

## Монголын Сүм Хийдийн Түүхэн Товчоо Төсөл

### UBNR 953

**NOT in Rinchen 953 - Agwa datsan**

**Awag datsan, Akhu datsan**

Tibetan name: sngags-pa grwa-tshang

English name: Agwa/Awag/Akhu monastic school, Tantric monastic school

GPS was taken next to Lenin Club

Elevation 1297m,

N 47°54.984',

E 106°55.108'

**Data provider:** Dashtseren lama of *Züün Khüree Dashchoilin* monastery (Born 1921)

**Sources:** Dariimaa, G., *Dursagdakhiin buyantai burkhan zuraach*. Ulaanbaatar 2003

Sereeter, Ö., *Mongoliin Ikh Khüree, Gandan khiidiin tүүkhen бүтэtsiin towch*. 1651-1938. Ulaanbaatar 1999

**Photos:** none

### History

According to Dashtseren lama, *Akhu datsan* was situated near the present Lenin Club, which is south of Sükhbaatar Square (and north of *Choijin lamiin süm*, UBR 915 Rinchen 915). Sereeter (p. 78.) claims that as well as the many temples of *Choijin lamiin süm*, a financial unit (*jas*) belonging to *Awag datsan* also operated in the area of the fenced-off courtyard of the temple complex. These two names, *Akhu* and *Agwa* seem to be used for the same temple, being two different Mongolian distorted forms of Tibetan *sngags-pa* meaning 'Tantric'.

According to Dariimaa (p. 97.) the foundation of *Awag datsan* (Tib. *sngags-pa grwa-tshang*, a tantric monastic school) was laid in 1924. It was the last temple to be founded in Ikh Khüree before the destructions of the late 1930s. It was situated east of *Choijin lamiin süm* (UBR 915 Rinchen 915) and had the official privileged rights of a small *datsan*.

As for the initiation of the temple, Dariimaa claims (p. 97.) that a separated fenced-off courtyard and a gate was created. A huge golden statue of *Chagdün Jandin Seded* (Tib. *phyag ...? gdugs dkar*, 'seven armed (?) Sitatapatra'), an emanation of the goddess with the white umbrella (*Seded* or *Tsagaan shükhert*, *Düger*) was planned to be placed to the temple.

According to Dashtseren lama, *Akhu datsan* was a Gelukpa (Yellow Sect) temple. It was a big square shaped temple building with no lamas residing there and no daily chanting. Ceremonies were conducted here for specific purposes in which about 20-30 lamas from Gandan and Züün Khüree were invited to participate.

No other data could be gathered about this datsan.

### Current situation

There are no remains. The GPS was taken on the east of Lenin Club, where it once supposedly stood.