

CHC Proposal

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The Arch

The replica of the Nanyang Arch now stands at Yunnan Gardens.

When Nantah's students crossed under the arch, it served as a reminder of who they were, where they came from, and how privileged they were to receive a university education.



Original Nantah Arch

Image taken from

<http://goodmorningyesterday.blogspot.com/2007/03/nantah-arch.html>

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The arch has three gates - which symbolise three elements of Chinese traditional philosophy - tian (sky), di (earth) and ren (humanity or civilisation).

The gates also symbolise three different "talents" - da cai (the wisdom to govern a country); chang cai (the capabilities of a trade); and qing cai (the ethics of man).

These principles encapsulate the best of Chinese traditional education, and the hopes of the aspiring youth: to one day find themselves worthy of being called a true talent.



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<https://roots.sg/learn/collections/listing/1111302>

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Retired veteran journalist Toh Lam Huat, 63, who graduated from Nantah in 1977, spoke of the arch with much pride and nostalgia.

"I think the arch has been rightfully preserved - because it was the gateway into the university. Every Nantah student passed through that arch.

It's a pity that it's disconnected from the new buildings, but at least it's still there. The arch's historical and cultural meaning, as well as the deep symbolism that it holds, simply cannot be replicated or found in modern buildings."

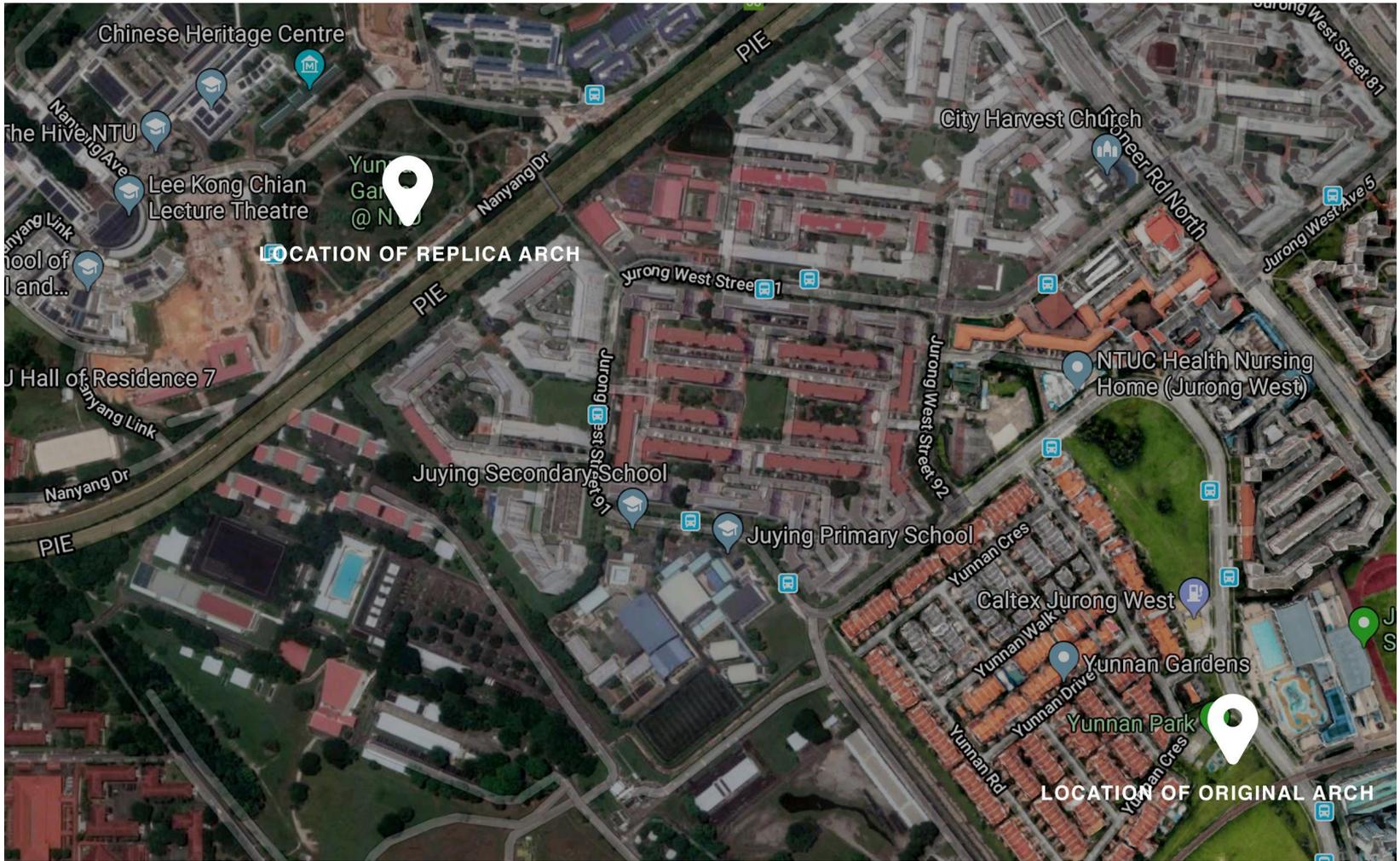
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Replica Nantah Arch

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LOCATION OF REPLICA ARCH

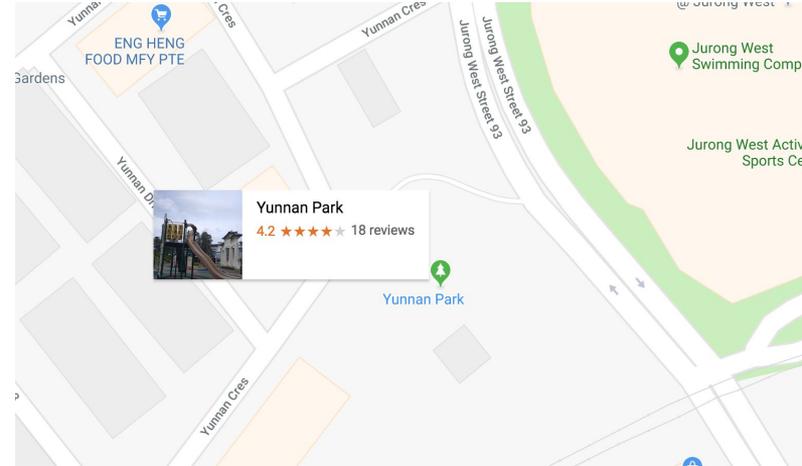
LOCATION OF ORIGINAL ARCH

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It would be interesting to look at the arch as both the CHC and the arch are part of Nantah's historical structure.

The arch is preserved as a monument, yet it is laying all alone in Jurong West Road now. It was preserved because no one could bear the responsibility of removing such a revered symbol.

Where it once stood as a gate to Nantah, now it is just located beside a road and the only people who enter through it are the residents of the public housing behind it.



Location of the Original Nantah Arch

Image taken from Google Maps