Cao-Gong Canal 曹公圳

In the beginning, the construction of Cao-Gong Canal was built to solve a water shortage problem. In the past, water shortage caused starvation and people were forced to commit robbery. The construction of this canal helped to stop criminal activity. It can be clearly seen that agricultural irrigation should never be ignored. The canal is named after Cao Jing, who was an excellent and generous magistrate. The Cao-Gong Canal continues to benefit Kaohsiung inhabitants even today. Since there was no mechanical equipment available in the past, the canal had to be constructed using man power.

Dialogue

A: Hey, I really want to take a rest. Do you want to go out with me?
B: Sure. Where are we going?
A: I think there’s a nice place over there. How about Cao-Gong Canal?
B: I have never heard of that place. What’s that?
A: It is a canal, and it was constructed during the Qing Dynasty.
B: So... who built it? What’s it for?
A: Cao Jing, who was an excellent mayor, built it. At that time, a water shortage caused starvation, so Cao had an idea to restore the river.
B: So it was successful and solved the problem, right?
A: Yeah, he solved the difficult problem. The residents built a temple to commemorate him.
B: What a great story. I can’t wait to visit it!

Word bank:

1. canal 運河、河渠
2. canal zone 運河區
3. shortage 缺少、不足
4. construct 建造
5. starvation 飢荒
6. solve 解決