Cheng-Lan Gun Fort  澄瀾砲台

A lot of our precious cultural heritage has been handed down from ancient times. Kaohsiung County embraces diverse historic architecture that provides significance to the cultural inheritance of alternate generations. Chen-Lan Gun Fort is behind the gate of Fongshan Elementary School. It is a third grade historical site that was built during the Qing Dynasty. The gun fort functioned as a place of defense for the military.

Dialogue

A: Look at that! What is that? There is a gun fort near the school.
B: That’s right! It is called Chen-Lan Gun Fort.
A: There is something on the wall. It seems like the words have been carved into the wall. I can’t read them.
B: Yeah. They carved the words “Chen-Lan”. That is how it got its name.
A: I have a question! It was built a hundred years ago, wasn’t it? It looks like it is full of hundreds of holes.
B: Indeed. It was first built during the Qing Dynasty. It was used for the defense of the military.
A: Oh, I see. So could we walk around? Maybe we will find a surprise!
B: Sure, let’s go!

Word bank:
1. a gun fort 砲台  2. historical site 古蹟
3. third level 三級  4. protect 保護
5. military 軍事  6. National Historical Site 國家古蹟