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In the hills above the apartment lies Big Buddha Hill. Here we are on the main road and are going to walk up to Big Buddha Hill and down on the other side to the Queen Sirikit-park. Here we can buy gasoline in glass bottles.



On the way uphill are these figures.



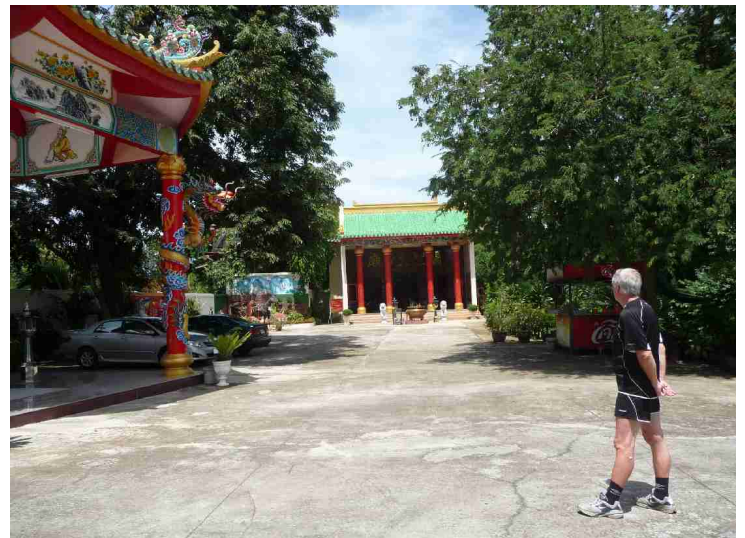
Up on the first plateau is this altar.



Further on the plateau is this altar for a Chinese Taoist philosopher, Lao Tzu.



A bronze bell was erected in 2000 right beside the Lao Tzu statue. It is a copy of a bell from the Ming dynasty that is displayed in Beijing museum. It weighs 990 kg, is 1.57m high with a circumference of 93 cm. It is the biggest Ming type bell, which is molded in Thailand.



Further on there is a temple for the honor of Guan Yu, who was a famous warrior during the Han dynasty in China. There are built temples for his honor a lot of places in east Asia.



Here is Guan Yu's fighting sword, Chin Lung. Anne Berit is standing beside his combat horse, Shi-Tu.



A statue of Guan Yu inside the temple.



Kwan Yin is in Buddhism a goddess for compassion and mercy. She is one of the most popular gods and people pray to her when they are in trouble.



The altar in front of Kwan Yin.



Mythical figures.



Another altar.



In a hollow there is a park with a fish pond and nice plantings.

The statue in the in left picture is Sun Yat-sen (1866-1925). He was a Chinese revolutionary and politician who played a large role when the Qing-dynasty was overthrown. He was one of the founders of the nationalist party Kuomintang, and he was the first provisional president when The Republic of China was founded in 1912.



Here Chao Woo Wang is mobilizing an army to conquer the last emperor in the Yin dynasty, Sang Chao, who was an evil and gruesome ruler. The Chao dynasty lasted from 1121 to 247 BC, longest in Chinese history.



This scene is from a Chinese historical novel about the three kingdoms in the end of the Han dynasty.



Confucius' schoolroom. Confucius is recognized as the founder of the Confucianisms. In Chinese his name is *Kon Fu-tze*, meaning 'master Kong'. He worked for a long time as a teacher and taught and gave practical directions for the behavior people to people. He got a lot of disciples.



Here is Confucius standing.



A wall with pictures portraying the history of China.



The road further up to the Buddha.



In the stairs up to the Buddha lies a 7 headed Naga at each side. They are holy dragon-like creatures. They are personifying the rainbow as a bridge between the earthly and the eternal.



The Buddha is over 18 m high. It was originally white, but is now painted in golden paint.



Along the square are sitting 7 smaller Buddha figures, one for each weekday. Those who are born on the actual day will get help by this Buddha.



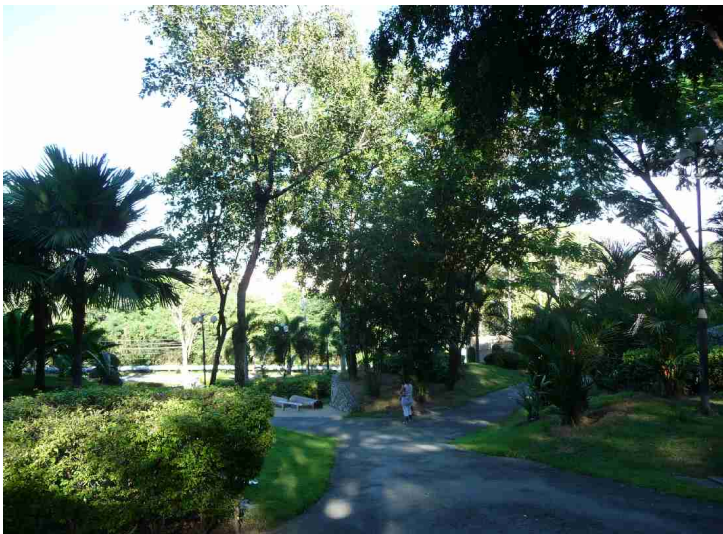
Up here is also a small temple.



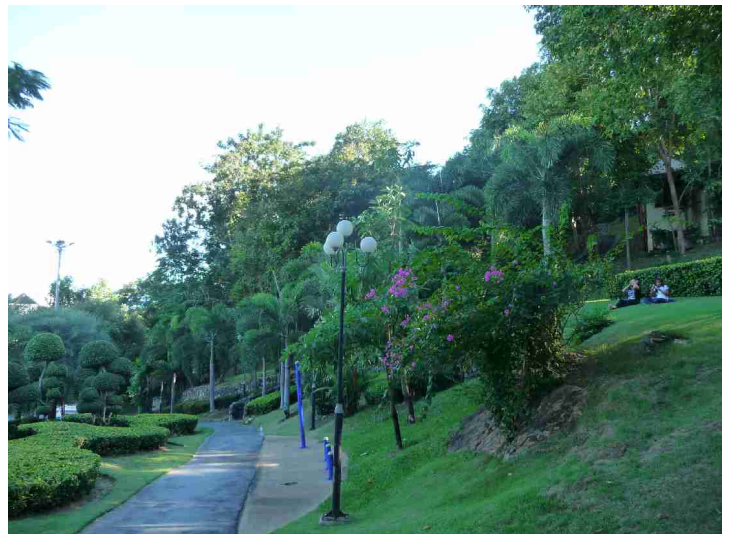
After having walked so long in the sun, we thought that we had earned a beer at this small restaurant up here.



On the north side of Big Buddha Hill lies Queen Sirikit park that was opened in 2006.



It is well kept in contrast to many other things here in Thailand.



Here is a view down to Pattaya.



Nice hedges.



A section of the hedge.



There is an altar here too.