

## Монголын Сүм Хийдийн Түүхэн Товчоо Төсөл

### UBNR 954

#### NOT in Rinchen 954 - Sanzain uuliin khiid, Sanzaidorjiin khural

English name: Temple at Sanzain Mountain, Assembly of Sanzaidorj

**Source:** Mönkhbat, D., *Mongoliin түүхн сойлийн дурсгалийн lawlaga*. Ayalal juulchlaliin mergejiliin ангиин оyuutnuudad zoriulaw. Ulaanbaatar 2004.

**Photos:** none

### History

According to Mönkhbat (p. 41.), there was a small temple that was situated in the mountain called Sanzain uul near the 'Golden basin' (Altan tewshiin khöndii) on the Chingeltei Mountain (his source is: Ts. Sükhbaatar, *Mongol ulsiin gazar usnii neriin domog*, Ulaanbaatar, date of publishing is unknown). In the former times, Sanzaidorj, a doctor lama (*otoch*), was famous for making up prescriptions and preparing medicines from herbs. He felt that making medicine to cure people was more useful than reciting texts. However, this view did not meet with approval of his fellow lamas so he founded his own assembly in the mountains with some of his disciples. He chose an area where many different herbs and medicinal plants grew. He and his lamas collected the plants here and made a great variety of herbal medicines from them. Later, the mountain got the name, Sanzain uul, after this doctor lama. Even later the area became known as Sanzai amralt ('the weekend house area in Sanzai') as weekend houses were set up there for transport workers.

The temple is most probably one of the many set up by individual lamas or small communities in the outskirts of the city. It is hypothesised that many such temples existed prior to the purges. It is rare that one can find references to any of these small assemblies, so this one is included here as a separate entry as we found reference to it.

### Current situation

The presumed site of the old temple was not visited as its exact place is unknown. As it is likely to have been a small wooden temple, it is almost certain that nothing remains of it.