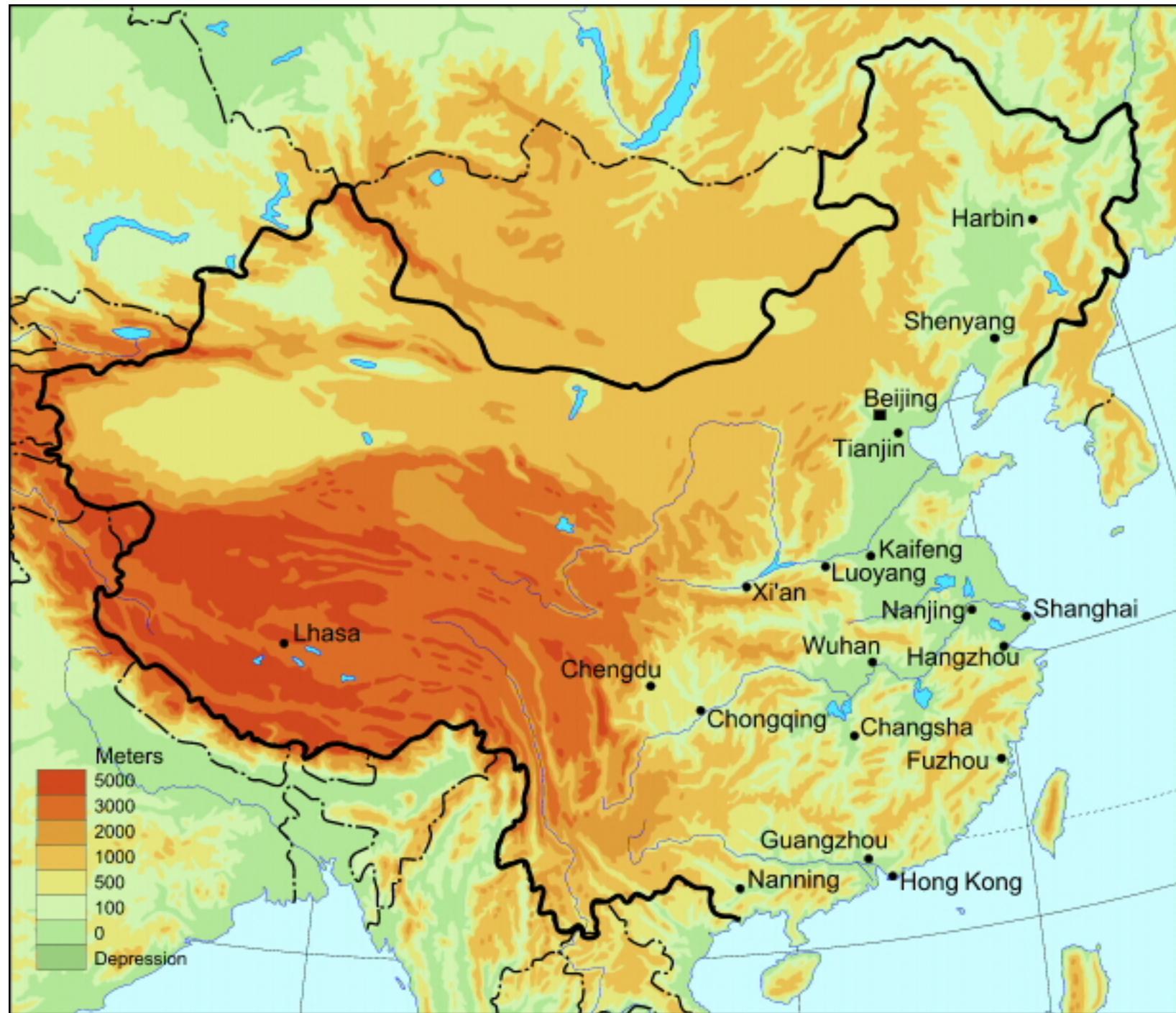


# **Geography and Climate**



- **Topography**
  - Three giant steps
    - Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau
    - Loess Plateau and Yun-Gui Plateau
    - East Coastal Lowland
  - Another way to see the topography of China
    - Irregular Chessboard
  - Two Big Rivers

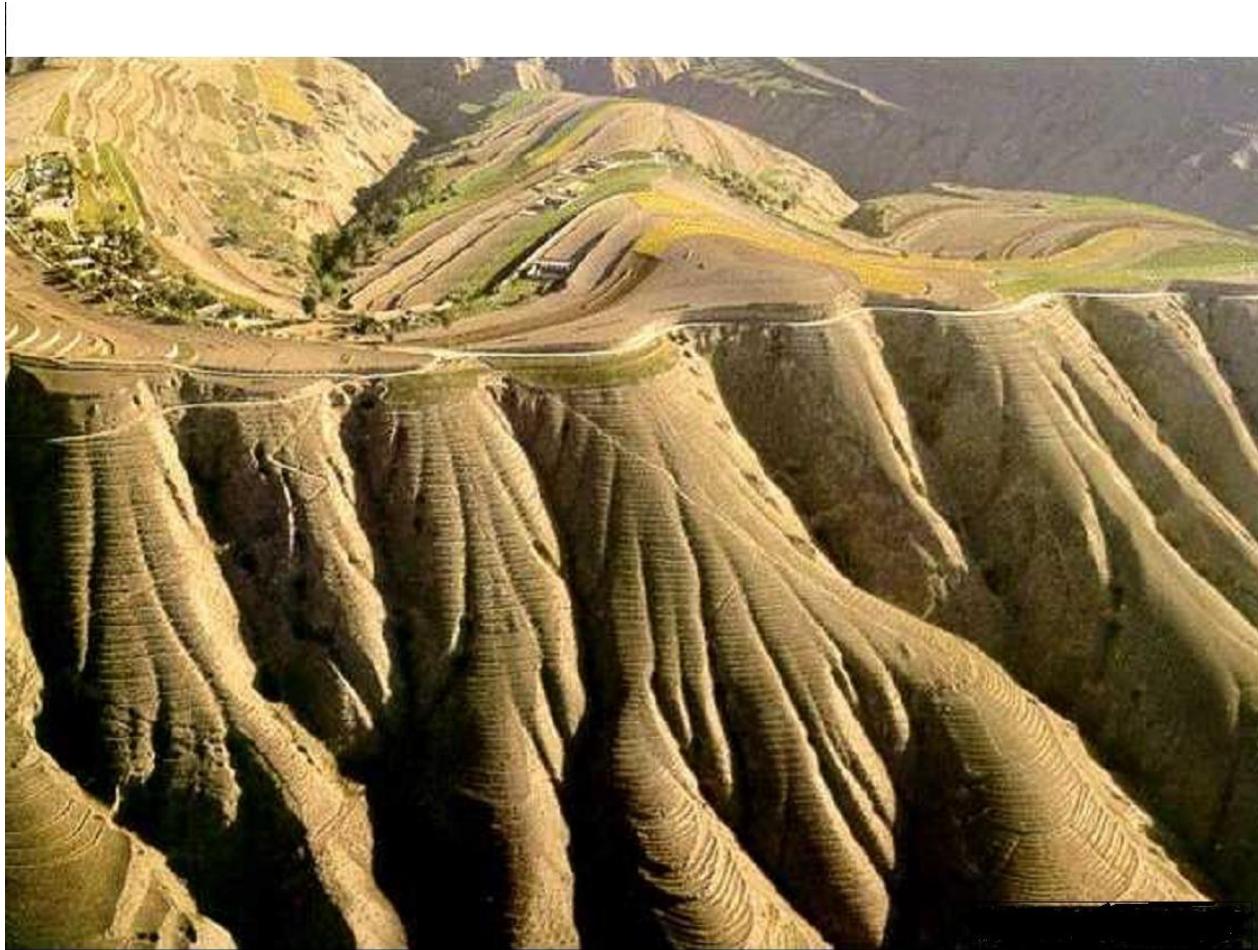
- **Climate of China**
  - Asian Monsoon
  - Decline of the Rainfall Rate
- **The impacts of topography and Climate on Chinese History and Civilization**
  - Isolation
  - Regional diversities
  - Confrontations between two types of civilizations

- **The Administration Map of China**
  - 22 Provinces
  - 5 Autonomous Regions
  - 4 Municipalities (equal to provinces in administration level)
  - 2 Special Administrative Regions

# Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau



# Loess Plateau



# Yun-Gui Plateau Scenery



# North China Plain



# A City in Lower Yangzi Region

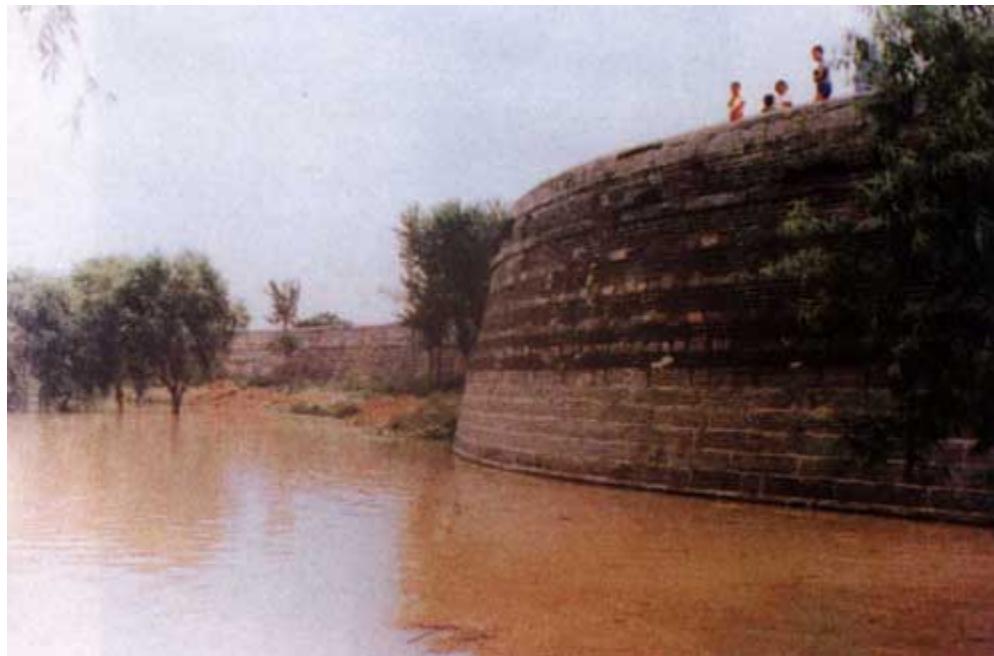




# Yellow River Flowing through the Loess Plateau



# The Dam of the Yellow River



# Yellow River in North China Plain

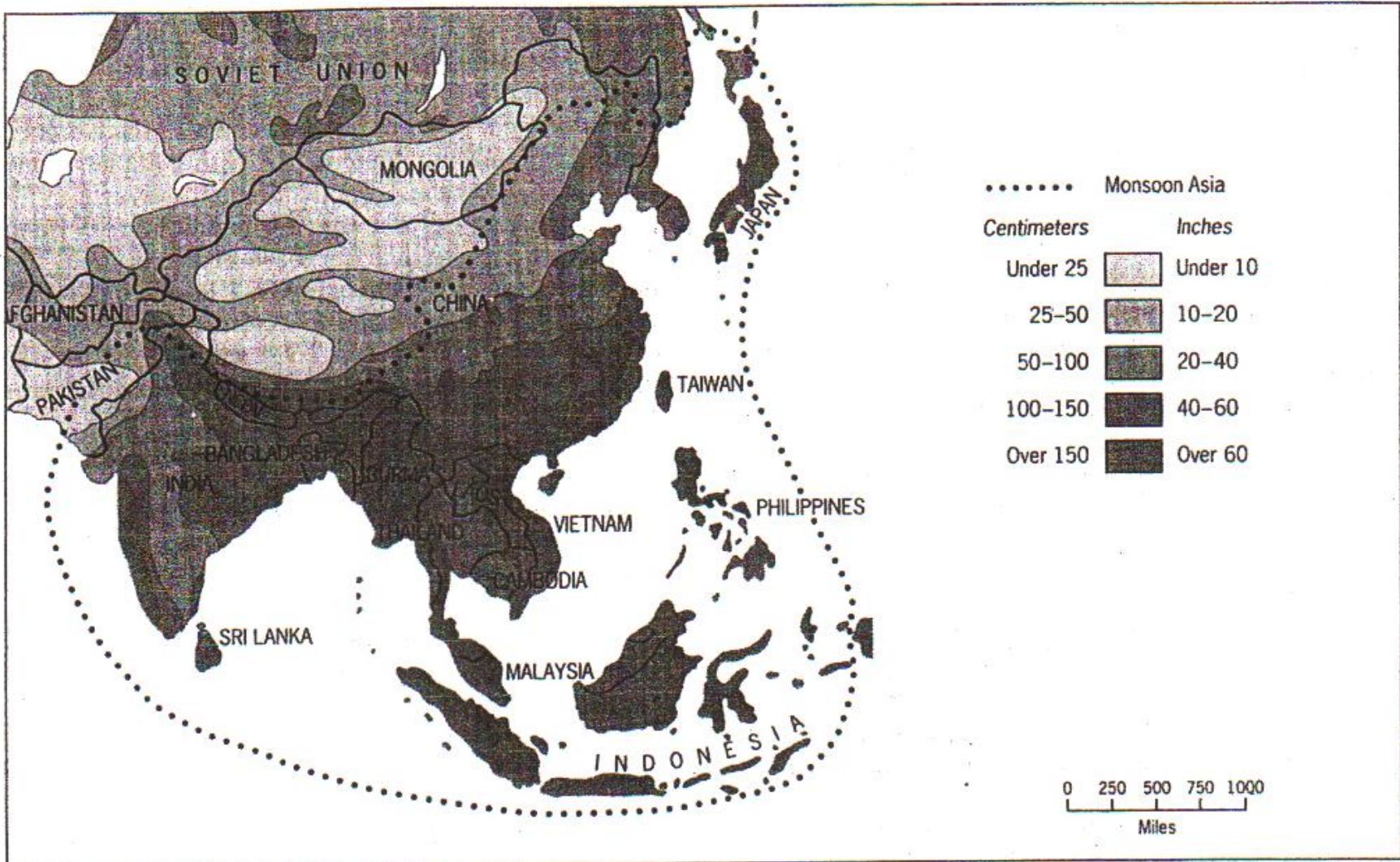


# The Origin of the Yangzi River



# The Three Gorges

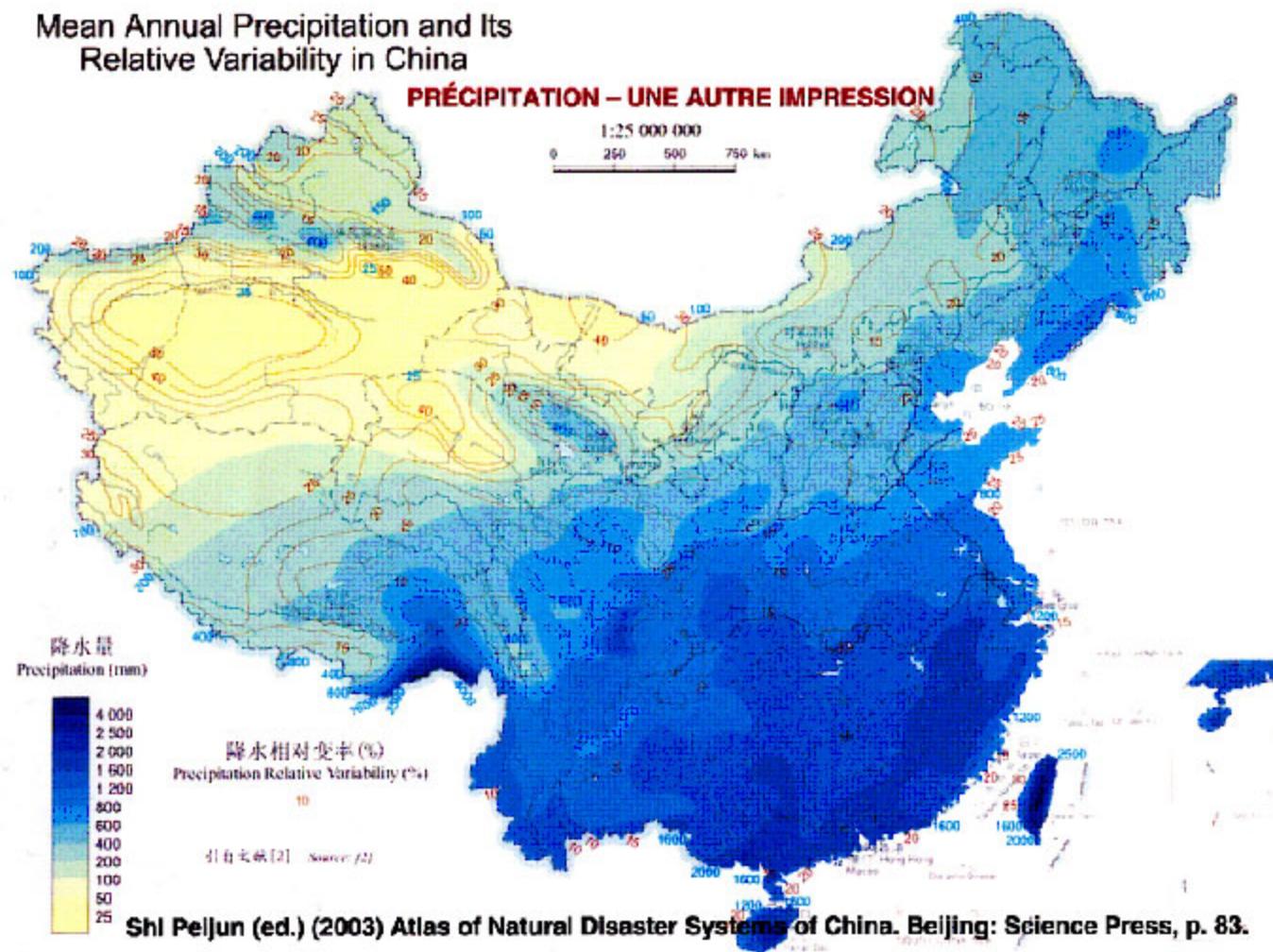




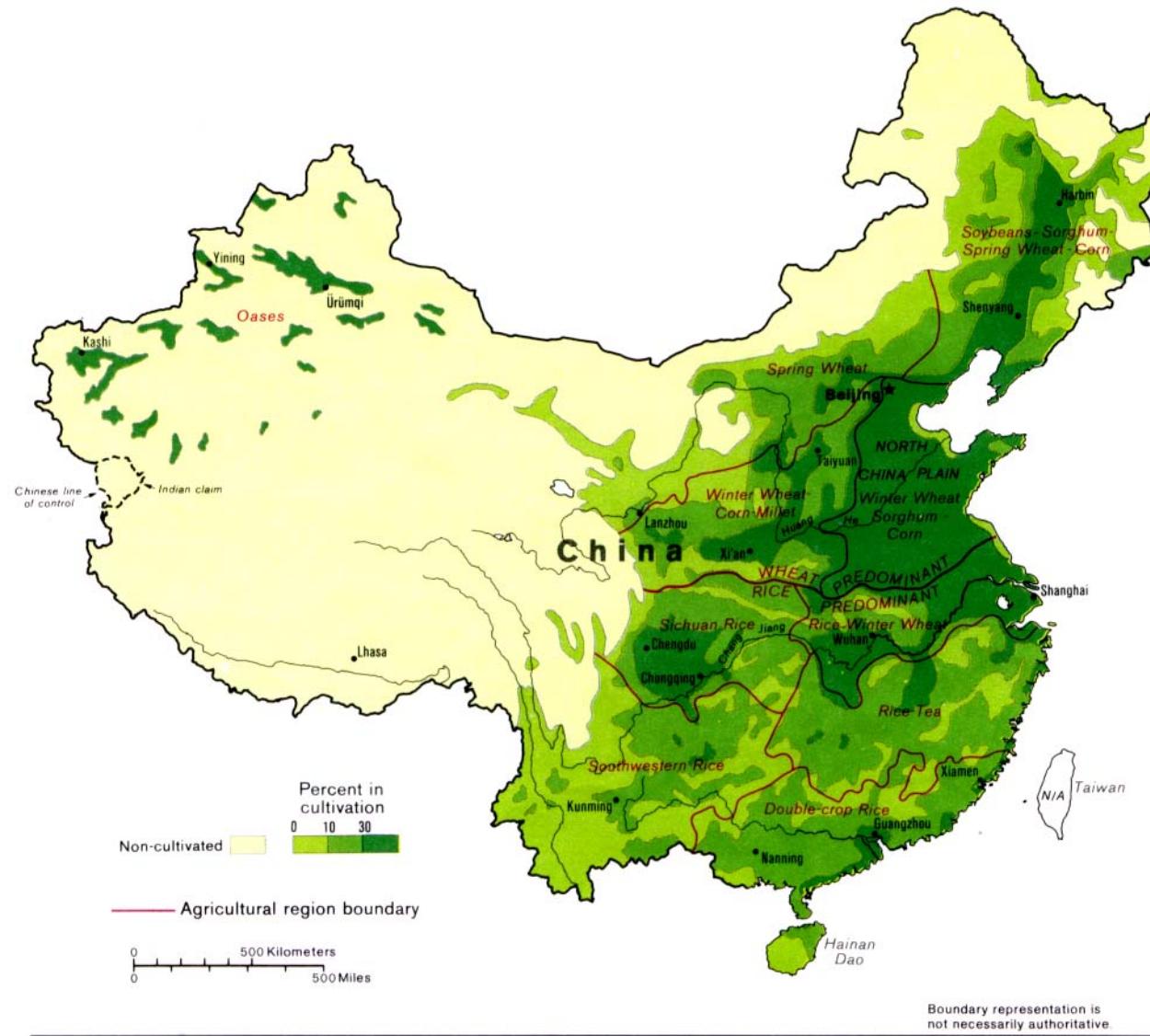
### *Precipitation in Monsoon Asia*

(Monsoon: the yearly flow of warm, moist air from the surrounding seas in summer, bringing rain to the areas indicated.)

## Mean Annual Precipitation and Its Relative Variability in China



## Agricultural Regions





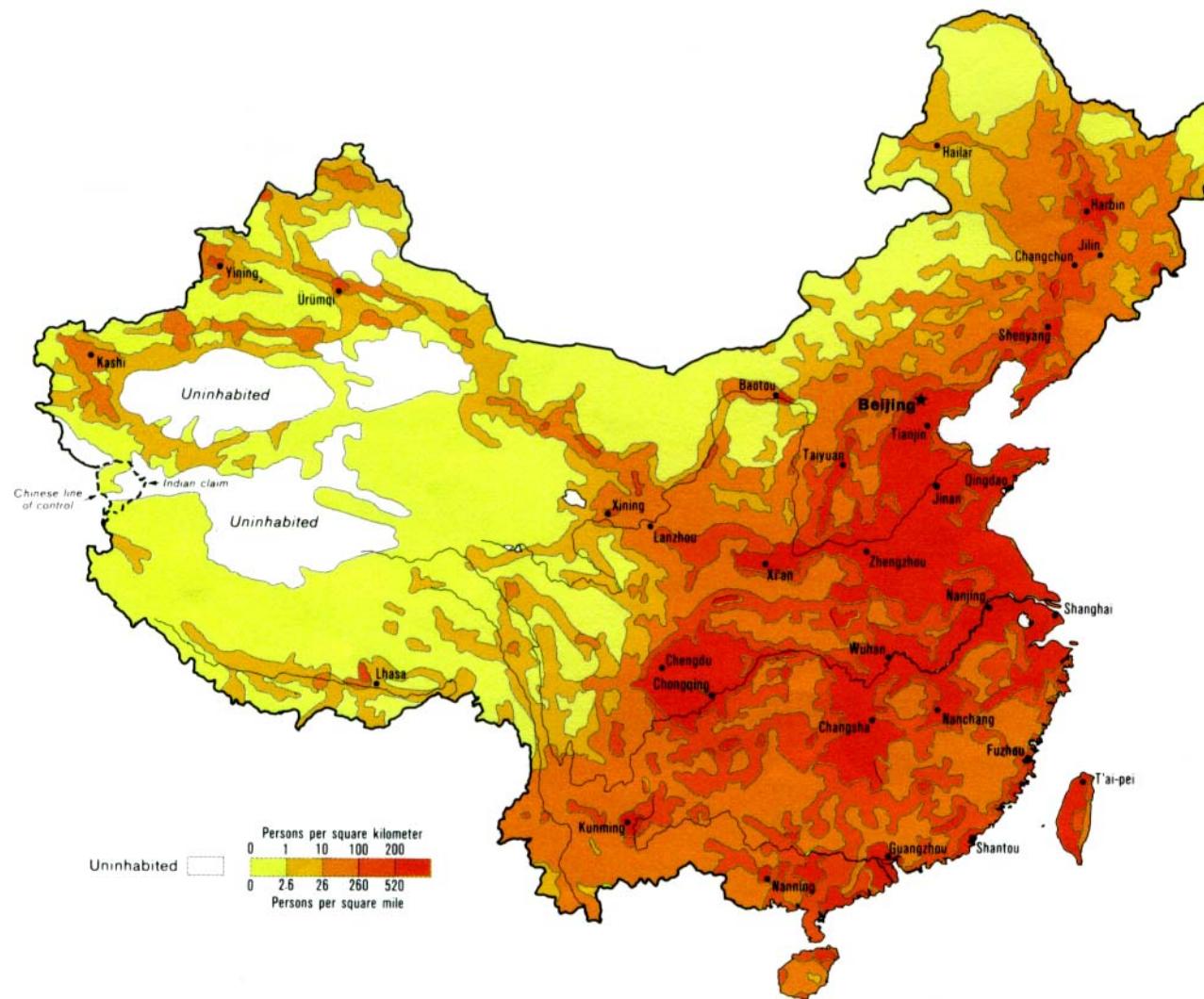






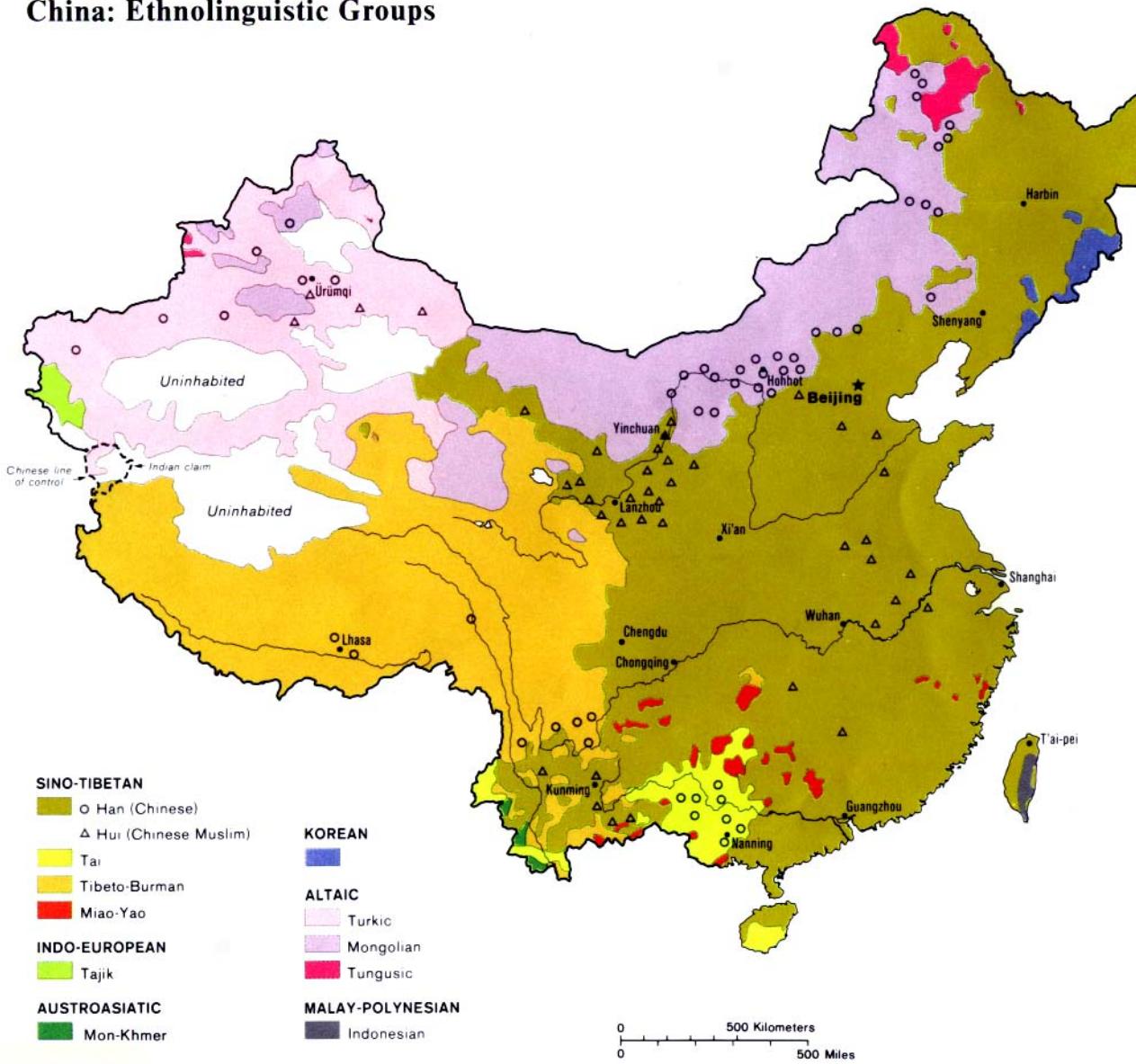


## China: Population Density



Boundary representation is  
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## China: Ethnolinguistic Groups





Map I.2. Physiographic Macroregions of China

SOURCE: G. William Skinner, *The City in Late Imperial China* (Stanford, 1977).

