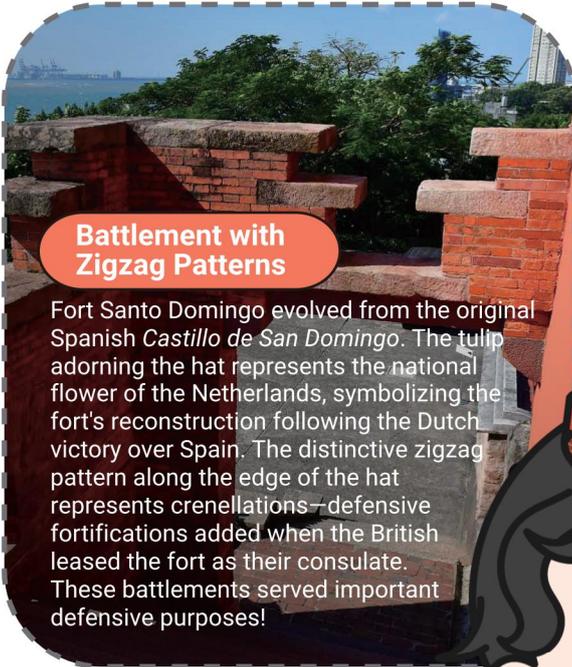


# Let's Explore Fort Santo Domingo with "Cheng Hong"

Explorer's  
Guide

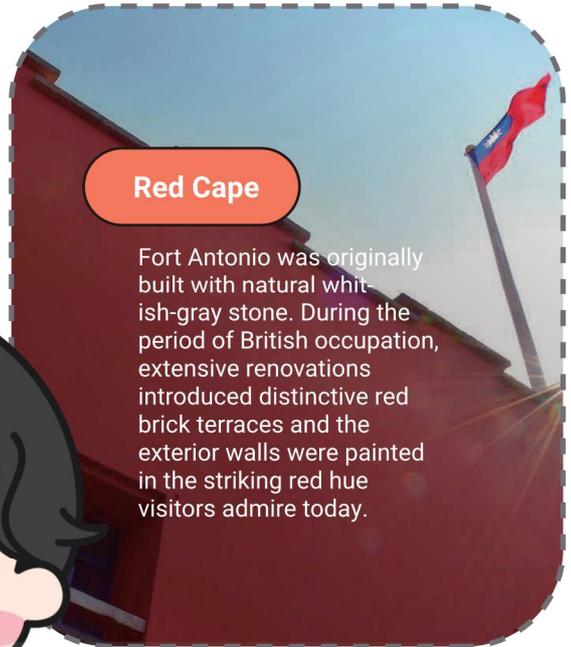
The main structure of Fort Santo Domingo was originally built by the Spanish in 1628, but demolished when they withdrew. In 1644, the Dutch constructed a new fort at the mouth of Tamsui River, naming it "Fort Antonio" in honor of the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies. Local Fujian immigrants referred to the Dutch as "red-haired foreigners," which led Taiwanese to call the site "Fort of Red-hair."

Throughout its history, Tamsui's Fort Santo Domingo has witnessed the rise and fall of various eras, serving as the headquarters or administrative center for nine successive regimes over nearly 400 years. Designated a national historic monument in 1983, it is one of Taiwan's oldest structures and a cornerstone of Tamsui's rich collection of tangible cultural heritage.



**Battlement with Zigzag Patterns**

Fort Santo Domingo evolved from the original Spanish *Castillo de San Domingo*. The tulip adorning the hat represents the national flower of the Netherlands, symbolizing the fort's reconstruction following the Dutch victory over Spain. The distinctive zigzag pattern along the edge of the hat represents crenellations—defensive fortifications added when the British leased the fort as their consulate. These battlements served important defensive purposes!



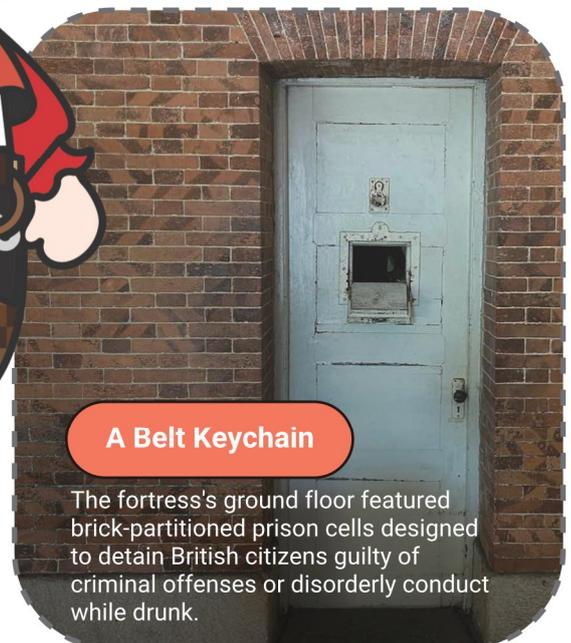
**Red Cape**

Fort Antonio was originally built with natural whitish-gray stone. During the period of British occupation, extensive renovations introduced distinctive red brick terraces and the exterior walls were painted in the striking red hue visitors admire today.



**Belt Buckle**

The "VR" buckle design replicates the boundary markers found throughout the interior of Fort Antonio. The initials stand for Queen Victoria of the United Kingdom during her reign.



**A Belt Keychain**

The fortress's ground floor featured brick-partitioned prison cells designed to detain British citizens guilty of criminal offenses or disorderly conduct while drunk.

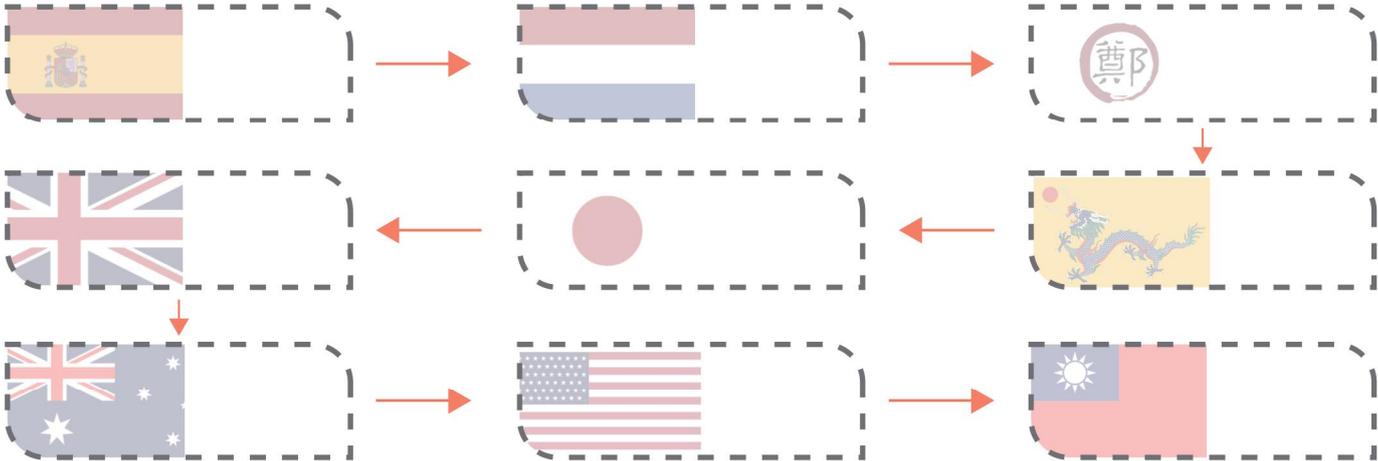


Find and Circle

**Q1. Can you find these features on the building?**

Circle their locations in the picture above    **a. Battlement   b. Watchtower   c. Red walls**

**Q2. Look at the flags and write down the powers that ruled Fort Antonio**



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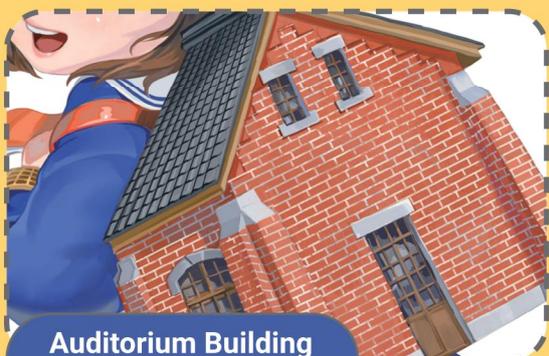
# Explore the Hobe Elementary School Auditorium with Sui Sui Sakura

Explorer's Guide



The "Hobe Elementary School" was the only school built by the Japanese government in early colonial Tamsui, specifically for Japanese children. Today, only the "Auditorium," completed in 1923, survives.

This red-brick building is the last space in Tamsui preserving memories of Japanese-era schooling. It reflects the features of public assembly halls from the period and stands as witness to early elementary education in the time. It was designated a municipal historic site in 2006 and restored in 2022.



**Auditorium Building Backpack Design**

The design of this backpack is inspired by the exterior of the municipal historic site—the Hobe Elementary School Auditorium. Wearing it reflects the spirit of Japanese school education from the colonial era.



**Zigzag Hat Band**

The zigzag hat band was inspired by the building's brick pattern under the eaves.



**Skirt Hem-like Truss Pattern**

The auditorium's roof adopts a Western-style truss with vertical and diagonal beams forming triangles. This structure created a wider indoor space suitable for gatherings, inspiring the decorative skirt hem design.

# Q. What makes the Hobe Elementary School Auditorium special?

Find the correct answer and circle it.

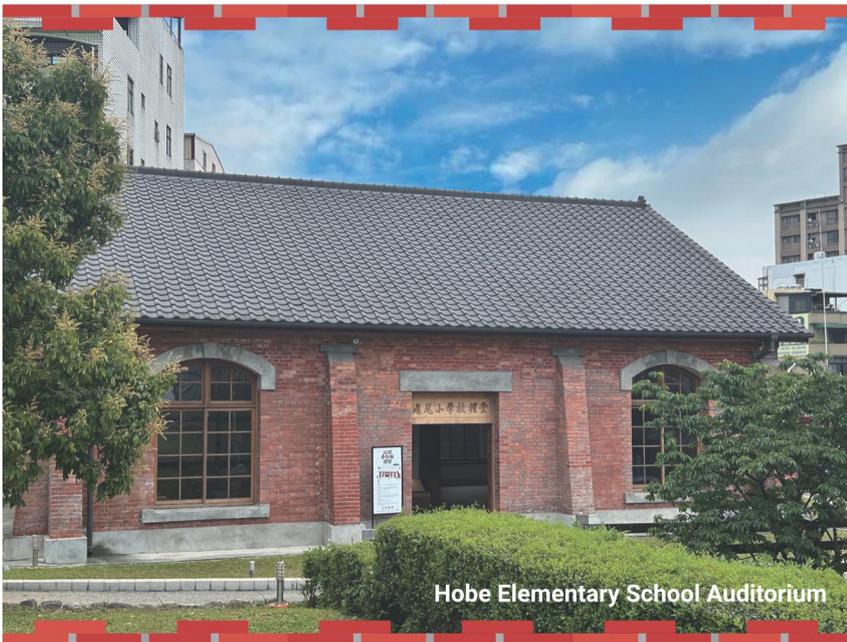


**Q1.** What's special about the exterior of the Hobe Elementary School Auditorium?

- A. Pyramid shape
- B. Zigzag trim under the eaves
- C. “岡”facial expression

**Q2.** What is the purpose of the truss structure in the roof of the Hobe Elementary School Auditorium?

- A. A clothes hanger
- B. To support the roof
- C. To prevent rain from leaking in



**Q3.** What kind of building is the Hobe Elementary School Auditorium?

- A. Red brick
- B. Wooden framework
- C. Concrete

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