



Tiananmen Square & Imperial Palace

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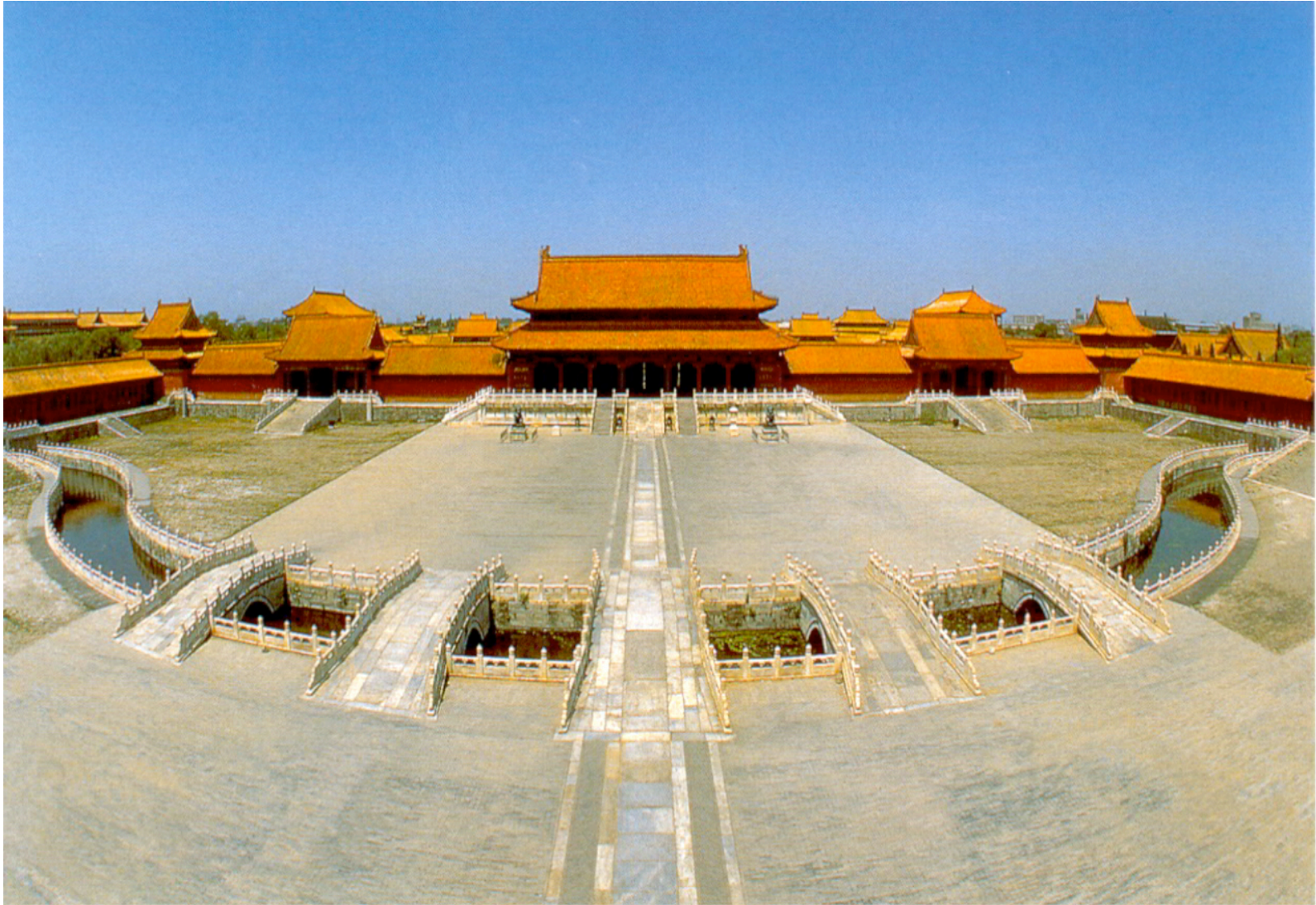


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Imperial Palace





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Background & History

- Chinese Imperial Palace from the Mingy Dynasty & Quing Dynasty.
- Built from 1406-1420.
- Ordered by the Yongle Emperor of the Ming Dynasty. Moved the capital from Nanjing to Beijing.

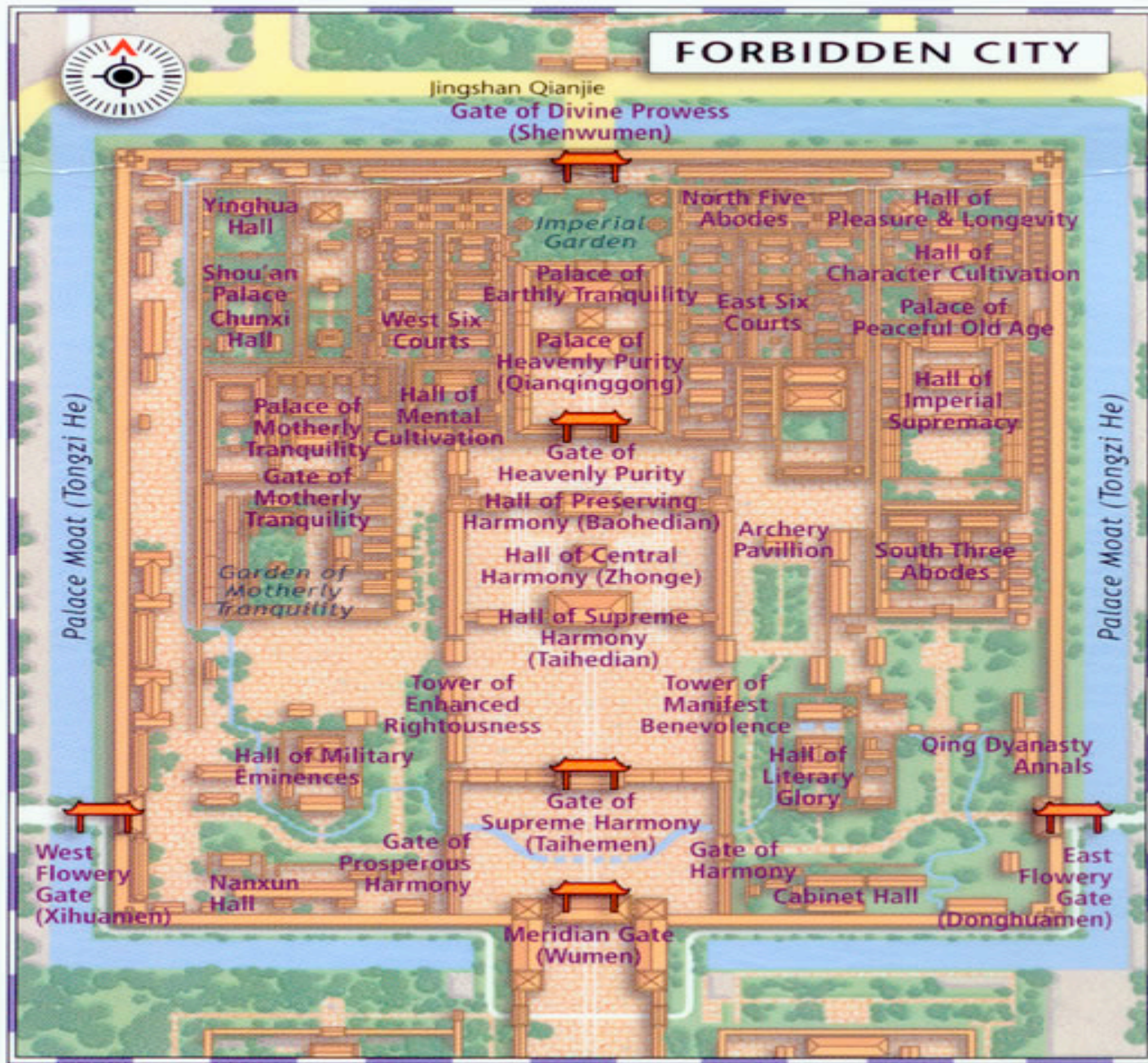




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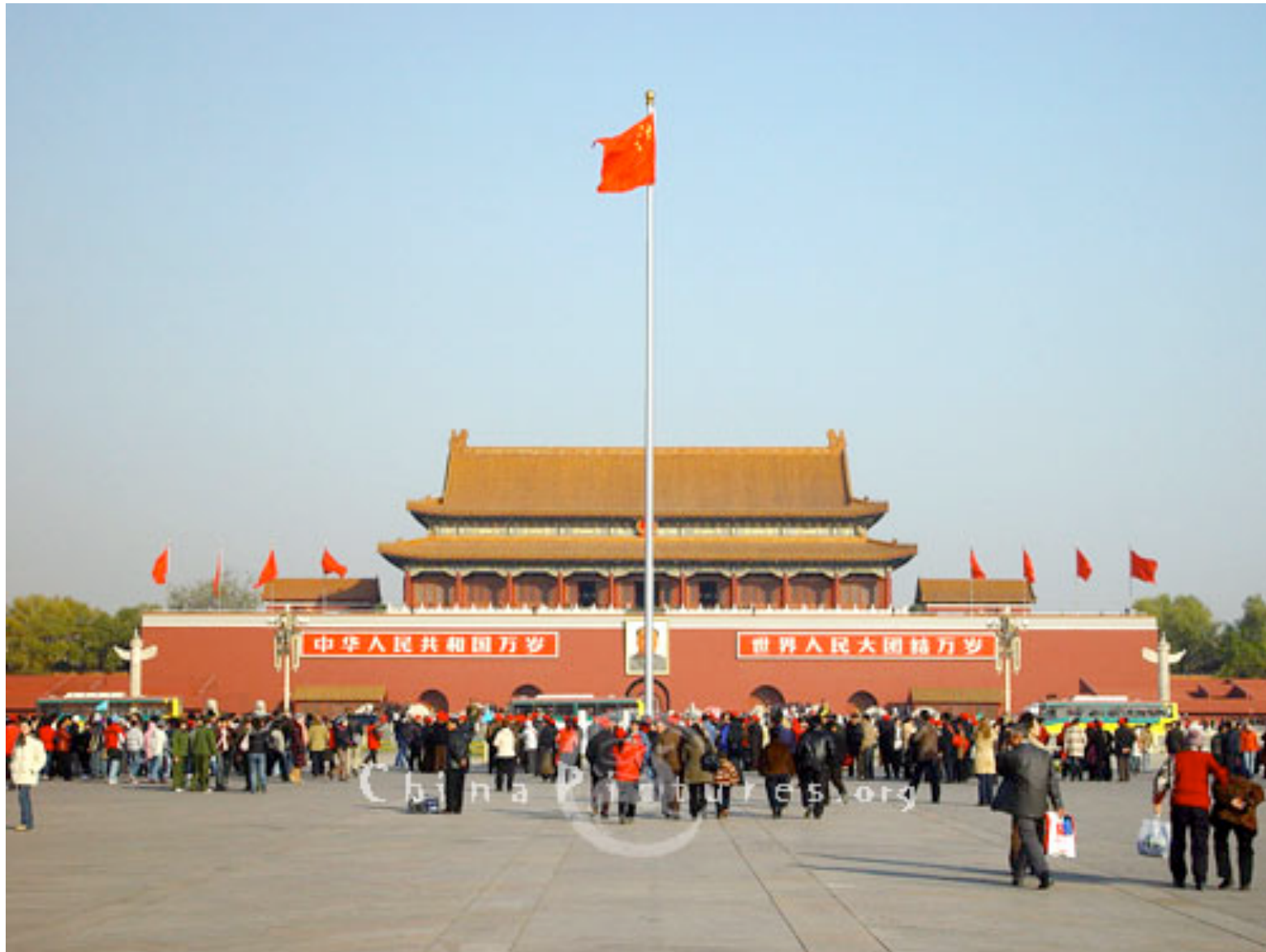
- Construction lasted 15 years, 100,000 artisans, more than 1,000,000 laborers.
- Home of the Emperor and his household. Ceremonial and Political Center of Chinese Government.
- Ceased being the political centre of China in 1912 with the abdication of Puvi, the last Emperor of China.
- World Heritage Site by Unesco (1987). Currently houses the Palace Museum.







Tiananmen Square





Tiananmen Square





Background & History

- Designed and built in 1651.
- Enlarged to four times its original size in 1958.
- 125 ft high Monument to the People's Heroes and Mausoleum of Mao Zedong.
- Site of many events





Background & History

- May Fourth Movement in 1919.
- Proclamation of the People's Republic of China on October 1, 1949.
- Protests in 1976 after the death of premier Zhou Enlai.
- The 35th anniversary of the People's Republic of China in 1984.
- The 50th anniversary in 1999.
- Protest of 1989 – June 4th



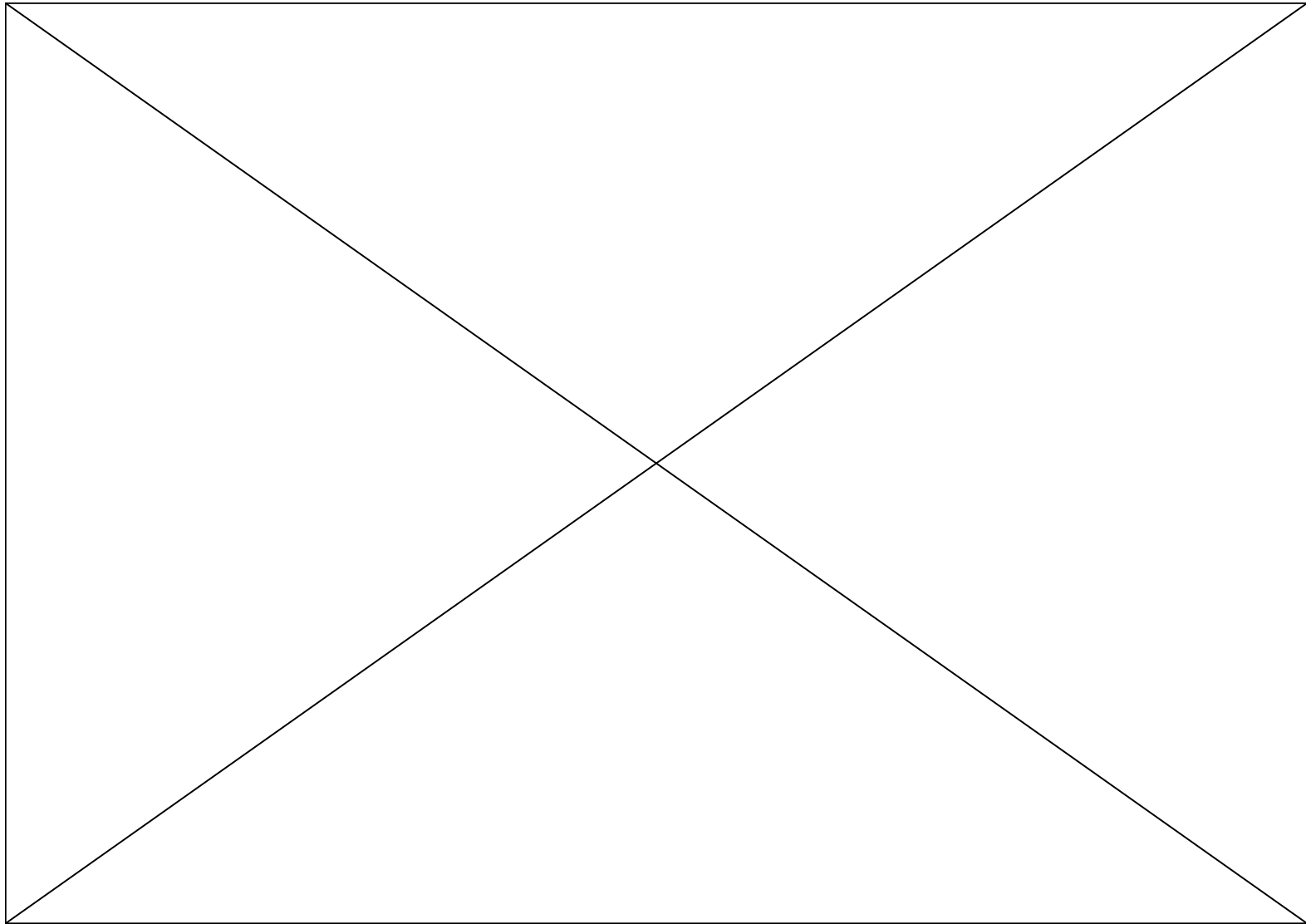
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- Protests sparked by the death of a pro-democracy and anti-corruption official, Hu Yaobang.
- No central cause or leadership.
- 7 weeks later (04/15 – 06/04) until military action
- Clean the square until 6:00am
- Estimation deaths from ~400 until ~10,000





Background & History





Interesting Facts

■ Imperial Palace:



- The Forbidden City has 800 buildings covering 720,000 square meters. There are 9,999 rooms in the palaces inside the city.
- All buildings made from painted wood
- A full-time restoration squad is continuously repainting and repairing it. It is estimated to take 10 years to do a full renovation.



Interesting Facts

- **Tiananmen Square:**
 - Largest public Square in the world, able to accommodate 10,000,000 people at one time
 - Pictured in every note of Chinese currency
 - The Tiananmen Flag Ceremony
 - The Square in the 2008 Olympics

