The Shung Ye Museum of Formosan Aborigines opened in June 1994 as an ethnology museum dedicated to promoting mutual understanding between different ethnic groups, through careful research, preservation, and explanation of the essence of Taiwan indigenous cultures. Achievement of these aims of mutual respect and appreciation will help to create a harmonious and gentle society.

The museum was originally based on the donation by its founder, Chairman Safe C. F. Lin, a personal collection of Taiwan indigenous artifacts acquired over many years in keeping with his desire to give something back into the community. By sharing his treasures with the whole of society he hoped to contribute to the ideal, "In loving our native place we must cherish each other's cultures."

Shung Ye Museum's main displays introduce the natural environment of Taiwan indigenous peoples, their daily utensils, clothing and personal decoration, ritual objects and religious life. Films shown in the auditorium provide an understanding of the present conditions of indigenous life. The museum also has a special exhibition room where related exhibitions are held at regular intervals to broaden people's field of view and concern, and to present the many faces of humanity's culture. The museum's ideal is to bring concerned people of all ethnicities together to devote themselves to these aims.

To promote understanding and respect for Taiwan cultural history the museum conducts research, seminars, and publications with several institutions of advanced research facilities, including Academia Sinica, Oxford University, University of Tokyo, and University of Leiden. Since April 1993, the museum has affiliated with University of California at Berkeley.

We look forward to your encouragement, advice, and participation.

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