

History and Inheritance

Over one century ago, Zhongli was originally Plains Aborigines' village. This place was deserted and desolate and full of thorns. Until the Qianlong period of Ching Dynasty, Zhangzhou people of Fujian Province first crossed the sea to cultivate here. Later, people came from Fujian Province, Guangdong Province of the Mainland and the Hakka people followed. All these people made every effort to develop agriculture here and opened for themselves a whole new world.

The original name of Zhongli was Jianzaili. In the 50s of Qianlong period of Ching Dynasty, the Ching government established County Office at Tamsui and Hsinchu. Jianzaili was located between the two counties, that how Zhongli got this name. Eighteen years before the establishment of the ROC (1894), after the First Sino-Japanese War Taiwan was ceded to Japan. Zhongli was then ruled by Taipei County and Zhongli Administration Office was established.

In 1910 Zhongli was under the ruling of Zhongli Sub-Department of Taoyuan Department, and Zhongli Village Administration Office was established. Later it was renamed Zhongli District Agency.



In September of 1920, the administrative system was changed, Department was abolished and State was established, then Zhongli was ruled by Zhongli County of Hsinchu State. District was changed to Village. In June of 1931, Zhongli was upgraded from Village to Street, and renamed Zhongli Street Agency. In 1945, Japan was defeated in the Second Sino-Japanese War and Taiwan was recovered. Zhongli was then reassigned to be under the rule of Zhongli Town Administration Office.

In October of 1950, it was changed to be under the Taoyuan County. In Feb. 27 of 1967, the Committee of Taiwan Provincial Government passed the change of administrative area and promoted Zhongli to become a County-ruled City. Since 25th of 2014, this place was officially renamed Zhongli District of Taoyuan City.



The development of Zhongli District is fast and modernized. From desolate to prosperous, from Jianzaili to Zhongli with 85 villages, the progress is achieved through sweats and tears of many antecedents. Keeping this in mind, citizens of Zhongli should be grateful to ancestors' hardworking, continue to contribute efforts and an earnest heart that loves our own homeland for a better tomorrow of Zhongli.

There are many rivers inside Zhongli such as Old Street River and New Street River. Agricultural products can be irrigated easily through Taoyuan and Shihmen Water Ditch and therefore gain plentiful harvest every year. Since the Shihmen Water Dam was completed, water of agriculture and drinking is sufficiently enough. Zhongli is a paradise that combines Natural and man-created advantages.

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