CHGIS China Historical Geographic Information System

New Release of Version 3 Datasets (April 2005)

We are pleased to announce the release of the China Historical GIS - Version 3, providing a fully documented database of historical administrative units in China.

The new datasets may be accessed directly on our website using a search engine for specific placenames, or the individual GIS layers may be downloaded free of charge for academic use.

Contents of the new release include:

a) Time Series datasets (from 222 BCE to 1911 CE) for the region covering Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Fujian, Jiangxi, Guangdong, Hunan.

b) 1820 datasets for the Qing Dynasty. 1911 datasets for the region covering Fujian, Zhejiang, Jiangsu, Guangdong, Anhui, Jiangxi, Hunan, Hubei, Henan, Shandong, Shaanxi, Gansu, and all but the northern reaches of Shanxi and Zhili.

c) 1911 datasets for the region covering Fujian, Zhejiang, Jiangsu, Guangdong, Anhui, Jiangxi, Hunan, Hubei, Henan, Shandong, Shaanxi, Gansu, and all but the northern reaches of Shanxi and Zhili.

d) 1990 CITAS data (Provinces, Prefectures, and Counties) joined with basic census statistics.

e) Frontier Regions datasets (circa 1875 – 1900) covering areas in Tibet, Qinghai, Xinjiang, and Mongolia, as digitized from Russian historical maps.

f) Topographic background images, processed from remote sensing Digital Elevation Models.

g) Digital Scans of Southwest China Maps by Joseph Rock

The complete contents of the datasets listed above are available for free download by registering your name, institution and email address. A CD-ROM will be published in Summer 2005 and will be available for $7.50 from Cheng & Tsui Company (www.cheng-tsui.com) .

Placenames may also be looked up using our simple online search engine, which requires no registration or special software. Currently online you will find the CHGIS Placename Index, Japan Placename Index, Tan Historical Atlas of China Index, and an East Asian Geographic Feature Type Index.

The next release of CHGIS data (2006) will extend the coverage of 1911 county boundareis to include the Southwest and Northeast, and will extend the historical time series (222 BCE to 1911 CE) to cover the same area.

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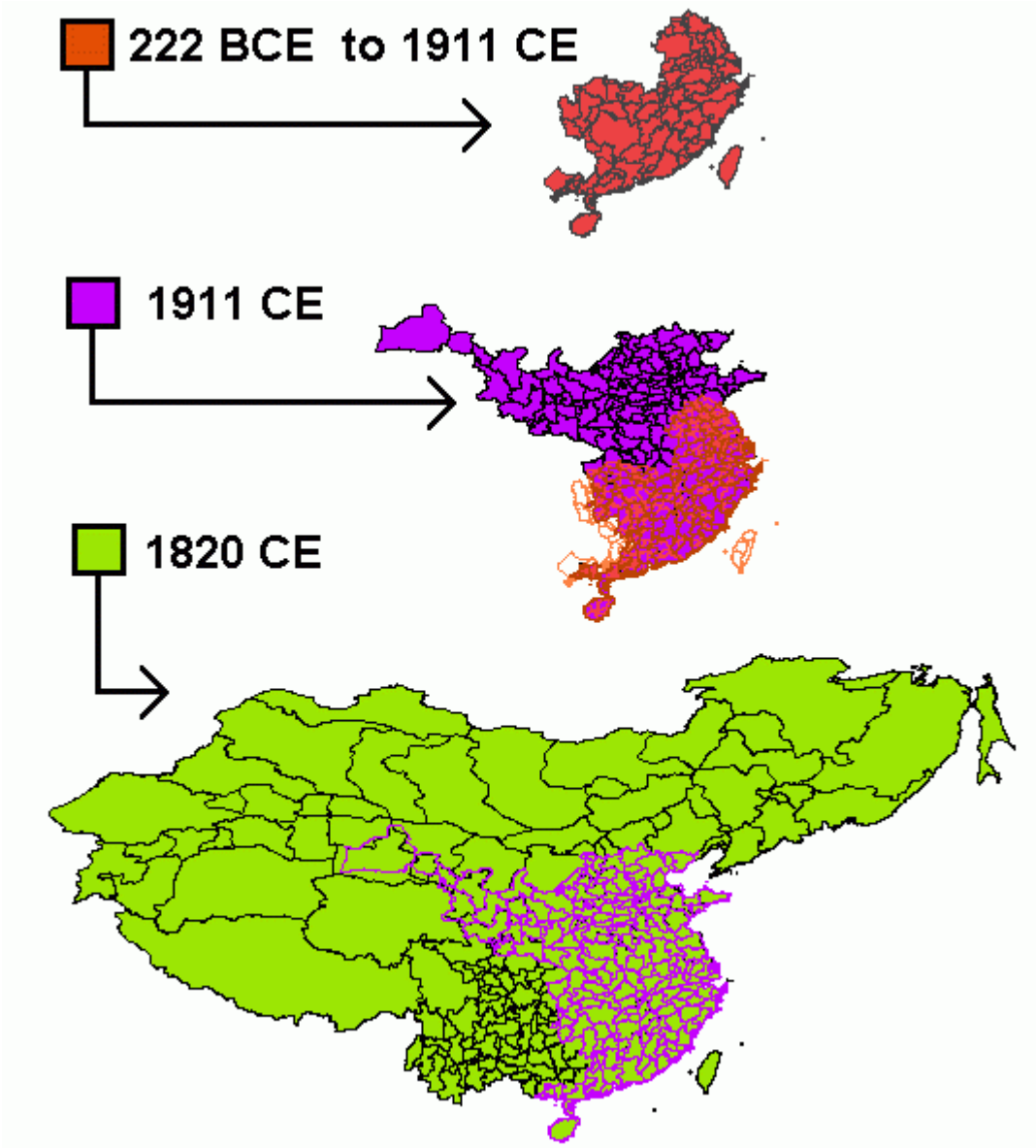

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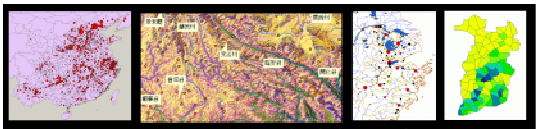

sample maps created with CHGIS data & user data

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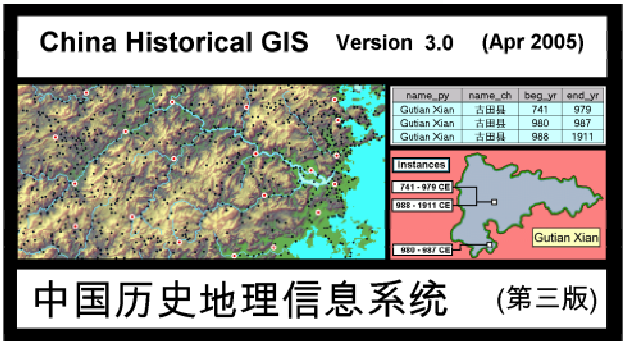

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