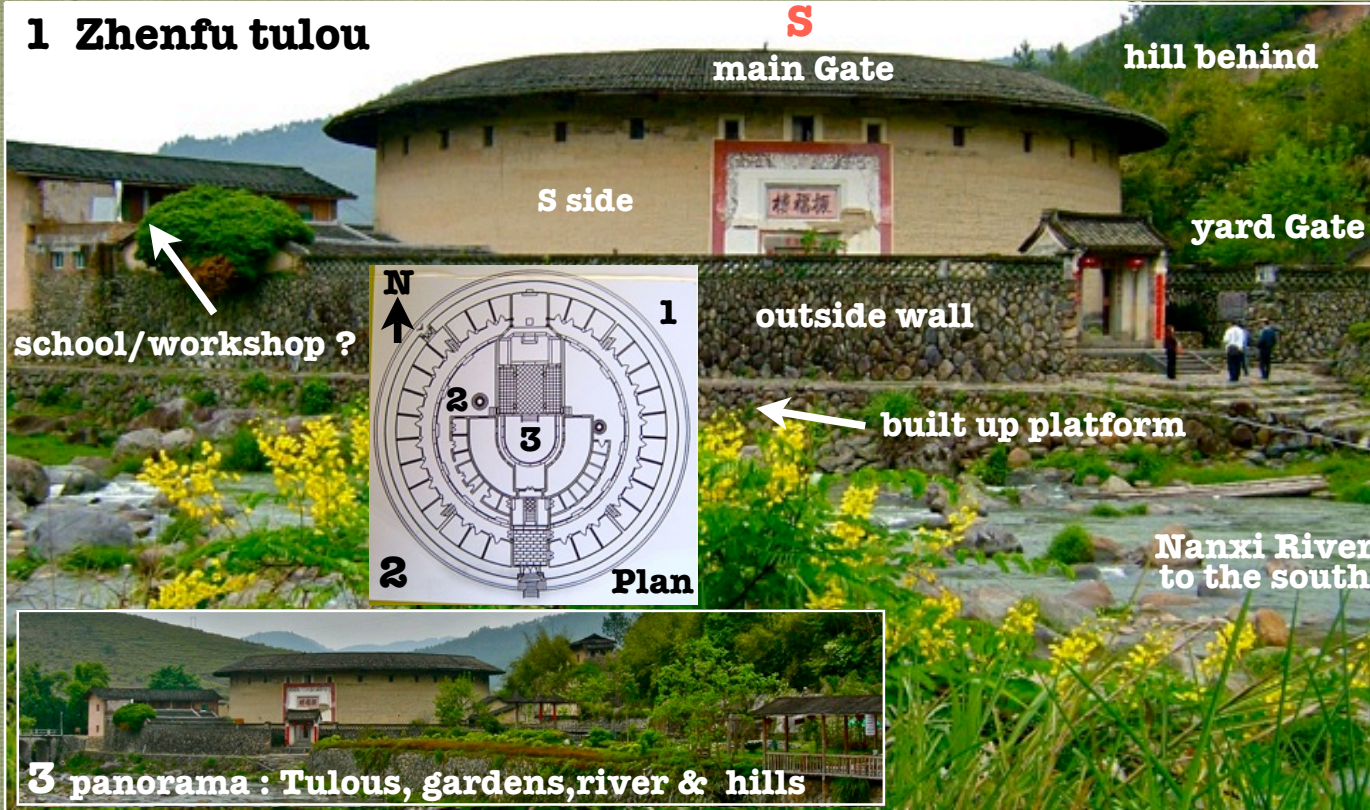


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**Zhenfu, Nanxi village, Hukeng Town, Yongding, Fujian, jdo © March 8/11**

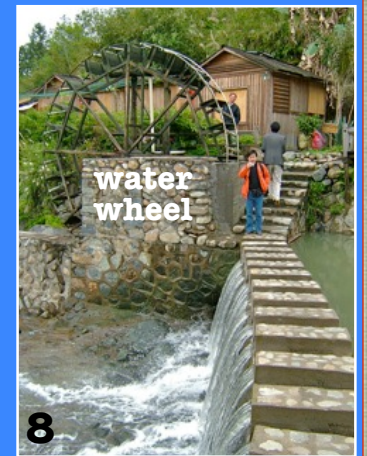
**1 Zhenfu tulou**



**3 panorama : Tulous, gardens, river & hills**

**FACTS on Zhenfu:** part of a sustainable **Hakka BioSphere+Trail**, J. Ostrowski/M. Ueda © March 8, 2011

- ~ 4 km from Zhencheng Lou <sup>1</sup>, Zhenfu lou is a 1.56 ha UNESCO World Heritage site <sup>2</sup> built by Su clan <sup>3,4</sup> in 1913 <sup>1,3,6</sup>
- **Specs:** walled cobblestone front courtyard inside main gate as 1<sup>st</sup> line of defence, safe place for children & drying of food. 1<sup>st</sup> ring: 3 storied rammed earth wall (FF 1-5), 42.5 m ø <sup>5</sup>, 16 m high <sup>4</sup>, based on Bagua <sup>5</sup> (8 Trigrams <sup>1,3,5</sup>) of Feng Shui. 2<sup>nd</sup> ring: 1-story brick/wood semi circle, total 96 rooms <sup>1,3,5</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> ring: Ancestral Hall (F 12) + 2 business halls. Western influence <sup>3,5</sup> as in Zhencheng lou <sup>3</sup>. Open galleries overlooking inner courtyard have brick floors (F 15). Area = 4,000m<sup>2</sup> <sup>1,3,5</sup> 2 entrances: South gate, west side door (F 2). Greywater system as usual in all tulou (F 12). State museum in 2007, 2009, is now Research Institute (2010).
- **Conclusions:** based on 2 visits, notes & further research Lat: 24° 38' 06", Long: 116° 56' 59" <sup>2</sup>
  - 1) **idyllic site:** rural, hill behind to deflect cold north winds, river (F 8) to reflect sun, for micro-climate, gardens & fish ponds
  - 2) **fire:** brick firewalls, brick floors, 2 wells (FF 2, 20), 4 stairs <sup>5</sup> (F 11), fire doors (assumed)
  - 3) **multi-use:** residential building + tobacco industry office & storage room <sup>3</sup>, which funded construction (company village)



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**Sustainability: good S orientation/Feng Shui/multi-use/local materials/gardens/fish ponds+water power 2/2**



**References:** this PostCard/PlaceMat will reside at <http://www.HakkaHeritage.com>,

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- 5) site signs (1 outside, 1 inside)

**Notes/Quotes/Site/Info/Recomendations:** “Princess of Tulous”<sup>5</sup>

- 1) **Note:** village also called: XiaNanxi (postcard), Xipian<sup>3</sup>. It is one of the best preserved & most solid tulou.
- 2) **Quotes:** “Zhencheng’s [little] sister building”<sup>1</sup>, “Princess of Tulous”<sup>5</sup>
- 3) **Site:** beautiful site for day’s stroll & picnic, Huanchang & Wan’an buildings, viewing deck & waterwheel nearby,
- 4) **Information:** west side ruins were tobacco workshops destroyed in 1930s<sup>5</sup>. West brick structure is workers’ residence<sup>5</sup>.
- 5) **Recommendation:** Hike surrounding hills for better view & appreciation.

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