

GLIMPSES OF CHINA BY AN ASTONISHED TRAVELER

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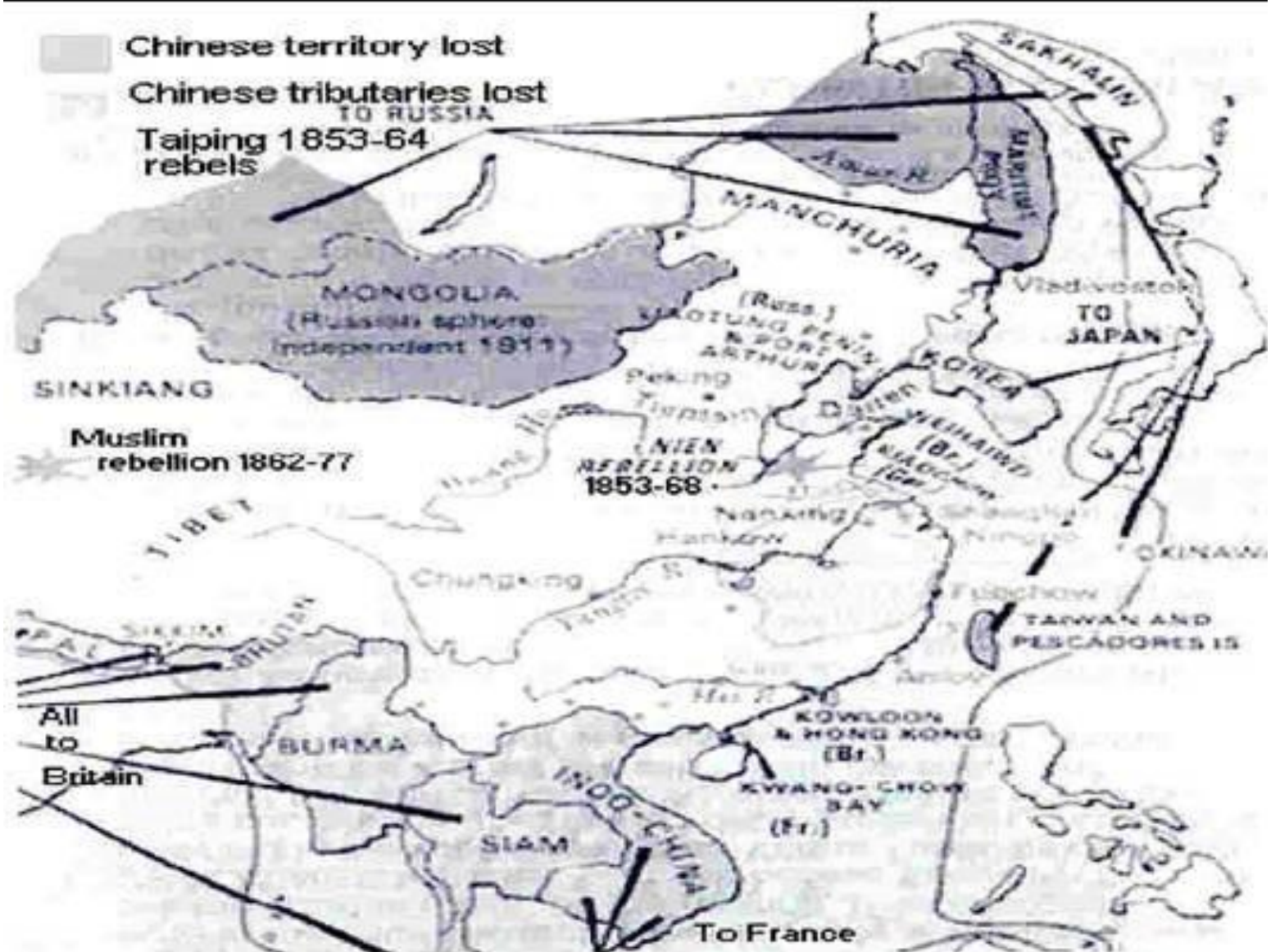
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Global Perspective

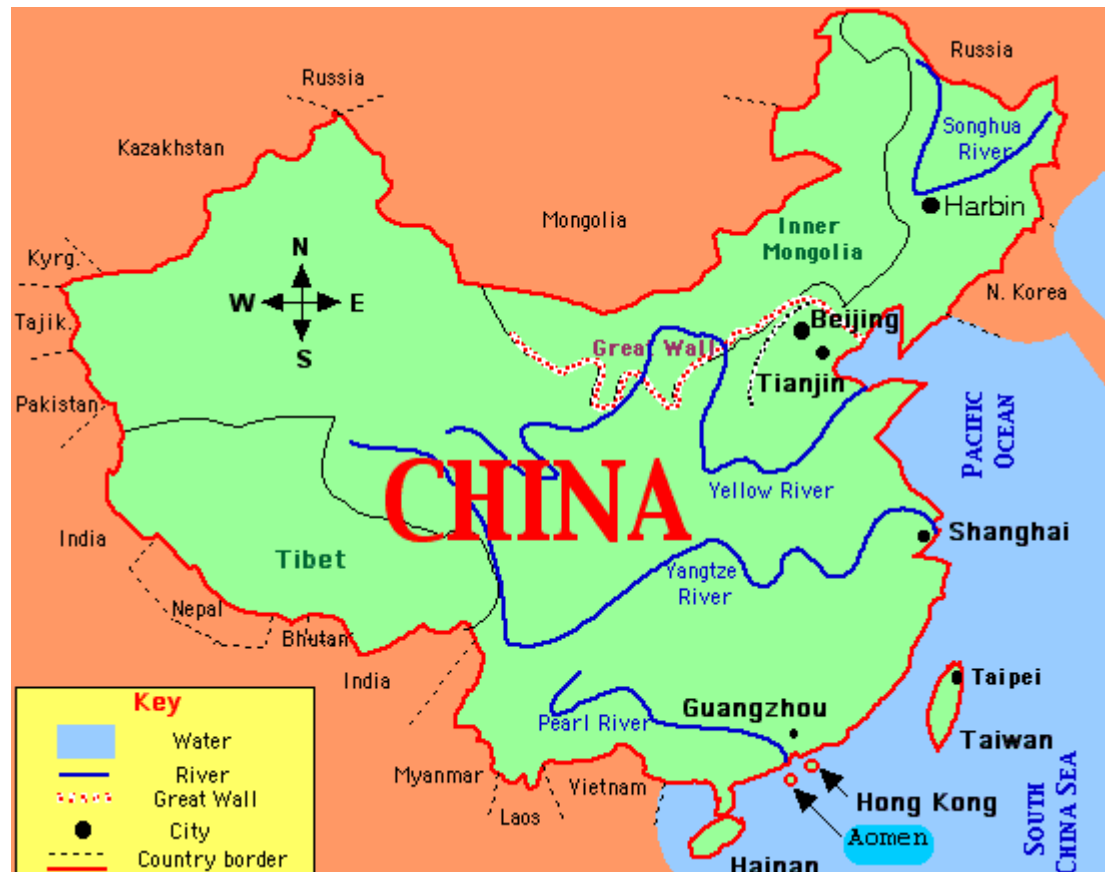


China's Neighbors



Map Showing Effects of Western Imperialism in China

Britain, France, Russia and Japan took over the Qing Empire's tributary sphere, then forced the grant of "treaty ports". At the same time there were internal rebellions.



China is bordered by 14 countries: North Korea, Russia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgistan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam

FOREIGN SPHERES OF INFLUENCE IN CHINA



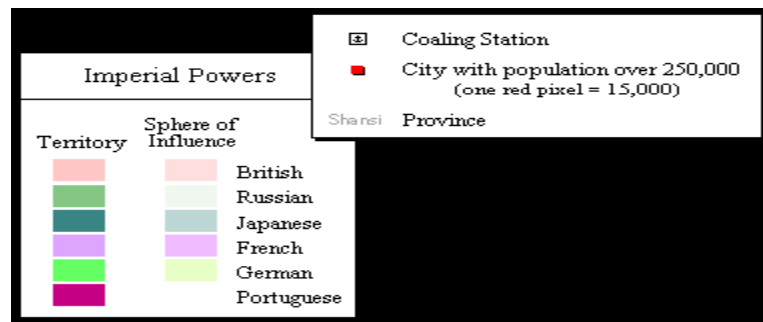
Russian

Japanese

German

British

French



CHINESE HISTORY TIMELINE

2100 BC – 1600 BC	Xia Dynasty	
221 BC – 206 BC	Qin Dynasty	
1271 – 1368	Yuan Dynasty	Mongol - Foreign domination
1368 – 1644	Ming Dynasty	Han Chinese
1644 - 1911	Qing Dynasty	Manchu – Foreign domination
1839 – 1842	First Opium War	China forced to cede Hong Kong
1856 – 1860	Second Opium War	Destruction of Old Summer Palace
1883 - 1885	Sino-French War	China forced out of Viet Nam
1894 – 1895	Sino-Japanese War	China forced out of Korea
1898– 1901	Boxer Rebellion	Eight foreign forces suppress rebellion
1911	Chinese Declare	Republic of China
1918	Versailles Treaty	Allies cede German sphere to Japan
1932	Japanese	Seize Shanghai
1937-1945	Japanese	Invade China

Qin Empire 221 – 206 BCE









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Silk Roads



Silk Roads are a network of routes extending 4,000 miles to transport Chinese silks, perfumes, spices, jewels, and even slaves. They served for more than 2,000 years, beginning during the Han Dynasty (206 BCE-220 CE) as a significant conduit for the spread of knowledge, and the development of the great civilizations of China, India, Egypt, Persia, Arabia, and Rome.

Grand Canal

Beijing to Hangzhou

Longest canal in the world,
1,115 miles

Oldest parts date back to
5th century BC

Invention of locks in
10th century AD



Used to transport
grain

Thus, soldiers did
not have to farm



Han Dynasty

206 BC – 220 AD



Tang Dynasty

618 AD – 907 AD



Tang Dynasty

Tri-color glazed
porcelain horse



Song Dynasty
960 – 1279 AD

Wooden
Bodhisattva



Yuan Dynasty
Mongolian

1271-1368

Genghis Khan
Kublai Khan

Marco Polo
1254 - 1324



Ming Dynasty

1368 – 1644

Founded by a
Han Chinese peasant



Ming Dynasty
Hongwu

Chinese Emperor

1368-1398



Was Tibet part of China,
or Independent ???

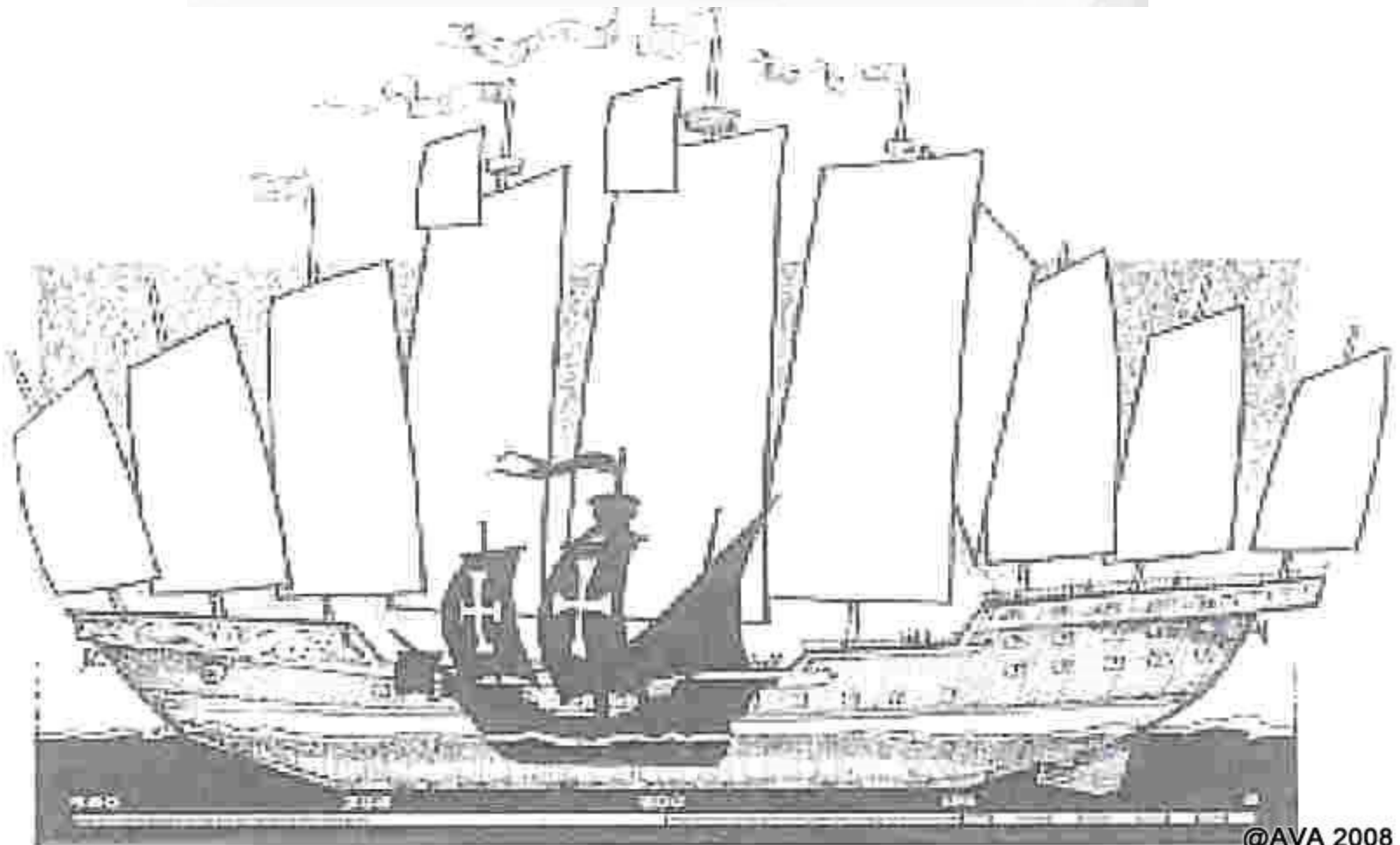




The Great Chinese Mariner Zheng He [Cheng Ho]

鄭和

三寶太監



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Comparative size of ships: Zheng He and Columbus



Zheng He's (1371 – 1435) Seventh and last voyage

Ming Dynasty
Celadon planter



Ming Dynasty jar

Sold for \$3.9 million





Painting of the Li River



Li River



Picture of Li River mountains on the Chinese currency.



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Qing Dynasty
1664 – 1912

Manchu

Kangxi Emperor
Reigned 1662-1722



Flag
1890 - 1912



Cixi, the Empress Dowager, 1835-1908

The concubine who became the empress who ruled the Chinese empire.





Chinese Navy complains about Cixi's marble boat.

Sun Yat-Sen
1866 – 1925

Inspired overthrow of the
Qing Dynasty in 1911

Founding Father of the
Republic of China in 1912

Co-founded Kuomintang
Chinese National People's Party



Chiang Kai-Shek
1887 – 1975

Sun Yat-Sen's close ally
Took Sun's place in 1925
Led Northern Expedition
to unify China
Engaged in civil war with the
Chinese Communist Party
Massacred 12,000 in Shanghai
in 1927
CCP defeated Nationalists who
retreated to Taiwan
President of the Republic of
China until his death in 1975

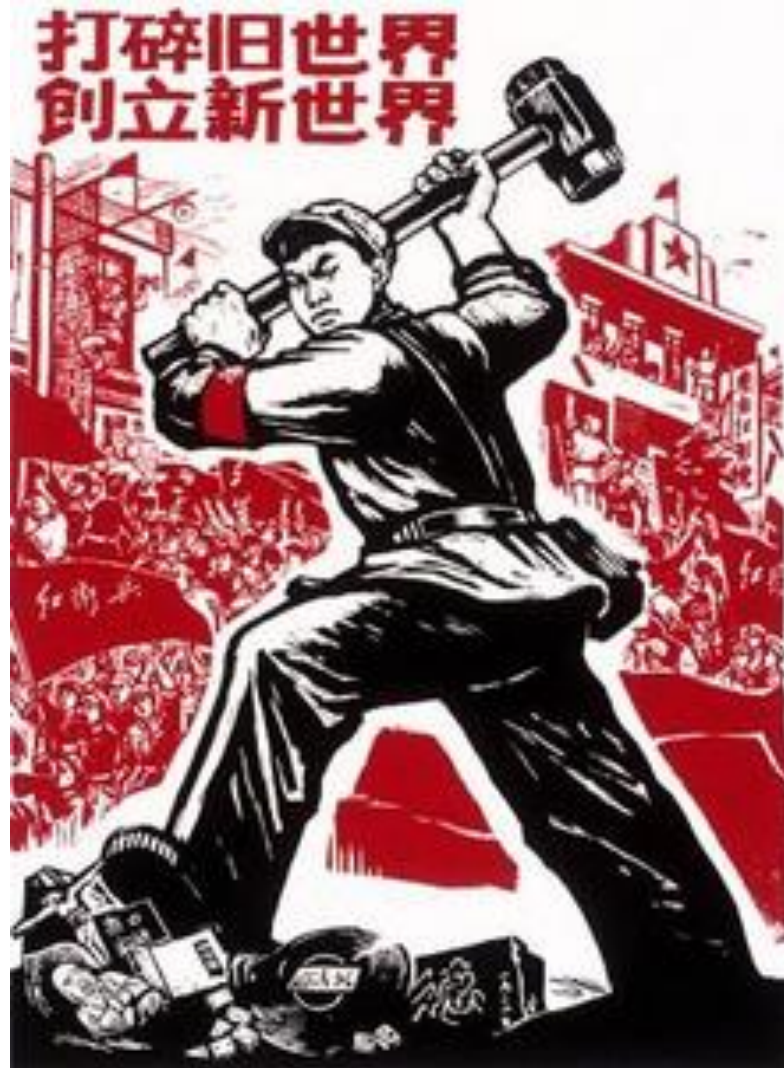


Cultural Revolution
1966-1976

Mass movement ended with
Mao's death in 1976

"Destroy the old world,
Forge the new world."

A worker crushes a crucifix,
Buddha, and classical Chinese
Texts with his hammer, 1967.



Economic reform
1978

Deng Xiaopeng

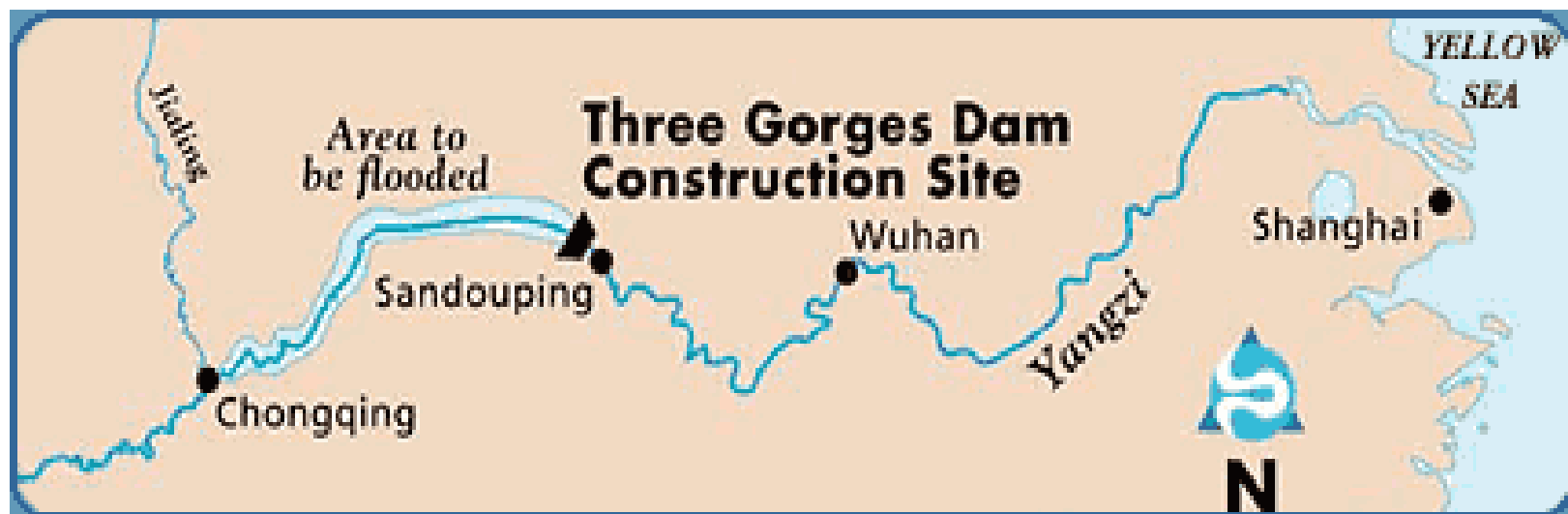
Socialism with
Chinese characteristics

Black cat, white cat,
Does it catch mice?



Shanghai
Pudong







Three Gorges Dam. Completed in 2009 at a cost of \$30 billion. Over 600 feet tall, 1.3 miles wide. Over 1.5 million people relocated. Flooded 360 miles up river. Concerns: silt and sewage build up.

Harbin
Ice Festival

2010



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Harbin
Snow Sculpture

2010



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Beijing
International
Airport



2008 Olympics in Beijing, China: Closing Ceremonies













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Suzhou Gardens







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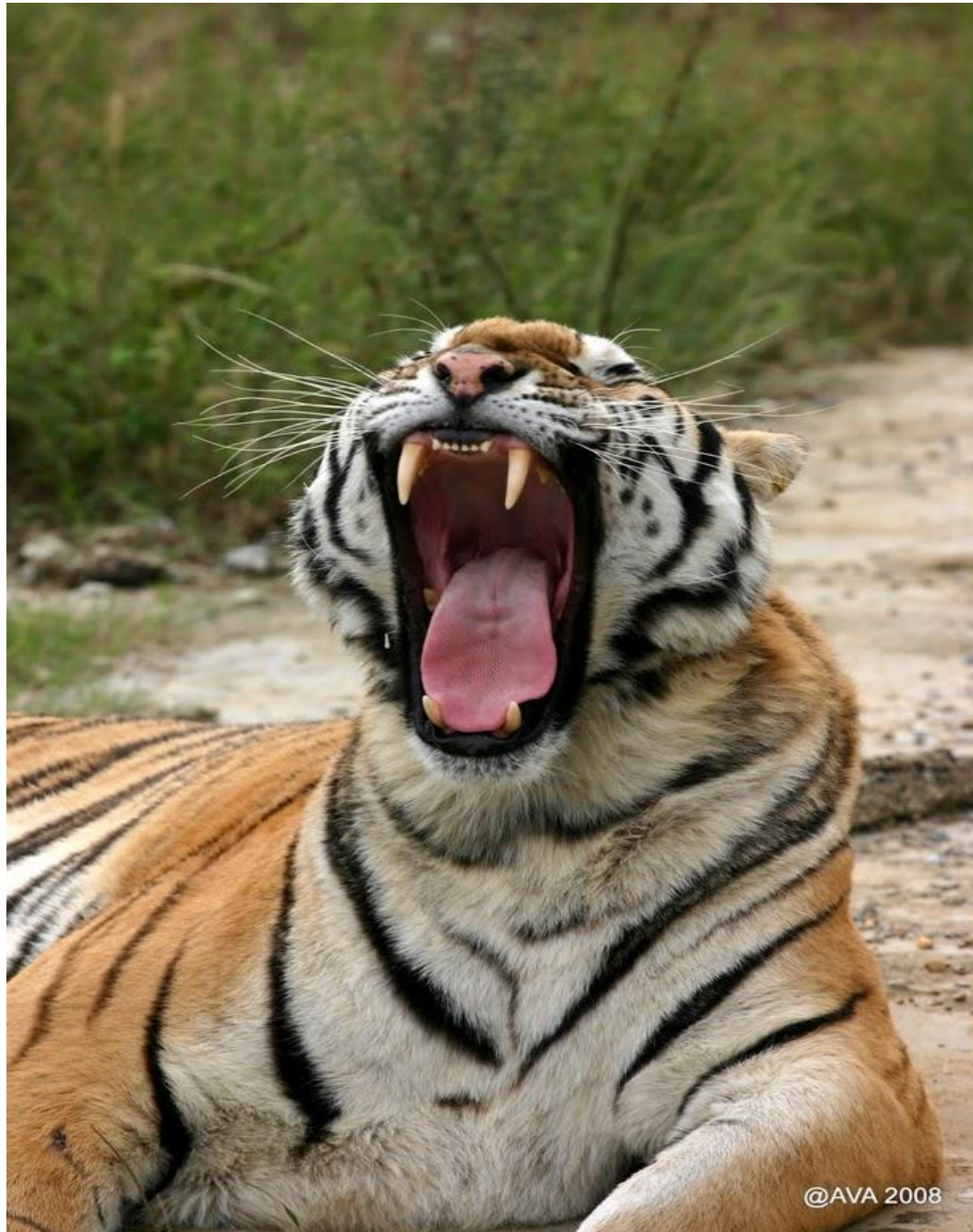
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热烈庆祝“三八”国际劳动妇女节93周年
花样年华大型旗袍服饰文艺晚会



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Travel by Train in China



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Chinese Embroidery

Sells for \$1,500



Chinese Embroidery

Sells for \$700



Chinese Embroidery





More Chinese Embroidery

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Your comments and questions are welcome.

Please contact me at:

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I hope to see you on the Fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. Our next session is on:

Wednesday, April 27, 2011