

Bakcang (Peh Cun)

A historical figure named Qu Yuan 340 BC who was a Patriotic and minister in the Chu state. He is good at strategic cooperation with other kingdoms to fight against Qin state aggression.

Until one day, he was slandered and exiled after another corrupt minister convinced the king to believe in the false accusations that had befallen Qu Yuan. In 278 BC, Qu Yuan heard that the Qin forces invaded Ying (capital of Chu), he wrote Lamentations for Ying, then he sank in the Miluo River.

The suicide ritual was carried out to protest the corruption that had caused the fall of the Chu state. According to the story, the villagers tried to find their bodies in the river using a boat. They paddled the boat while hitting drums to scare fish and evil spirits so as not to disturb Qu Yuan's body. They also threw a packet of rice into the river to eat fish and fish did not eat Qu Yuan's body. The throwing of the rice pack as an offering for Qu Yuan's spirit.

There was also another story that said that Qu Yuan appeared in his friends' dreams and told them that he had committed suicide by drowning and they had to throw away rice wrapped in silk into the river to calm the dragon river. Thus, this raises the traditional habit of dragon boat racing and eating rice cakes on the anniversary of Qu Yuan's death which falls every five months every day 5 Chinese lunar calendars.

