

# Songshan Cultural and Creative Park

### History of the Tobacco Factory

With a history of more than 80 years, the Songshan Tobacco Factory has a rich legacy of production and amazing historic sites. After restoration, today's Songshan Cultural and Creative Park showcases a blended atmosphere of the old and new.

The "Taiwan Sotokufu Tobacco Monopoly Bureau" was built in 1937. It was home to the first modernized tobacco rolling factory for cigarettes and cigars in Taiwan, and generated quite a tremendous economic value for Taiwan. In 1998, production was stopped due to factors such as decline in demand. In 2001, the Taipei City Government designated the Park as the 99th City Heritage Site, and on November 15, 2011, it was officially reopened to the public as Songshan Cultural and Creative Park.

The Park has organized numerous brand activities such as The Grad Expo and the Original Festival. Furthermore, to revitalize and reuse the historic sites, the Park is also used for art exhibitions, cultural and creative events, and cross-disciplinary performances, thereby positioning Songshan Cultural and Creative Park as the creative hub of Taipei.

## **Diverse style historic site**

Constructed according to the concept of an "industrial village", the Songshan Tobacco Factory was the pioneer of industrial plants at that time. Today, the remaining office buildings, tobacco factory, warehouses number 1 - 5, boiler room and other sites and buildings are designated as city heritage sites, historic buildings, and the rich ecological environment. These make the Park a fusion of the ancient and innovative.

#### **Taipei Municipal Historic Sites**

#### Warehouses number 1 to 5, and the Conveyor Belt

In the past, the workers made, rolled and packed cigarettes on the 2nd floor of the tobacco factory, then transported them to the number 2 Warehouse via conveyor belt for direct shipping to various destinations. At one time, there were up to 15 warehouses, but due to serious damage, only Warehouses number 1-5 are retained. The high ceiling and spacious warehouse complex is now an important cross-disciplinary event space in Songshan Cultural and Creative Park.



#### The Office Building

The flooring and window frames of the former supervisor's office in the old tobacco factory were carefully constructed with quality cypress, and the walls were laid with customized stone finish. Today, the 1st floor is the information center and design shop and the 2nd floor is the management center of Songshan Cultural and Creative Park.

#### **Tobacco Factory**

The factory has a large number of windows to increase lighting. It is a special gallery-style building with no dividing walls. The facility was used for processing tobacco leaves, rolling cigarettes and packaging. The 1st floor of the building was constructed with multiple



columns to support the weight of machines on the 2nd floor. Today, the east tobacco factory comprises the SongYan Gallery and the SongYan Style Gallery, the west tobacco factory comprises the Taiwan Design Museum and design shops while the 2nd floor features the SongYan Creative Hub, American Innovation Center, the Multi-Showcase Exhibition Hall.

#### **Boiler Room**

The boiler room was used for burning heavy oil to power the tobacco factory. The chimney, once a Taipei lankmark, faces the curerent Taipei landmark Taipei 101, portraying a picture of the past and present echoing each other.



#### **Historic Buildings**

#### Inspection Room

Like today's security office, employees of the tobacco factory were required to go through the inspection room for inspection. Today, the space is ideal for POP-UP Store.



#### **The Machine Repair Plant**

The tobacco factory was equipped with 30 machines for manufacturing cigarettes without filter tips, yielding 2 billion cigarettes annually. The machine repair plant was a place to repair cigarette manufacturing equipment and machines.



#### The Nursery Room

At the peak of its operation, the tobacco factory had 2,000 employees, and its facilities included a canteen, bathhouses, dormitories and a nursery room Since the Taipei Dome was constructed, the childcare facility for employees has moved to its current location, and the nursery room is now a restaurant.







#### Signature Spaces

#### **Baroque Garden**

The garden was designed by Mr. Yuan-Lang Lin in 1958 at the invitation of the factory director Lu-Tan Chen. Geometric in overall design, the garden also boasts a rare three-tier fountain in the style of a champagne tower that also functions as moisture and fire control. The scenery is exquisite and beautiful.



#### **Ecology Pond**

The tobacco factory constructed a large reservoir for fire control. Today it has been transformed into an eco-pond. Many of the surrounding protected plant species have been conserved, making it a rare wetland in Taipei City.



#### Multi-Showcase Exhibition Hall

The hall was originally for employees dining, gatherings and basketball games, now it serves as a multipurpose exhibition hall for a variety of cross-disciplinary shows and performances







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