
2026- Different Mazu- The third floor of Tokyo Mazu Temple

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粉面媽祖 (Pink-faced Mazu) "Pink-faced Mazu" represents Mazu in her benevolent, compassionate aspect. In Taiwanese folk belief, this form is associated with mercy, protection, and blessings for peace and safety, especially for families and sailors.

黑面媽祖 (Black-faced Mazu) "Black-faced Mazu" symbolises a more stern and authoritative aspect of Mazu. This form is often linked to exorcism, protection against evil, and the suppression of disorder. Historically, black-faced images are associated with periods of crisis or strong divine intervention.

金面媽祖 (Golden-faced Mazu) "Golden-faced Mazu" represents dignity, status, and divine authority. This form is commonly associated with imperial recognition and is often enshrined in temples with historical ties to official or state patronage.

千里眼 (Qianliyan, "Thousand-Mile Eye") A guardian deity who can see across vast distances. He serves Mazu by observing dangers far away and reporting them, symbolising vigilance and foresight.

順風耳 (Shunfeng'er, "With-the-Wind Ear") A companion guardian deity who can hear sounds carried by the wind from great distances. He represents attentiveness and the ability to detect threats or calls for help.

五營將軍 (Five Camps Generals) refers to a military-style protective system commonly found in Taiwanese folk religion and Daoist-influenced temple practice. They are not a single deity, but a coordinated group of spirit-generals who serve higher gods such as Mazu. "五營" literally means five military camps, corresponding to the five directions:

East Camp (東營), West Camp (西營), South Camp (南營), North Camp (北營), Central Camp (中營). Each camp is commanded by a general (將軍) and staffed by spirit soldiers.

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