



VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES MEMORIAL PARK

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Valley of the Temples Memorial Park Engages Feng Shui Master, Clarence Lau, to Incorporate Principles of Prosperity, Health and Well-Being Into New Ocean View Terrace

VOT's New, 10-Acre Cemetery Development to Open in March 2015

KANEOHE, Hawaii (Feb. 5, 2015) – Do the principles of feng shui play as much of a role in death as they do in life? According to those who practice the ancient art – they do.

Construction is now complete at Ocean View Terrace (OVT), a first-of-its-kind cemetery development at [Valley of the Temples Memorial Park](#) (VOT) in Kaneohe. The 10-acre site – which features beautiful gardens, a cascading waterfall meandering through the property and panoramic views of the Ko'olau Mountains and Pacific Ocean – provides the ideal location to incorporate the art of feng shui, according to feng shui master, Clarence Lau. VOT commissioned Lau to integrate prosperity, harmony and well-being into the design of Ocean View Terrace. The development, which broke ground in summer 2013 and officially opens next month, is among the most ideal memorial parks in the world due to its mountaintop location and ocean views.

A 23-year veteran in the Chinese philosophy that governs spatial arrangement and orientation to promote health, prosperity and harmony, Lau believes VOT's natural landscape encourages optimal feng shui. He advises the team responsible for ensuring the park's monuments take full advantage of the topography in order to maximize the space as it pertains to feng shui.



Clarence Lau, feng shui master

“Though feng shui plays a significant role in all stages of life, the final resting place of a person’s spirit is actually more important than that of the home or office,” said Lau. “The place where one spends eternity will not only have an impact on the well being of immediate family members, but it will also affect the growth and prosperity of the next two generations.”

Lau advised Valley of the Temples on carefully designing the Ocean View Terrace property to optimize the balance and flow of good energy, ensuring an atmosphere of peace for the resting of departed loved ones. Optimal feng shui was achieved by positioning the direction to which Ocean View Terrace faced, according to Lau.

“Given the significance feng shui plays in the lives of many people in Hawaii, we enlisted Clarence to ensure the new Ocean View Terrace is in harmony with the principles by which many in the islands live,” said David Montgomery, vice president of cemetery development and memorialization. “Clarence’s attention to detail is not only impeccable, but the work he does conforms to the beliefs of our customers. Furthermore, to our knowledge, VOT is the only memorial park in the Hawaiian Islands to offer a complimentary feng shui consultation with the purchase of property here. This is a key differentiator that we’re really proud of.”

ABOUT FENG SHUI MASTER, CLARENCE LAU

Although burial sites were among the first locations to utilize feng shui principles thousands of years ago, VOT is the first memorial park for which Lau has provided consultation services. He first learned his craft in Hong Kong in the early 1980s before moving to San Francisco a decade later, offering feng shui expertise to customers eager to bring peace and happiness to their homes and businesses. In 1995, Lau moved to Honolulu, where he has incorporated feng shui into many people’s lives for nearly two decades. Among his most rewarding projects is Washington Place, the site of Queen Liliuokalani’s arrest during the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Lau now travels between Los Angeles, San Diego and Hawaii as a full-time consultant.



*Ocean View Terrace
at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park*

While feng shui is not new to the Chinese community – a large portion of Lau’s clientele – many Westerners are still not aware of the many benefits associated with it. Helping families live better, more prosperous lives is one of the most rewarding parts of his job, and his passion for helping people motivates him and makes him successful.

“I’m proud to say that the people I’ve had the chance to work with over the past 23 years have all been positively impacted by feng shui, so my business continues to grow,” said Lau. “As a result, I’ve been fortunate enough to maintain a steady flow of business referrals. I’m truly honored by the confidence placed in me and look forward to continuing these efforts on behalf of developments like Ocean View Terrace.”

ABOUT FENG SHUI

Feng (wind) shui (water) is based on the Taoist vision and understanding of nature. In general, the belief focuses on the idea that the land is alive and filled with Chi (energy). Developed more than 3,000 years ago in China, this ancient art and science is a complex body of knowledge that shows how to balance the energies of any given space to assure health and good fortune for people inhabiting it. In Chinese culture, the combined elements of wind and water are associated with good health. Therefore, good feng shui translates to good fortune, while bad feng shui means bad luck, or misfortune.

MEDIA, PLEASE NOTE: To schedule an interview with Clarence Lau or for high-res images of Valley of the Temples and Ocean View Terrace, please contact Ashley Boarman at northstar@landispr.com / (415) 561-0888.

ABOUT VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES

Valley of the Temples Memorial Park provides end-of-life services to families from diverse religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Established in 1963, Valley of the Temples Memorial Park is located on the Windward side of Oahu and is surrounded by mountains and lush, rolling green hills which overlook the Pacific Ocean. Valley of the Temples Memorial Park is part of a family of cemeteries, funeral homes and crematories with locations throughout the U.S. For more information, visit www.valley-of-the-temples.com or call (801) 239-8811.

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