

## Монголын Сүм Хийдийн Түүхэн Товчоо Төсөл

### UBNR 957

#### NOT in Rinchen 957 - Puntsoglin süm

Tibetan name: phun-tshog gling

Mongolian translation of the name: Khotol chuulalt süm

English name: Puntsoglin temple

GPS was taken at *Dar' ekhiin süm* (UBR 931 Rinchen 931) and is given here only to mark the area of Amgalan (its temples were situated very near to each other).

Elevation 1293 m

N 47 54.375'

E 106 59.955'

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

**Photos:** none

### History

*Puntsoglin süm* was one of the six Mongolian assemblies situated around the Chinese town (Maimaachen), in the present area of Amgalan. However, Rinchen only records *Dashsamdanlin datsan* (Rinchen 935) and *Puntsoglin* temple is one of the five he omitted.

This temple is mentioned only in Sereeter's book (p. 82.). According to him, *Puntsoglin* or *Khotol chuulalt süm* was also situated outside the Chinese town.

According to Sereeter, the temples *Dagdanlin* (UBNR 958 NOT in Rinchen 958), *Choinkhorlin* (UBNR 955 NOT in Rinchen 955), *Dejidlin* (UBNR 956 NOT in Rinchen 956) and *Puntsoglin* were temples of the four aimags with the same names situated around the Maimaachen. Forty lamas belonged to *Puntsoglin aimag* and 80-90 lamas to the others. These temples had their own financial units, along with the *aimag* believer's donations and offerings serving as the financial basis of their operation. He also says that the lamas in these four *aimags* used to participate in the ceremonies of *Dashsamdanlin datsan* (UBR 935 Rinchen 935).

No further data was found on this temple.

### Current situation

There are no known remains. Based on the sources, the exact sites of the temples of Amgalan can be determined roughly in relation to the ruins of *Dar' ekh* temple (Rinchen 931) and the remnants of a Chinese store building. In the whole area there are no other temple remnants than that of *Dar' ekh* temple.