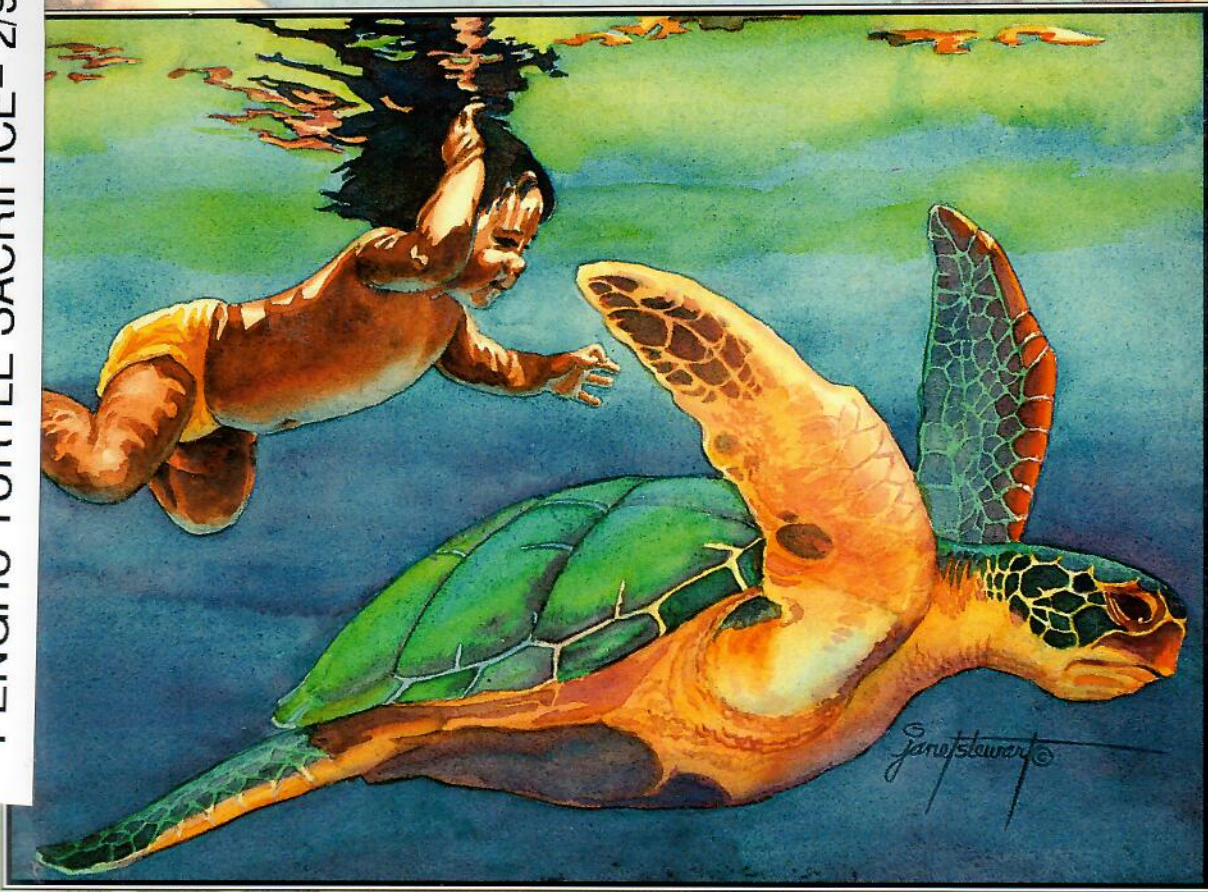


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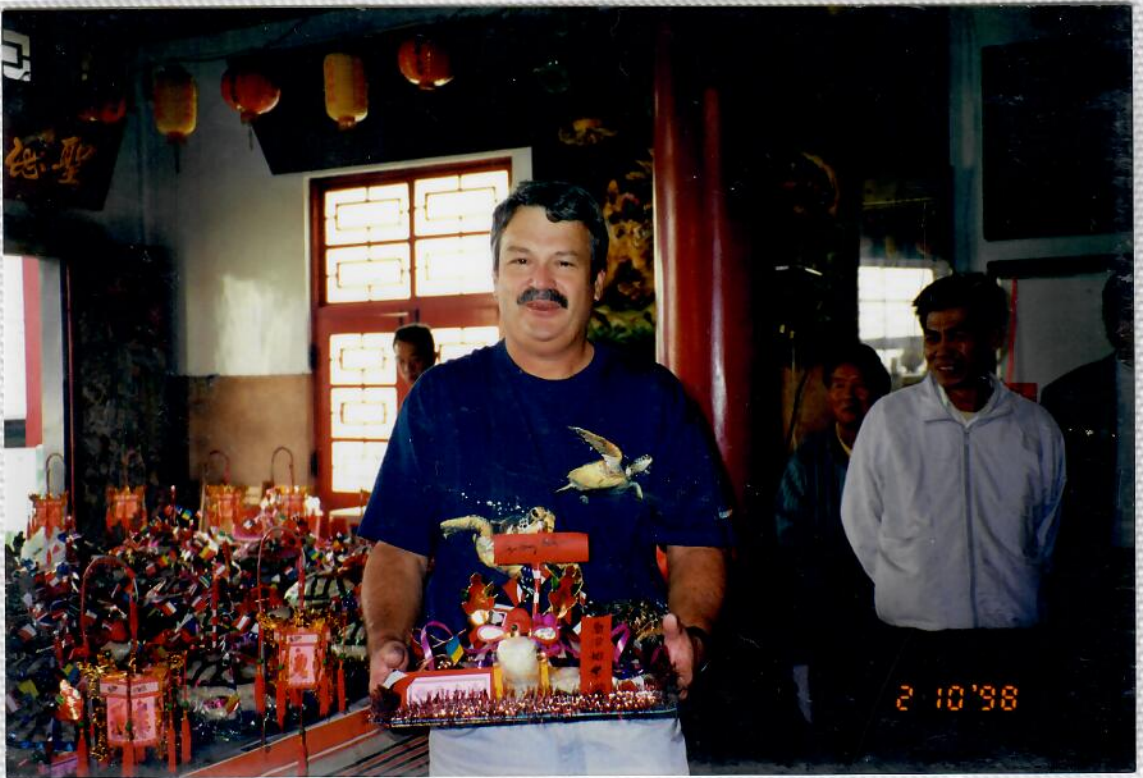
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MA TSO

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

The goddess Ma Tso is known as the giver of children, the guardian of the seafarer, and the provider of rain. Taiwanese ancestors prayed to Ma Tso for protection as they set from China to cross the treacherous Taiwan Strait to Taiwan. Upon their arrival, these ancestors believed that Ma Tso was the source of continued fertility and rainfall, which were essential to thrive in a farming environment.

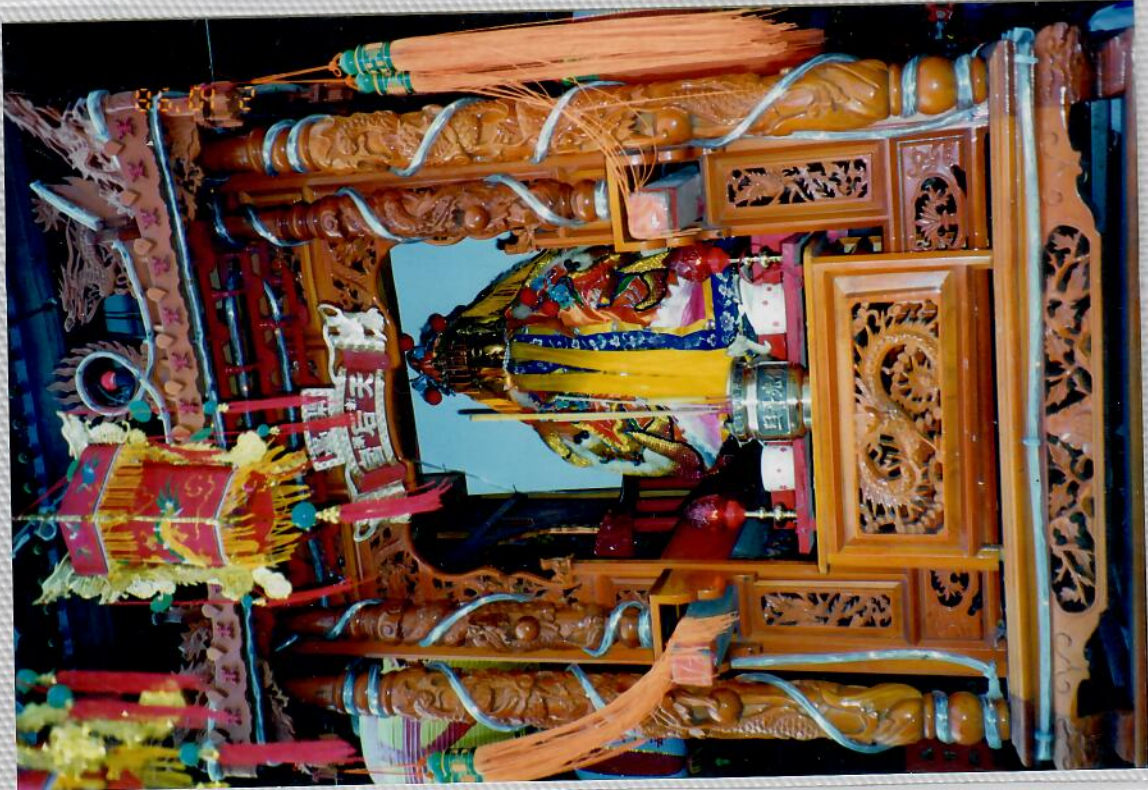


A General of Ching Dynasty, concluding his trip from mainland China to Taiwan in 1683, reported to have received the divine aid and protection of Ma Tso. Ma Tso's status was then promoted by imperial edict to '*Queen of Heaven*'.

Ma Tso continues to play an important role in Taiwanese spiritual life. Her influence is apparent through the Ma Tso temples scattered in nearly all towns throughout Taiwan.

The scroll in this exhibition shows the exciting and vivid street scenes of "Ma Tso Procession" celebrating her birthday.



























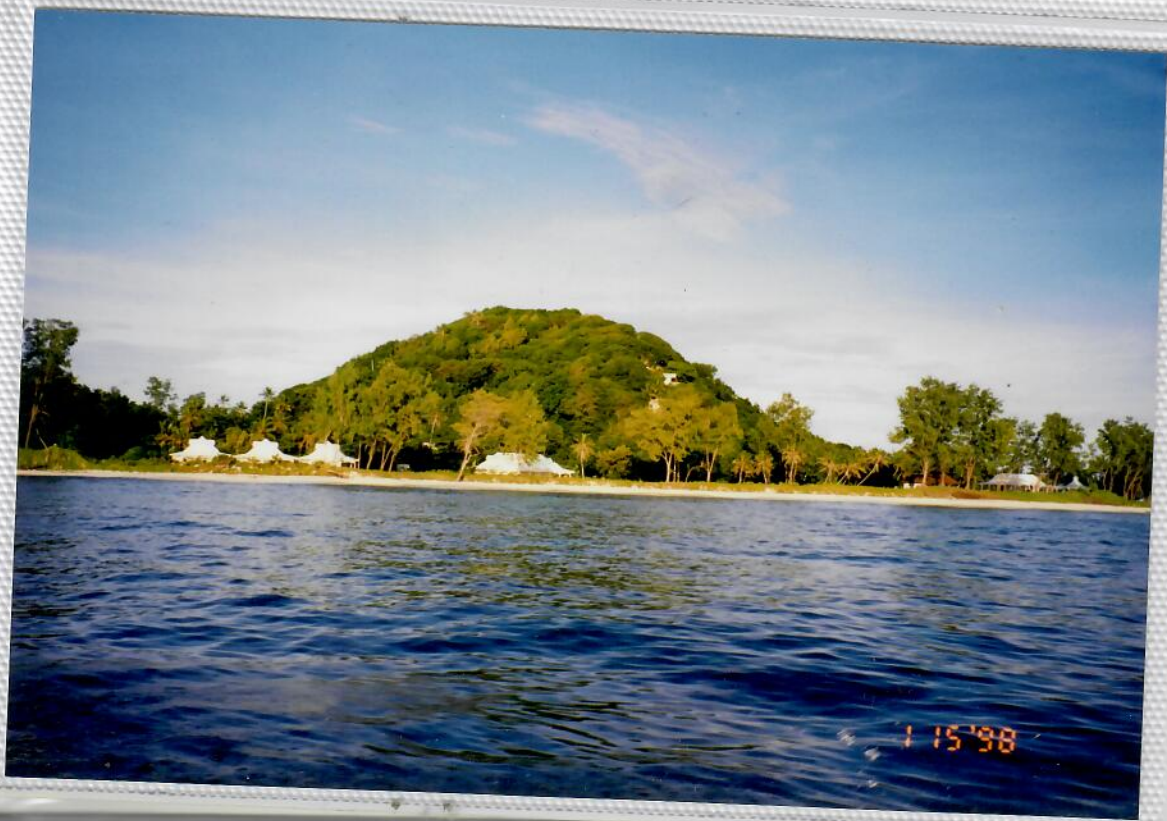


媽祖信仰
渡臺路線圖

「媽祖」是中國大陸
長江以南各地，最受崇祀
的航海神。約於明末隨閩
南移民傳入澎湖，繼而由
臺灣府城向南北傳播，而
擴及全臺，並且逐漸轉型
為臺、澎漢人的居家守護
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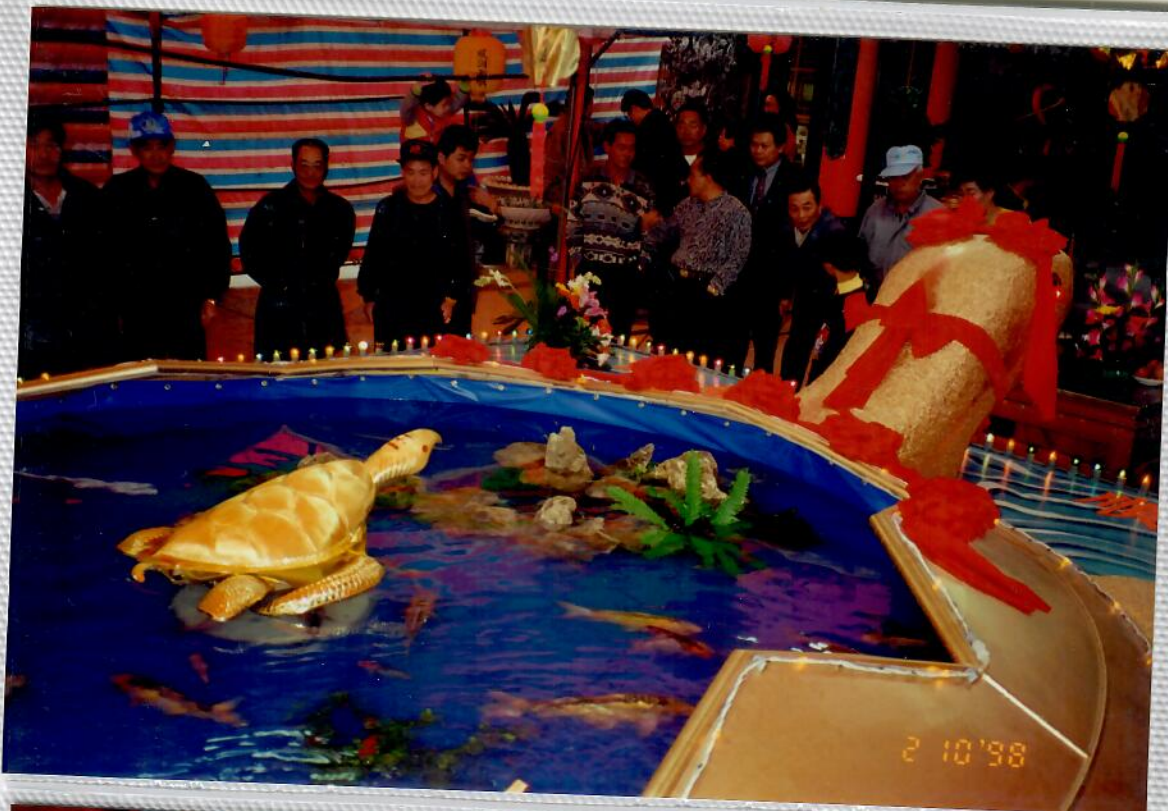












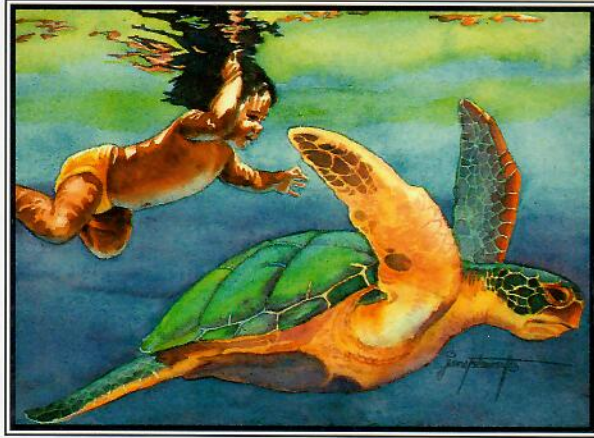












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