

REPORT ON THE CHARACTERISTICS IN DESIGNING THE ATLAS OF BEIJING

ABSTRACT

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The Atlas of Beijing is the first large-size integrated city atlas ever published since Beijing became a city some 3,000 years ago. By direct sense perception and image the maps along with all the relevant tables, photos, and words, systematically reflect the administrative divisions, population, nationalities, city construction, science, education, culture and health, tourism, socioeconomy, natural resources, historic vicissitudes as well as the overall planning of Beijing—capital of the people's Republic of China (PRC).

The Atlas displays to its reading public the course of development of Beijing in the aspects of time and space from a time-honoured ancient capital city toward a modern cosmopolis of today. For the past 40 years after the founding of the PRC, especially since the implementation of the Party's policy of reform and opening to the outside world, this capital city has made tremendous progress in construction, socioeconomy, science and technology, resource utilization, exchange of goods and materials as well as information throughput.

The Atlas also shows its unusual way of designing in its rich contents, huge information capacity, up-to-dateness, vivid format, distinguished gathering of science and technology as well as elegant printing.

The Atlas will thus provide a scientific basis for the leadership at all levels and all the sections of management in their macro-decision-making. Meantime, it will offer a synthesis of information to researchers in their study of the city of Beijing. Last but not least, the Atlas will also prove itself a contribution to cultural exchanges between China and other nations.

RRSUME

Dong Yiguo, born on December 10, 1936 in Ningbo of Zhejiang Province, China. graduated from the Cartographic Department of Wuhan institute of Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography in 1962. served as a senior engineer in Beijing Surveying and Designing Institute, the editor-in-chief in the editorial office of the Atlas of Beijing, director of Beijing Institute of Surveying and Drawing and also vice-director of the professional Cartographic Committee. Have long-time experience in editing and designing various kinds of maps and professional maps. In compiling city maps in particular, have gained some rich experiences as well as some in-depth study thus culminating in the publication of some ten large and medium-size atlases of which three had reached the advanced world level and four were prize-winners, viz. Atlas of Beijing History which won the first prize of Beijing municipal scientific progress and the national excellent publication; Atlas of Beijing Land Resources which won the first prize of excellent engineering project and the second prize of excellent engineering work of the Ministry of Construction; Atlas of Malignant tumour in Beijing won the third prize of Beijing scientific and technological achievement; Atlas of Beijing Satellite Remote Sensing Image and studies in Mapping Asian Games by Using New Technology which all won the third prize of Beijing municipal progress in science and technology. Have published up to the present more than 30 treatises including in the main the Preliminary Exploration in Compiling the Atlas of Land Resources in Urban Areas. Acted as the Editor-in-Chief of the Atlas of Beijing — a large-size comprehensive atlas ever published so far since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949. Have been recommended to the International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, England as International Man for the year 1992/93.