



## **12. Type of God: Protection and Good Luck**

### **Chinese names/ titles:**

Shi Gandang (Mandarin-legend is based on this brave warrior)  
Ong Tho Than (Vietnamese)  
Duke of the Stone  
Stone General  
Courageous Stone

### **Legend:**

There was a brave warrior named Shi Gandang who could always turn bad luck into good fortune and could protect himself by keeping out danger. People thought that if they carved his name on stones, the stones would protect them. At Tin Hau Temple, the Courageous Stone is a collection of 6 stones of various shapes and sizes and without any names carved on them. It is common belief that these stones will frighten away hundreds of evil spirits, drive away calamities, officials will have good fortune, people will have good health, and education will flourish.