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UBNR 959

NOT in Rinchen 959 - Ulaanii shashnii zodoch nariin khural (Maimaachen)

English name: Assembly of Zod tantric masters of the Nyingmapa (Red) Sect

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). This assembly was situated to the south-east of *Dar' ekhiin süm*, outside the wall of the Chinese Town.

Elevation 1293 m

N 47 54.375'

E 106 59.955'

Sources: Pürew, O., *Mongol töriin golomt*. Ulaanbaatar 2004

Maidar, D., *Mongoliin khot tosgonii gurwan zurag*, Ulaanbaatar 1970

Photos: none

History

The Assembly of *Zod* tantric masters of the Nyingmapa (Red Sect) 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* (UBR 935 Rinchen 935) and the *Zod* Temple is one of the five he omitted.

Pürew (pp. 104-105.), similarly to Maidar (p. 72.), mentions this tantric assembly. According to Pürew's description, there was a wide road called Gaaliin Road ('Costums Road') running from west to east in front of the south entrance to Maimaachen. The Assembly of *Zod* tantric masters (Tib. *gcod*, ritual for the purpose of cutting through the four Maras and ego-clinging), situated at the east end of this road, belonged to the Nyingmapa or Red Sect. It was founded during the reign of the Bogd khaan. Note that Pürew refers only to the type of the assembly not the name of the temple, which is unknown. *Dashsamdanlin datsan/ khural* (UBR 935 Rinchen 935) was situated to the east of this *Zod* assembly.

No further data was found about this assembly.

Current situation

There are no 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 (UBR 931 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.