

Item 5.Ba-c: Photographs from the Presidential Palace in Nanjing, commemorating the Taiping Rebellion, 2006



The Heavenly Kingdom of Great Peace had their government in the location that is now known as the Presidential Palace in Nanjing. The mansion built by the Taiping was destroyed by Qing troops, when they put down the rebellion. Rebuilt sometime later, several buildings in the compound were used first briefly by Sun Yat-sen in 1912 and later by the Guomindang leadership. In 1999, when the Chinese government decided to restore and open the palace to the public, one wing was created to “simulate scenes of the throne of the Heavenly King.” It includes a statue of Hong Xiuquan.



Replica of the office of Hong Xiuquan; the sign reads "Heavenly Kingdom on Earth."



Replica of Hong Xiuquan's throne room. The sign reads "Taiping unified as one."

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