve your connection to the Qin and playing
- When playing the Qin, there is what the Qin can teach you and what you can learn yourself

Thank You

