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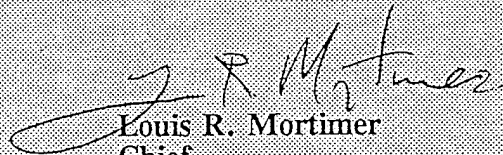
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PREFACE

Information on a new major administrative territorial division of China-- Hainan Province, established on 13 April 1988--is provided, and maps of Hainan are included.

Hainan Province was established on 13 April 1988, by a decision of the First Session of the Seventh National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China. This decision also designated Haikou Shi [city] as the seat of the Hainan Provincial People's Government and Hainan Province as a special economic zone.¹

Hainan Province administers three cities: Haikou, Sanya (Ya Xian), and Tongshen; nine counties: Chengmai, Dan Xian, Ding'an, Lingao, Qionghai, Qiongshan, Tunchang, Wanning, and Wenchang; seven Lizu Miaozi autonomous counties: Baisha, Baoting, Changjiang, Dongfang, Ledong, Lingshui, and Qiongzong; and three archipelagos: Nansha, Xisha, Zhongsha, and the waters surrounding them in the South China Sea.²

Hainan, known as Qiongzhou in ancient times, had been an administrative district under the jurisdiction of Guangdong Province until the 1988 decision. Hainan is now China's 30th major administrative territorial division and its largest special economic zone. The province, with an area of 34,000 square kilometers, is located on the northern part of the South China Sea, on the Qiongzhou Straits, south of Guangdong Province.³

¹Beijing Xinhua in English, 13 April 1988, in Foreign Broadcast Information Service, Daily Report: China, 13 April 1988, p. 27.

²Beijing Xinhua Domestic Service in Chinese, 13 April 1988, in Foreign Broadcast Information Service, Daily Report: China, 14 April 1988, p. 27.

³Beijing Xinhua in English, 31 March 1988, in Foreign Broadcast Information Service, Daily Report: China, 31 March 1988, p. 50.

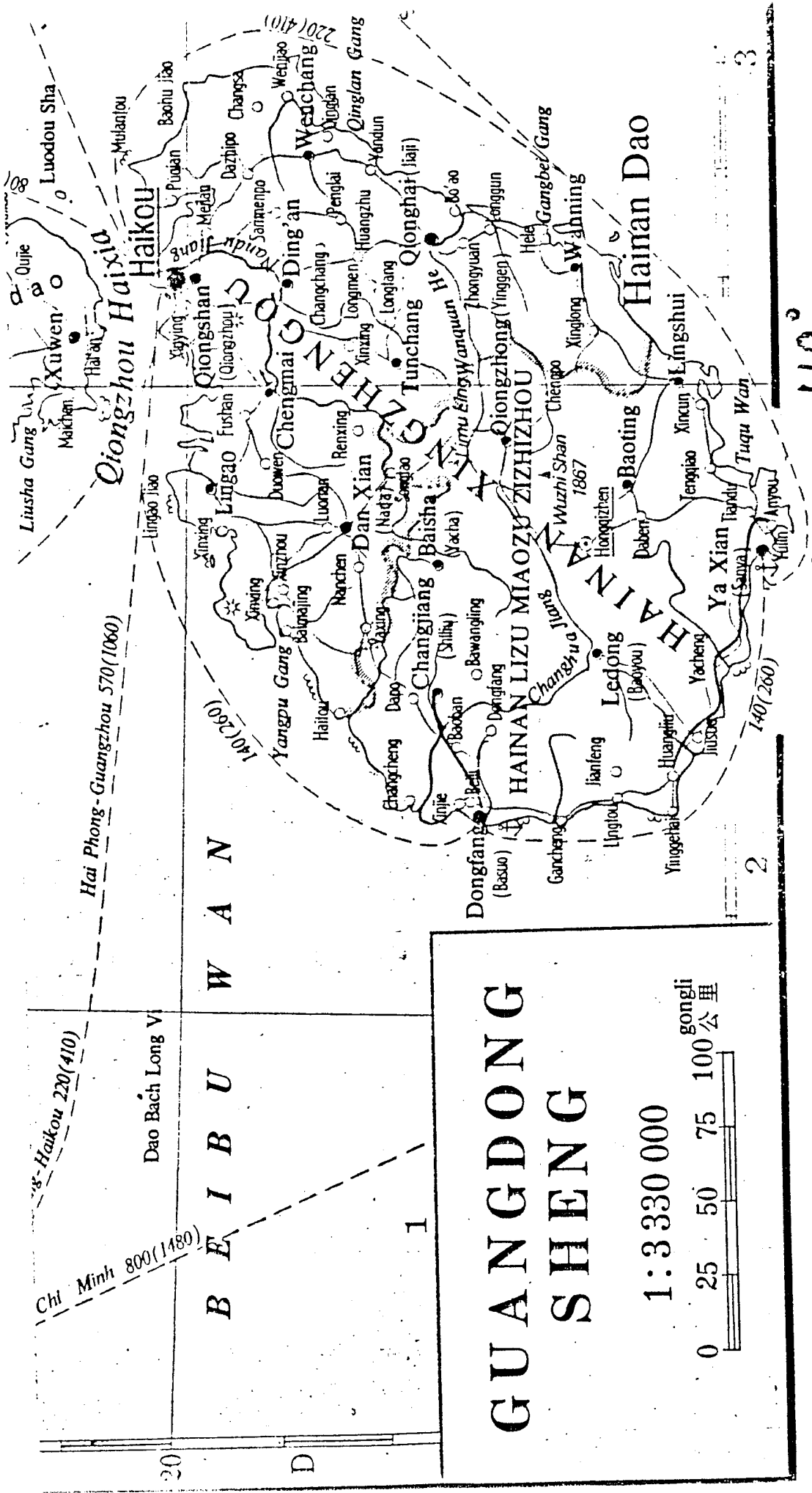


Fig. 1. Guangdong Sheng

Source: Zhonghua Renmin Gongheguo Fen Sheng Dituji
 [People's Republic of China Provincial Atlas],
 Shanghai: Xinhua Shudian, 1983, p. 21.

