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## Renhe Community 'Luodong blueprint'

Address: No. 13, Zhongzheng Street and Yihe Alley

In the past, Renhe Community had Luodong Guesthouse, Dong Yun Ge tavern and dozens of taverns here. Renhe Community used to be visited by many politicians and businessmen. However, it was once considered to be a grey and dark area in town after the demise of the lumber industry in town. In recent years, through the hard work of the residents, there are some creations including a big blueprint equivalent to two floors and community cultural paintings. Thus, the street has been turned into an art alley which is suitable for visitors to walk around.

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## Luodong Zhongshan Park



Address: Minquan Road, Gongyuan Road, Xingdong Road

Luodong Zhongshan Park was established in 1930s. There are lots of historical and memorial items in the park including a 'Monument of Chun-Jin Chen', a previous town mayor who established the development of Luodong forestry, a retired steam locomotive from the time of the development of the forestry and a stone lamp of the Shrine in Luodong. Elders love gathering here for a chat and playing chess. It is also a suitable place for families to relax and visit.



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## Luodong Night Market Attractions



Address: Minquan Road, Gongyuan Road, Xingdong Road

Luodong Night Market Attractions are developed around Luodong Zhongshan Park. It begun in the peak period of the lumber industry in the sixties and seventies. At that time, several theaters, entertainment industry and more and more shops and stalls gathered around the park. This is how Luodong Night Market Attractions developed into a nationally known market over time.

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## ZhenSan Temple



Address: No. 168, Tianxiang Road

Tel: 03-9551008

Sanshan Kwok Wong (Jinshan, Minshan and Dushan) are the three main worshiped Gods in ZhenSan Temple. Initially, the ancestor Chen-Yuan Lin moved three sculptures of Sanshan Kwok Wong from ZhenAn Temple in Daxing village Dongshan Township to a Cottage. Later, in 1928, the temple was established. It has been extended and refurbished several times afterwards. Currently, the temple is constructed from a great quantity of stone and wood carvings.

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## ShenAn Temple



Address: No. 48, Zhongxiao Road

Tel: 03-9544021

ShenAn Temple is addressed as 'a temple of the Chaiyi people' by residents in Luodong. Most believers moved and settled down here from Yunlin and the Chaiyi in order to develop their lumber business. These residents were addressed as 'Chaiyi people' so ShenAn Temple has a name of 'a temple of Chaiyi people.' Mazu is the main worshiped female God in ShenAn Temple. This sculpture was moved from GangKou Temple in Dongshi Township Chaiyi to here. Believers go back to GangKou Temple to worship Mazu annually and it is a big event in ShenAn Temple every year.

# Town Cultural Corridor

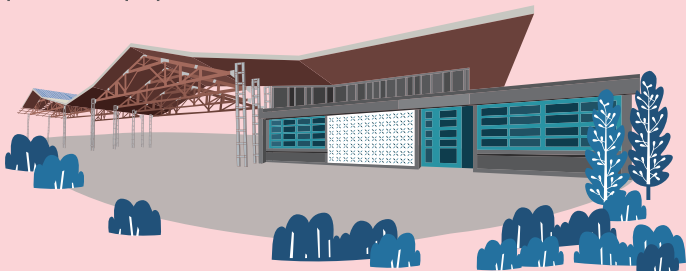
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## Luodong Camphor Tree Cultural Park



Address: No. 82, Section 4, Zhongshan Road

The name of Camphor Tree Cultural Park originates from the time when Taiwan was governed by Japan. The place which was used to do camphor trade. Later it was used as a 'Forest Management Office' which was established by the Forestry Bureau for the purpose of managing Da-Yu-an-Shan Forest Site. With the promotion of the Town Cultural Corridor Project promoted by Luodong Township Office, this place was turned into 'Luodong Camphor Tree Cultural Park' in 2014. The previous office was refurbished and maintained. As a result, the park has become a significant place for the local residents to do their leisure and sport as well as for the promotional purpose of cultural tourism.



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## Luodong Confucius Temple



Address: No. 26, Section 1, Beicheng Road

Tel: 03-9516063

Confucius Temple was established by 'Wen Zong She'(文宗社), a Luodong cultural organization. In 1862, Wen Zhong She was set up by a local gentry Yun-Zai Huang and other people. After its establishment, the Confucius Temple has been focusing on promoting cultural and educational affairs. It is the most historic and influential cultural and educational community in Luodong. The original location of Luodong Confucius Temple was situated at Rixin theater in Luodong old city center. In 1967, the temple was relocated to its current address and continues to promote Luodong cultural and educational affairs. It is a significant cultural space in Luodong.

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## Fu Lan She (福蘭社)

Address: No. 113-1, Zhongshan West Street

Fu Lan She is a historical Beiguan Society. Its first leader Hui-Huang Chen was a brave legendary person, and his story was made into a TV series. A kind of Chinese music opera, Fulu Faction was his favorite hobby. He had many armed fights with Xipi Faction (a music faction) led by a Kailan First-Degree scholar, Zuanxu Huang. Their armed fights were well known as 'conflicts between Xipi Faction and Fulu Faction' in Yilan. In the past years, Fu Lan She has been led by Jin-Tsai Zhuang, a tutor of Hanyang Beiguan Troupe, and he has cultivated many Chinese operatic talents over the years. The Troupe's performances have an excellent reputation. Every 24th of June in the Luna calendar, it is the birthday of Lord Xichin, a God of Chinese opera and Fu Lan She always presents a complete Beiguan opera to the public.

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## DianAn Temple



Address: No. 195, Section 3, Zhongshan Raod

Tel: 03-9575785

Originally its main worshiped God was Emperor Shennong and the previous name of the temple was Wuguwang Temple. Afterwards, it is folklore that Xuantian Shang-di(A God) revealed itself and rescued the public several times and ever since Xuantian Shang-di(玄天上帝) has become the main worshiped God in the temple. Thus, the name of the temple was changed to Dianangong. Every 3rd of March in the Luna calendar is the date to celebrate the birth of Xuantian Shang-di and it is also a lively festival. This festival combines the activities of temples, Parade Formations, God circuit and feasts. As a result, it has become a significant religious event in southern Yilan annually.

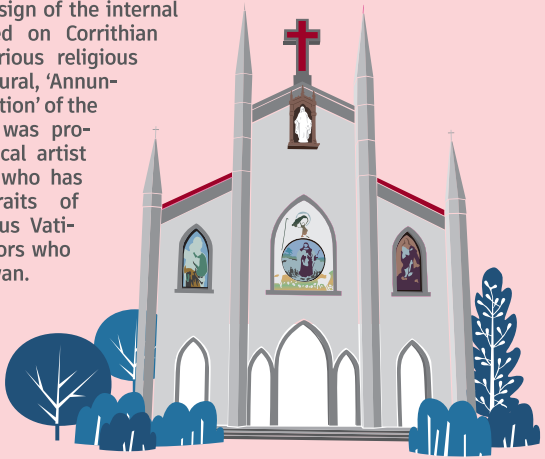
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## Beicheng Catholic Church



Address: No. 20, Section 1, Beicheng Road  
Tel: 03-9512963

The church was completed in 1958. It is the most important church for Catholic Camillians to conduct medical evangelism in Luodong. The design of the church originated from European architecture such as the open pointed arches, external pointed pilasters, the design of the internal pilasters based on Corinthian Order and various religious images. The mural, 'Annunciation Illustration' of the internal altar was produced by a local artist Pei-Chen Zhu who has painted portraits of several previous Vatican ambassadors who resided in Taiwan.



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## ShanFa Buddhist Temple



Address: No. 6, Section 1, Beicheng Road  
Tel: 03-9515804

Initially, the building of Shan Fa Buddhist Temple was funded by believers in 1825. In the past, it was once called 'Zhen Chang Tan' of the Longhua Faction of Zhaijiao (a sect of Buddhism.) Buddha is the major God worshiped among others in the temple. It was a Buddhist temple during the Japanese governing period and its name was changed to ShanFa Buddhist Temple. The building still preserves its appearance in a Japanese style following its rebuilding in 1959. The shape of the windows is a clock which is its feature. The temple is next to Beicheng Catholic Church and Luodong Confucius Temple so these three buildings have constituted the town culture of different religious beliefs and they are also named as 'three connected buildings.'

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## MianMing Temple

Address: No. 192, Section 3, Zhongshan Road  
Tel: 03-9551829

MianMing Temple is one of the important Phoenix Halls(鸞堂) (a kind of folk religion) in Luodong. The temple was built in 1894 and refurbished later on. Most of its original appearance is preserved. Its design style of nine doors and three windows can only be seen here among all traditional temples in Taiwan. Inside the temple, the lifted 'Phoenix altar'(鸞台) is surrounded by four golden pillars and fences. It reflects the difference between Phoenix Halls and traditional temples.

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## Wu-Fu Eye Clinic

Address: No. 108, Zhongzheng Road  
#The interior medical space is not opened to the public.

During the Japanese governing period, Kiyono Mangoro, a Luodong Public doctor established 'Shoukang Hospital.' After the war with Japan, the hospital was sold to the father of doctor Wu-Fu Chen. In March 1946, Wu-Fu Chen quitted his position at National Taiwan University Hospital Ophthalmology and set up this Wu-Fu Eye Clinic in Yilan.

Doctor Wu-Fu Chen established the 'Muguang Blind People Rehabilitation Center', which provides assistance to visually impaired people so they can learn some specific skills and learn to be independent and care for themselves. He was honored as equivalent as 'Albert Schweitzer of Taiwanese.'

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## City God Temple



Address: No. 128, Zhongzheng Road  
Tel: 03-9545924

Luodong City God Temple was a public temple in the Ching Dynasty. Two ancestors of the Taiwanese Plains Indigenous People, Xian-Wen and Mao-Ge who came to cultivate virgin lands in Yilan from Zhanghua were worshiped in Merit Hall inside the temple. Thus, the temple is also named as 'Indigenous Temple.' In 1933, the temple was rebuilt to its current appearance. Originally, the name would be changed to City God Temple but it is folklore that a Luodong county executive with Japanese nationality was against the idea so the main worshiped God was changed to Guanyin and the temple was named as 'Tside Buddhist Temple.' However, in fact, City God and Guanyin were both worshiped in the temple. In 1993, an assembly of believers altered the name of the temple to 'Luodong City God Temple.'

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## Far East Hotel

Address: No. 56, Heping Road

The three-floor hotel was built based on western architectural styles which is very rare in Luodong. The original name of the hotel was called Xinxing Hotel and was run by Kuan-Liang Tsai, a famous drum producer who owned the drum company 'Zheng Fu Mei Hang.' Later, it was sold to Neng-Yu Wang and he changed the name to Far East Hotel under his management. Afterwards, due to the influence of the ban of logging in Taiping Mountain and industrial structure changes, Far East Hotel was put out of business. At the present, it is now a private estate, so it is not opened to the public.

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## Chuan Zai Tou (船仔頭)

Address: Qingtian Road ( North side of Loudong Primary School)

This settlement started from the Ching Dynasty. At that time, South Gate river was the main place for transportation of cargos between the South and North. Because the water was not deep, small boats could moor at the turning place behind the current Luodong Primary School. Therefore, the place was named after Chuan Zai Tou. This place was once a key hub of water transportation. Later, it's use waned gradually because of the development of railways. The original scenery of the area was lost after roads were built above South Gate river so it is now a memory living in the hearts of old residents of Luodong.

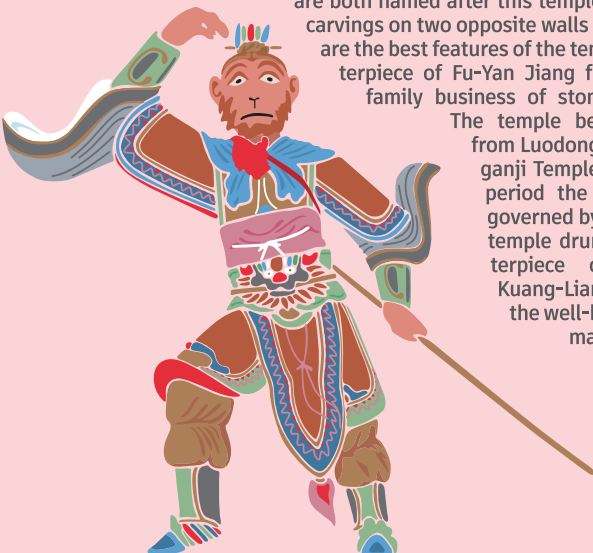
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## ChingAn Temple

Address: No. 175, Zhongzheng South Road  
Tel: 03-9566320

Cheng-Gong Zhen, a great deceased pioneer of Taiwan, The Mighty Monkey King and Kaizhang Shengwang are the three main worshiped Gods in this Temple. The names of 'Chenggong Village' and 'Chenggong Primary School' are both named after this temple. The stone carvings on two opposite walls of the eaves are the best features of the temple, a masterpiece of Fu-Yan Jiang from Jiang's family business of stone carvings.

The temple bell was left from Luodong Nishi Honganji Temple during the period the island was governed by Japan. The temple drum is a masterpiece created by Kuang-Liang Tsai from the well-known drum making family business.



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## ZhenAn Temple

Address: No. 35, Zhongzheng Raod

Tel: 03-9562533

ZhenAn Temple is the earliest Mazu Temple in Luodong and it is also a belief center in Luodong. It has been rebuilt several times and the current appearance of the temple was completed in 1924. There are many representative decorations for visitors to explore in detail inside the temple including horizontal inscribed boards, elephant's head shaped woodcarvings in the main hall, sculptures of Clairvoyance and Omniscient Gods, pillars carved with flowers and birds in the rear hall, Eighteen Arhats and a stone statue of Avalokitesvara.

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## Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Saint Mary's Hospital



Address: No. 160, Zhongzheng South Road

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Saint Mary's Hospital was established in 1962. It provides a space for Catholic Camillians clergy, hospital staff and patients to hold religious events. The building was built with the popular techniques and materials of facial washed terrazzo, terrazzo, mosaic tiling and cement bricks in 1960s. It demonstrates construction techniques and features in 1960s. After the second Vatican Council was held in 1965, Taiwanese local construction techniques were used to modify the chapel such as the ceramic lion on the roof, the internal Chinese redecoration, rounded flat surfaces and roof. They are all its features.



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## Old Assembly Hall in Chenggong Primary School

Address: No. 51, Wenhua Street

Tel: 03-9545466

The school was built in 1943. The walls of the building are made of red bricks. A corridor is at the entrance and a rounded arch window and two rounded windows are on the wall near the gable. There are multiple pillars made of bricks to support the tall wall. The original wooden roof was replaced by a metal roof in 1957. You can still observe Japanese construction styles in the assembly hall.



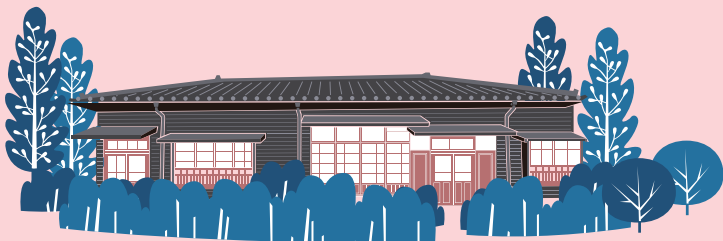
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## Head teacher's accommodation of Chenggong Primary School

Address: No. 55, Wenhua Street

Tel: 03-9325957

The Japanese styled accommodation was built in 1937 and used cypress and fir trees as its main materials. The outer wall is a weatherboard. Two accommodations are attached together as one building but the bigger one is for its head teacher and the smaller one is for its teachers. This building is now reutilized after being refurbished and it is now operated by moku Traveler Bookstore. It is a cultural entrance for travelers to slow down their pace and explore the culture of Luodong in detail.



## Traditional Markets

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### Luodong Minsheng Market

Address: No. 6, Minsheng Road

Tel: 03-9543017



Minsheng Market is right next to the Luodong Night Market Attractions. Its previous name was 'the first and second traditional market' with a history of 80 years. Because the waned building could no longer be used, it was rebuilt as a big comprehensive building which includes yummy food and refreshments, dry products from the south and north, seafood, meats, vegetables, a department store, and a car park in 2005. Next to the market has lots of special shops and themed coffee shops and therefore it has become a favorite place for art enthusiasts, online celebrities and tasters.



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### Luodong Kaiyuan Market

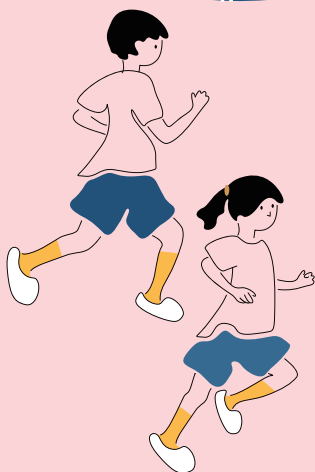
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Kaiyuan Market was established in 1973. It was once the largest traditional distribution market in southern Yilan. Although the market has now declined severely due to changes in shopping and diet behaviors, it is still a favored shopping choice for its nearby residents and hospital staff. The stone statue of Japanese 14th Ruyi Avalokitesvara goddess is worshiped at San Jing Buddhist temple nearby the market. It is now an important asset to the culture of Luodong township.

# Green Leisure Time



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## Luodong Sports Park

Address: No. 666, Gongzheng Road  
Tel: 03-9541216

Ludong Sports Park covers 47 hectares. A natural forest landscape was taken into consideration during the design of the park. Visitors can not only explore its green environment but also enjoy its various sports facilities and venues. The park provides multiple options for exercise for local residents and travelers. Thus, it is a world class leisure place for families.

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## Luodong River Recreation Agriculture Area

Address: No. 8, 206 Alley, Section 2, Beicheng Road  
Tel: 03-9577072

The area is located on an alluvial fan on the south of the Lanyang Plain. The Luodong River runs through the center of the Plain and this is where the area's name comes from. It consists of two main districts which are Beicheng District and Keling District. Water has been abundant in this place for hundreds of years due to its landscape. Therefore, it has become a foundation of the development of agriculture. Most farmlands here are used to cultivate rice. Some parts of Beicheng District have been changed to plant lotus. The economic value of the area is high, and it also creates beautiful scenery. Therefore, it has also brought tourism.

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## Yijing Art Space



Address: No. 199-1, Gongzheng Road  
Tel: 03-9560898

The design concept for both the interior and the outer building at this location was based on plant cells. Its artwork echoes the history of the timber business in Luodong, so old timber and driftwoods were utilized as materials during its creation. The building itself was made to be environmentally friendly and as a substantial piece of public art. Currently, the management team not only provide exquisite and featured tea and food but also organize featured markets and art & culture exhibitions etc. This place has become an Art Space in the town for people to be close to its art and culture.



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## Cherry Blossom Trail

The Cherry Blossom Trail is a featured attraction in Luodong Township. Its length is 1 kilometers and thousands of cherry blossom trees are planted along the river. The view along the trail is very broad and refreshing. It is very good for walking or biking along the Donghshan River. During the cherry blossom season in February, the cherry blossom shower on the trail is very romantic and spectacular.



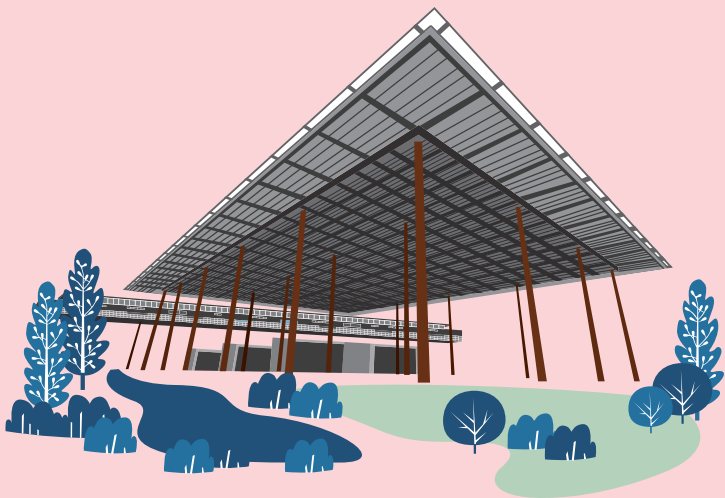
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## Luodong Cultural Working House

Address: No. 96, Section 1, Chunjing Road  
Tel: 03-9577440



The Cultural Working House is one of the landmarks in Luodong. The eye-catching architectural concept comes from the timber history in Luodong. Apart from the building, there are many good ideas hidden in the surrounding environment. The Sky Gallery above it is an exhibition hall in the air and it is 114 meters long. Its scaffold square is used to organize cultural activities and provides leisure space for residents. It is worth visiting this place for its interesting multiple spatial planning!





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## Beicheng Turtle Island Spring Square

Address: Lane 450, section 4 of Zhongshan Road  
walking and cycling friendly

Turtle island spring square is a landscaping park situated between the second and third water gate. Waterway here owns natural spring, so landscaping works are built here. One of them is the stone pitching square, on the inside a big and small Cone take Guishan Island as the image. The endless spring water at the upper end represents that Beicheng has abundant water resources. Next to the spring, Bald Cypress change colors within different seasons which is a beautiful scenery for a walk or biking.

## Transportation



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## Luodong Train Station

Address: No. 2, Gongzheng Road  
Tel: 03-9542117



Luodong Train Station is the main stop in southern Yilan. Most passengers get off the trains at this station. They can walk to the Luodong Night Market Attractions, Luodong Forestry Culture Park etc. and slow down their pace so they are able to experience the town in a relaxing way.

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## Luodong Transfer Station

Address: No. 229, Section 3, Chuanyi Road



Luodong Transfer Station is right behind Luodong Train Station. It is now the major station in Yilan for travelers to have a round trip on coaches from Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, New Taipei City and Taipei City. The distance between the station and other attractions and special spaces in Luodong including the Dongshan River and National Center for Traditional Arts is within 30-minute drive so the traffic is very convenient.

# What to Eat and Buy

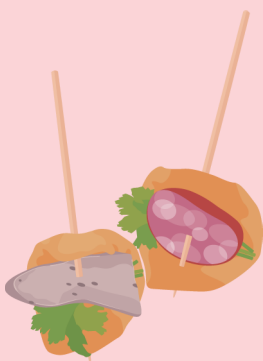
## Local Refreshments

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### Mifengeng

#### Rice noodles thick soup

Mifengeng(米粉羹) is a kind of very heavy and scented soup with thick rice noodles and lots of other ingredients! It is one of the featured local refreshments in Yilan.



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### Mitaimu

#### Thick rice noodles

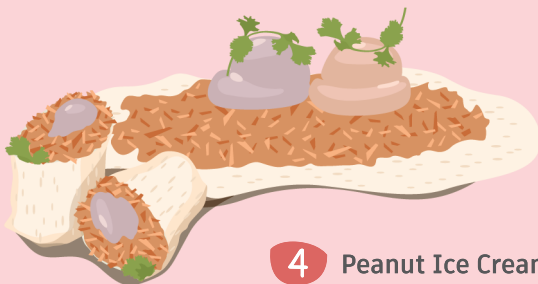
Mitaimu is made from indica rice and is one of warm and delicious breakfast choices for Loudong residents. To start a brand new day, get a bowl of Mitaimu with some side dishes!

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### Yi-Cuan Xin

#### Skewer

Sausages, lean meat, and other ingredients are covered by firm tofu. Yi-Cuan Xin(一串心) is very tasty with different flavors of sauce. Its unique taste is unstoppable.



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### Peanut Ice Cream

Peanut sweets, ice cream and parsley are covered by a pastry. It gives you a cold and sweet taste. This creative cold food has become well-known in the world from Yilan.

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### Ruogeng

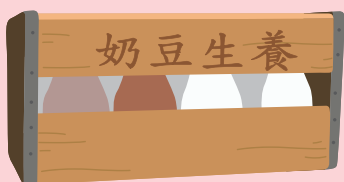
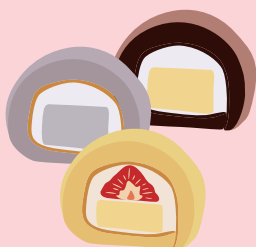
#### Pork thick soup

There are many Ruogeng(肉羹) shops with a long history in Luodong. Every shop has been supported by their loyal customers for a long time and it is worth giving a try.

# Famous Products

## 1 Blancmange Roll

It is soft inside but friable outside with an attractive smell. It is favored by many people to buy as presents in Luodong.



## 2 Soybean Milk 養生豆奶

Lots of residents in Luodong like to have a box of nutritious soybean milk at home. It is good for health and tasty too.

## 3 Peanut Sweets

High quality peanuts are picked to be produced into peanut sweets. Different shops produce different flavors of peanut sweets.

## 4 Ox-tongue biscuits

The ox tongue shaped biscuits in Yilan are different from the ones produced in western Taiwan. The features of the biscuits here are thin, sweet and crispy. Your mouth is filled with the sweet and crispy feeling, so it is a highly recommended specialty in Loudong.



## 5 Succades

Various fresh fruits grown in Yilan are chosen to produce succades. The taste of them includes sourness, saltiness, and charming sweetness.

# Transportation information

## Drive

### From Hualien

To travel from Hualien northbound to Luodong, take Provisional Highway 9 in the direction of Suao township and you will arrive at Luodong. Alternatively, you can travel on National Freeway 5 from Suao junction and get off at Wujie/Luodong junction. Make a U-turn and turn right to Chuanyi Road and then you will arrive at Luodong .

### From Taipei

To travel from Taipei southbound to Luodong, drive on National Freeway 5 in the direction of Yilan. Get off at Luodong junction and travel forward and turn right to Chuanyi Road and then you will arrive at Luodong.

## Train

Visitors can travel by trains operated by Taiwan Railways Administration to Luodong train station. °

## Coach(Bus)

### From Hualien

- ▶ Kuokuang Bus 201-Kamalan bus departs from Hualien Railway Station

### From Taipei

- ▶ Capital Bus 1570 and 1572 depart from the City Government Transfer Station
- ▶ Kuokuang Bus 1879 departs from Yuanshan Transfer Station
- ▶ Kamalan Bus 1917 departs from Taipei Transfer Station
- ▶ Metropolitan Bus 9028 departs from MRT Dapinglin Station
- ▶ U-bus 1661 departs from Taoyuan Airport Terminal 1

## Luodong Free Community Sightseeing Bus

Luodong Township provides free community buses operated by three lines including red, orange and blue. Visitors can take these buses at Luodong Transfer Station free of charge. Please scan this QR code for more information about detailed timetables and stops.



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