A060  Yushang ershê (Yuhsang two shê ritual alliance) 岱上二社

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1. Village settlement  The two shê ritual alliance of Yushang is located at the beginning of the northern main channel of the Mulan irrigation system, at the start of the Mulan Weir Main Channel 木兰陂. This area was part of the Yushang Shimenpu 岱上石门铺 (police/defense unit) of Nanxiangli 南厢里 sub-canton. The village began to be settled in only in the early Qing, and it now has a population of over 1000 people. Yushang is part of the Tieyu Administrative Village 铁屿行政村. The local temple ritual system is divided primarily on the basis of lineage origin into the two shê ritual associations of Zifu 资福 and Xingan 兴安二社. Each year six shêlu (keepers of the incense burners of the shê altar) are selected in rotation.

2. Surname groups  The main surname groups are the Chen 陈. The Chen are however divided into two distinct lines: the Fushan 浮山 and Jiewai 界外 lines. The Fushan Chen came from Linchuanli 灵川里 sub-canton, south of Putian city, and are related to the Chen of Dongyang 东洋陈氏. They make up some 70% of the village population. The Chen from “beyond the borders” moved to the village during the early Qing coastal evacuation, and now make up 30% of the village population.

3. Village temples  1) Zifu dongshê 资福东社: the main gods are Zunzhu mingwang 尊主明王, Houtu furen 后土夫人, Sima shengwang 司马圣王, and Tiangong yuanhuai 田公元帅. Secondary gods include Fazhu xianfei 法主仙妃, Chenshi zhenjun 陈氏真君, Ciji zhenjun 慈济真君, Zhanggong shengjun 张公圣君, and Cigan xianfei 慈感仙妃.
   2) Xing’an shushê 兴安书社: belongs to the Jiewai Chen 界外陈: the main gods are Zunzhu mingwang 尊主明王 and Houtu furen 后土夫人. Secondary gods include Fude zhengshen 福德正神.
   3) Xinglongmiao 兴龙庙: The main god is Tiangong yuanhuai 田公元帅. Secondary gods include Yanggong taishi 杨公太师, Cuifu dama 崔府大妈, and Guanyin dashi 观音大士.
   4) Fengchan shimiao 冯禅师庙: The main god is Feng Zhiri Chanshi 冯智日禅师.
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