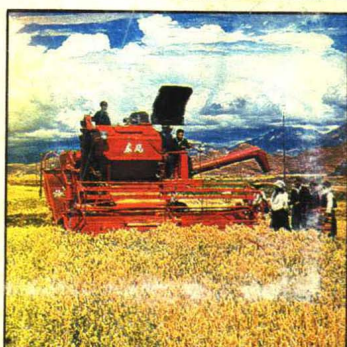
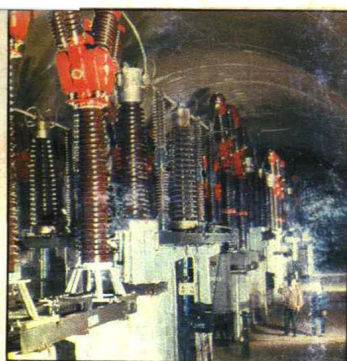
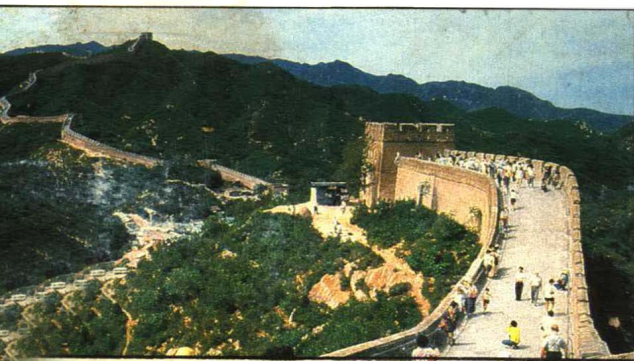




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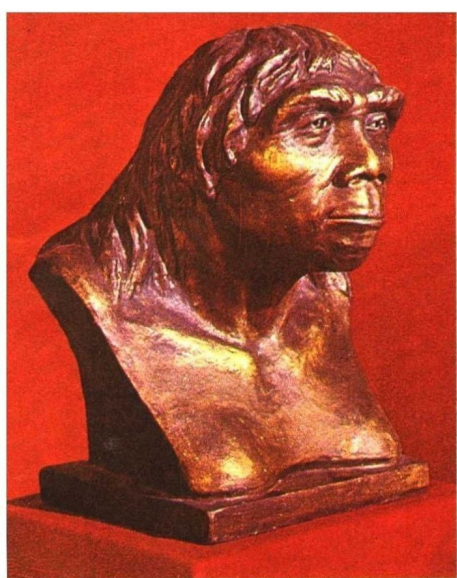
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## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

It has been 35 years since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949. The Chinese people, led by the Chinese Communist Party, have made remarkable progress in turning the old, backward and poverty-stricken China into a new socialist state, a state that has achieved initial prosperity, despite the many difficulties to overcome. However, for various reasons, the course of the Chinese people has been tortuous and the country has suffered many setbacks and even failures. China is now entering a new historical era which involves summing up the experiences and lessons of its socialist construction, and taking economic development as the main direction for future work. Confident of their success, people all over the country are striving to build the country into a modern socialist nation.

This book is not to give a comprehensive and detailed account of New China, but to provide the reader who is interested in China with the basic facts of China's current political, economic and cultural life and its brief history and geography. We hope it can serve as an introductory book for those who are interested in China.

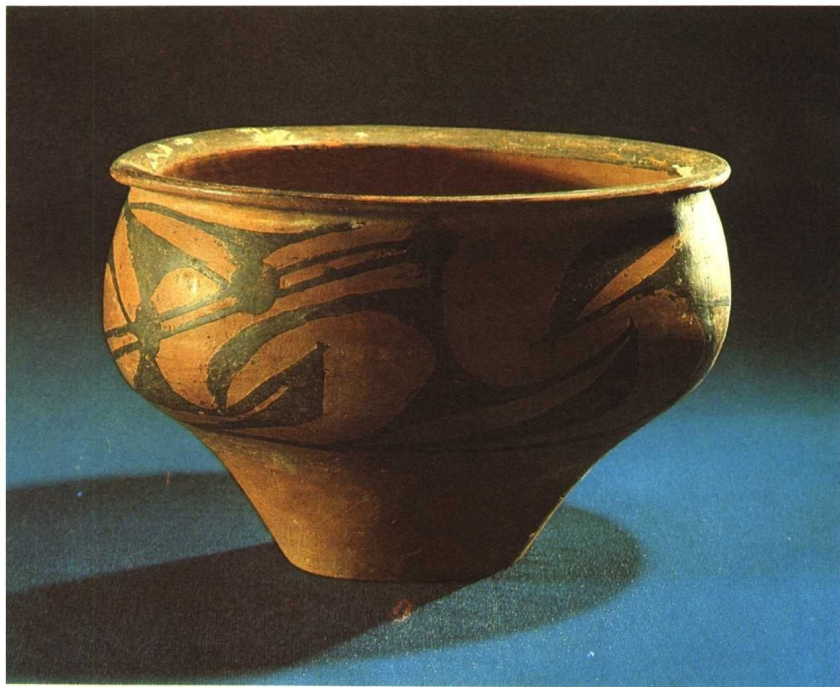


"Peking Man".

The site of "Peking Man" dating back 500,000 years.



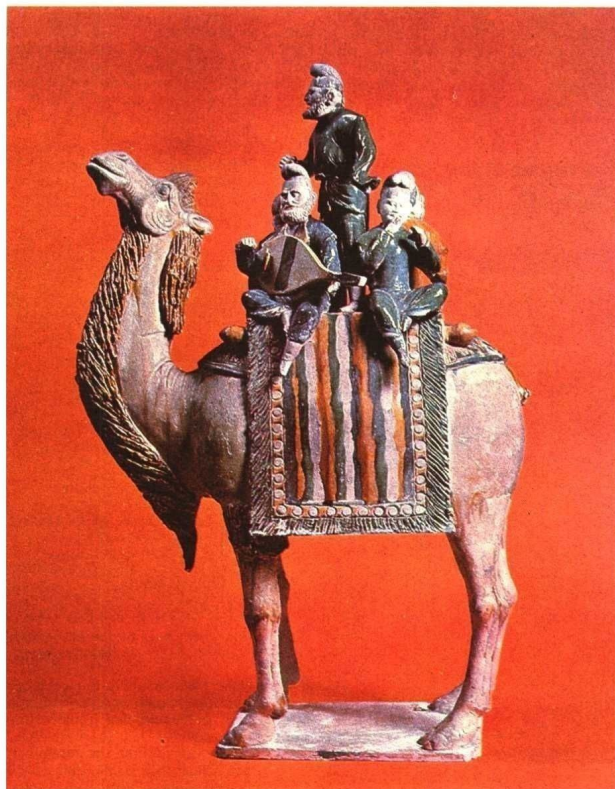




A 180-mm-high coloured pottery pot of the Yangshao Culture 6,000 years ago.

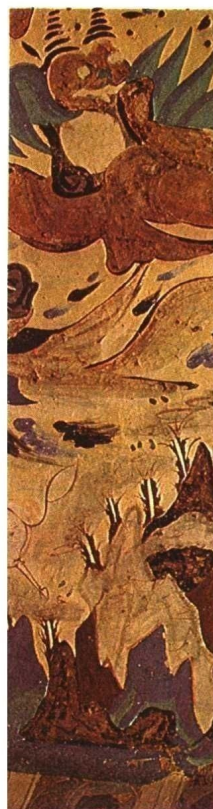
A huge vault containing life-size terracotta figurines and horses buried in the tomb of the First Emperor of the Qin Dynasty (259-210 B.C.).





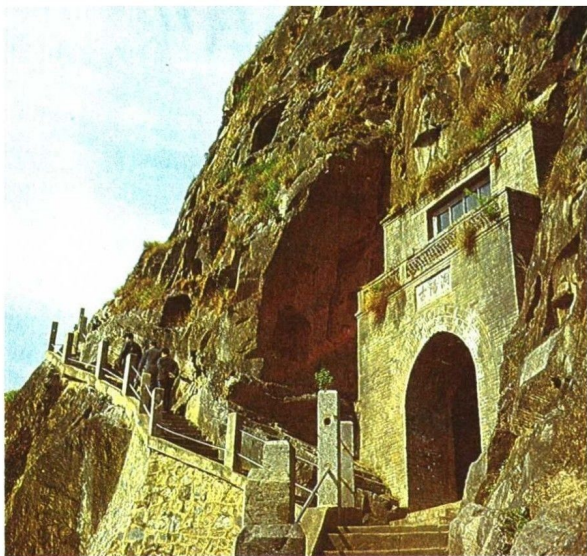
A Tang Dynasty 663-mm-high tricoloured pottery camel carrying three musicians.

"Flying Celestials and Hunting" — a mural in No. 249 Cave of the Dunhuang Grottoes, dating back to the Western Wei (535-56).





The Guyang Cave of the Longmen Grottoes in Henan Province, carved at the end of the 5th century.



The Zhaozhou Bridge in Zhaoxian County, Hebei Province, built in 605-17, is the oldest stone arch bridge still in use today.





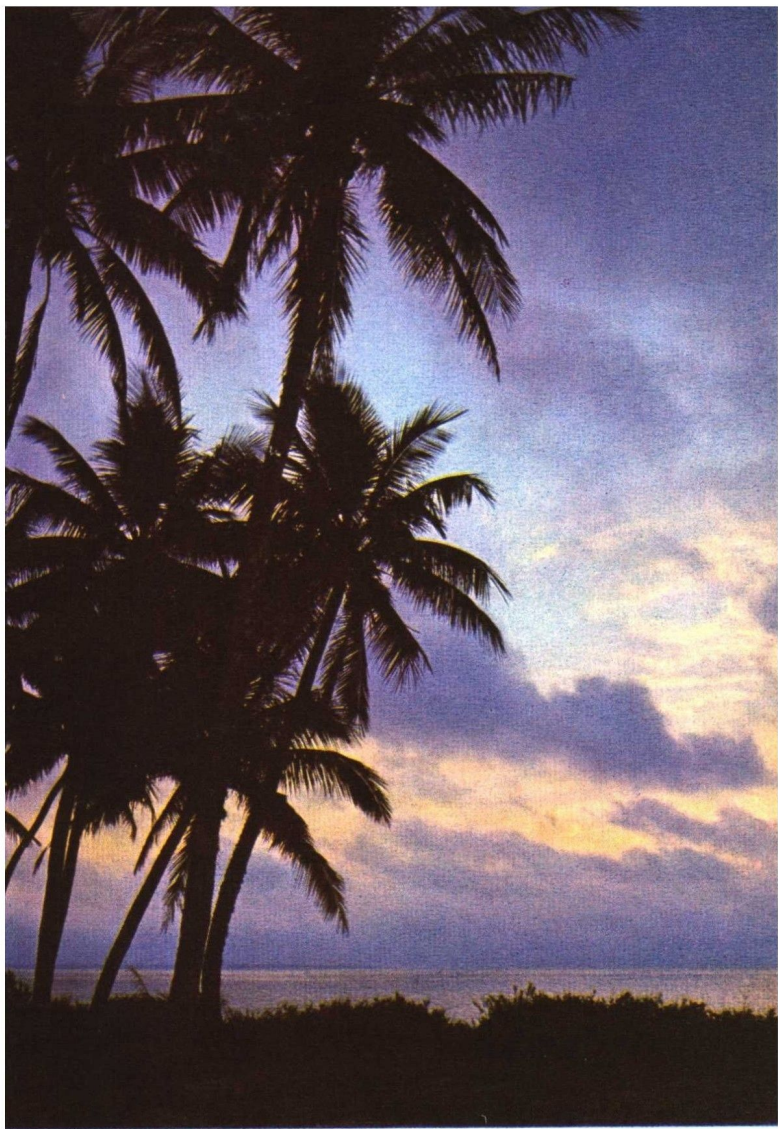


The Great Wall — one of the architectural wonders of the world.



Tiananmen (Gate of Heavenly Peace) at the centre of Beijing, the capital of China.





Hainan Island.



The 8,848.13-metre-high Mount Qomolangma, the world's highest peak, on the Sino-Nepalese border.





The Sisters' Pool (*above*), and the Lake of Sun and Moon (*below*) in the Ali Mountains, Taiwan Province.





Rippling sea of sand, Taklimakan Desert, northwest China.



Lumbering in the  
Greater Hinggan Moun-  
tains, northeast China.





Mount Huangshan.