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Monitoring Economic, Political, Cultural and Environmental Developments

General Background


“Autonomous Regions of China” from Wikipedia. This is very brief and contains no references for source material, but it is a useful starting point for those whose knowledge of China’s autonomous regions is limited. Available at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autonomous_regions_of_china.

China’s Autonomous Regions (in the order as given below):

Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region – 新疆維吾爾自治區
Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region  內蒙古自治區
Tibet Autonomous Region – 西藏自治區
Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region – 宁夏回族自治區
Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region – 廣西壯族自治區

Comments are invited on anything contained in the listed documents and suggestions for additional linked documents are encouraged.

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Monitoring Economic, Political, Cultural and Environmental Developments in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

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General Background

From Wikipedia

“Uyghur People”. This outlines the history of the Uyghur people, including the Uyghur Empire (744-840 CE). Available at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uyghur_people.
“East Turkestan Independence Movement”. This is a broad term referring to those who advocate an independent, self-governing East Turkestan. Available at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Turkestan_independence_movement.

“East Turkestan Islamic Movement”. Background to one of the more militant organisations that advocate the creation of an independent Islamic State of East Turkestan. Available at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Turkestan_Islamic_Movement.

From Chinese Sources


From US Council of Foreign Relations


More on East Turkestan Independence Movement


Opinions and Analyses

Cultural Issues

Nimrod Baranovitch, “Inverted Exile: Uyghur Writers and Artists in Beijing and the Political Implications of Their Work”, *Modern China*, Vol. 33, No. 4 (October 2007), pp. 462-504. The article examines both political and sociological aspects of outward migration of Uyghurs from Xinjiang. Download is free (currently) at: http://mcx.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/33/4/462.

**China’s Modern Security Challenges**


**Border Protection in China’s Northwest Region**


**Human Rights Watch**


**The Riots in 2009**


Christina Larson, “How China Wins and Loses Xinjiang”, dated 9 July 2009. Christina writes that although China’s Crackdown in Xinjiang province was effective in quelling the restless Uyghur population, the tactics seem more likely to foster resistance and resentment than peace and passivity. Available at: [http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/07/09/how_china_wins_and_loses_xinjiang?page=0,0](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/07/09/how_china_wins_and_loses_xinjiang?page=0,0).


**Development and Progress in Xinjiang**


Mike Dillon, *Contemporary China – An Introduction*, Routledge 2008. Chapter 18 is devoted to Xinjiang. Also included is “Western Development Program” (Chapter 21), “China and the World 1: “Strategic Relationships” (Chapter 22); “China and the World 2: New Neighbours to the West” (Chapter 23); “China and a Harmonious Society”? The book is available in some libraries in electronic form.

Hugo Burgh, *China: Friend of Foe?* Icon Books (Cambridge), 2006. Chapter 8 is devoted to Tibet and East Turkestan. This book may be available from some libraries in electronic form.
Monitoring Economic, Political, Cultural and Environmental Developments in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

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General Background

From Wikipedia

“Inner Mongolia”. This is particularly useful for the historical development and a brief statement of current conditions. Available at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inner_Mongolia.

“Mongolia”. The early history and the consolidation of the Mongol State are given in greater detail in this section. Available at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Mongolia.

From Chinese Sources


Opinions and Analyses

Cultural Issues


Border Protection for Inner Mongolia


Inner Mongolia’s Abundant Resources

Fred Bernstein, “In Inner Mongolia, Pushing Architecture to Its Outer Limits”, dated 1 May 2008 from the *New York Times*. The article indicates that the resource rich desert region of China did not feel the effects of the global financial meltdown that affected other parts of the world. Available at: [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/05/01/garden/01mongolia.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/05/01/garden/01mongolia.html).


**Environmental Issues**


**Human Rights Watch**


**Development and Progress in Inner Mongolia**


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**Monitoring Economic, Political, Cultural and Environmental Developments in Tibet Autonomous Region**

**Last updated: 19 November**

**General Background**

**From Wikipedia**

“Tibet Autonomous Region”. This includes a brief history together with some demographic information and economic data. Available at: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibet_Autonomous_Region](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibet_Autonomous_Region).
From Chinese Sources


Cultural Issues


Xiaofei Kang, “Two Temples, Three Religions and a Tourist Attraction”, Modern China, Vol. 35, No. 3 (May 2009). The article examines the interaction between China’s religious revival and the development of tourism. Short-term download is available for purchase at: http://mcx.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/35/3/227.

Environmental Issues


Human Rights Watch


Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, Annual Reports. The centre is located in India and reports from 1996 to 2008 are available online at: http://www.tchrd.org/publications/annual_reports/.
News Watch

China Tibet Information Centre published a wide range of new items about Tibet and the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau. Available at: http://eng.tibet.cn/.


Border Protection for Tibet


Development and Progress in Tibet


Mike Dillon, Contemporary China – An Introduction, Routledge, 2008. Chapter 19 is devoted to Tibet. Also included is “Western Development Program” (Chapter 21), “China and the World 1: Strategic Relationships” (Chapter 22); “China and the World 2: New Neighbours to the West” (Chapter 23); “China and a Harmonious Society”? This book may be available in some libraries in electronic form.

Hugo Burgh, China: Friend of Foe? Icon Books (Cambridge), 2006. Chapter 8 is devoted to Tibet and East Turkestan. This book may be available from some libraries in electronic form.

Monitoring Economic, Political, Cultural and Environmental Developments in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region

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General Background
From Wikipedia:

“Ningxia”. This is relative brief, but nevertheless gives a good overview of the history of Ningxia. It is available at: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ningxia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ningxia).

From Chinese Sources


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Development and Progress in Ningxia

Highbeam Research list 10 or so news items about Ningxia from periodicals such as Mining Journal, Chemical Journal and Wireless Weekly. This is available through Infoplease at: [http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0835712.html](http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0835712.html).


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Monitoring Economic, Political, Cultural and Environmental Developments in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

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General Background

From Wikipedia

“Guangxi”. This has relatively few references or external links, but the brief description of the autonomous region is nevertheless useful. Available at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guangxi.


From Chinese Sources


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News Watch

“Guangxi”, updated regularly with mainly marketing data, but also indexes news articles of more general interest. Available at: http://news.alibaba.com/article/list/1/guangxi.html.


Development and Progress in Guangxi

Guangxi Invests in Transportation”, dated 3 September 2009, from China Daily. The article emphasises the importance of transport links in strengthening the trade relations between China and ASEAN. Available at: http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/bizchina/2009-09/03/content_8649463.htm.