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前言

China is an ancient country possessing many world-class heritagesites such as the Great Wall, the Terracotta Warriors and Horses of QinShi Huang, the Palace Museum and the Suzhou gardens, as well asworld-famous ancient luminaries including the great educator Confuciusand the author of Art of War, Sun Wu, among many others. Sixty years have passed since the announcement of the foundingof the People's Republic of China on the Tian'anmen Rostrum in 1949. Over the past 60 years, the People's Republic has shown its resolutevitality to the whole world. In particular, bold endeavors through over 30 years of reform and opening-up have helped China's economy realize steady and rapid growth. China has achieved a total transformation from silent isolation to a remarkable rise which has attracted the world's attention, focusing not only on China's ancient culture, but also toward its present and future. China is a primer to help international readers acquire a better understanding of China. While maintaining certain basic historical facts and general information, it offers the latest facts and figures on every facet of China, including its international contacts, cultural exchanges, economic growth, environmental protection, developments in science and technology, social progress, and improvements of people's livelihood, with the aim of assisting readers toward a wider and deeper knowledge of China.



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插图:Kangxi (1654-1722), the best known emperor of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), restored the central empire'srule over Taiwan, and resisted invasions by tsarist Russia. To reinforce the administration of Tibet, he also formu-lated the rules and regulations on the confirmation of the Tibetan local leaders by the Central Government. Heeffectively administered more than 11 million sq km of Chinese territory. During the early 19th century, the QingDynasty declined rapidly. Britain smuggled large quanti-ties of opium into China, leading to the Qing governmentimposing a ban on the drug. To protect its opium trade, Britain launched a war ofaggression against China in 1840, forcing the Qing government to sign the Treatyof Nanjing, a treaty of national betrayal and humiliation. Many countries, including Britain, the United States, France, Russia and Japan, coerced the Qing govern-ment to sign various unequal treaties, cede territory and pay reparations following the Opium Wars. China was gradually relegated to the status of a semi-colonial, semi-feudal country. The Revolution of 1911 led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen was one of the greatest eventsin modern Chinese history, as it overthrew the Qing Dynasty that had ruled forsome 270 years, ended over 2,000 years of feudal monarchy, and established the Republic of China. From 1911 to 1949 China endured a large number of civil wars. Owing to the cooperation and joint resistance of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Kuomintang, the Japanese aggressors were defeated in the War of Resistanceagainst Japanese Aggression (1937-1945). The People's Republic of China was founded on October 1, 1949. Throughjust 60 years of struggle, explore and reform, as the party in power, the CPC hassucceeded in bringing about a stable political situation, with steady economic prosperity, providing ample food and clothing, and active diplomatic engage-ment, as the world's most populous developing country.



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