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PREFACE | Song Yongyi

The Database of the Great Leap Forward and the Great Famine, 1958–1962 is yet another effort by several scholars in North America and China to reveal the historical truth and to preserve national memory in China. It is our third major electronic database, following The Chinese Cultural Revolution Database, 1966-1976 and The Chinese Anti-Rightist Campaign Database, 1957- that were previously published by The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Along with the Cultural Revolution Database and the Anti-Rightist Campaign Database, this is one of the three sub-datasets that comprise the forthcoming Database on the History of Contemporary Chinese Political Movements, 1949-. The final sub-dataset in this series, the Database of Political Campaigns in the Early Years of the People’s Republic of China, 1949-1956, is expected to be completed within the next three years. After completion, based on tens of thousands of original documents, the four sub-datasets will provide an unprecedented detailed picture of Chinese history during the Mao Zedong era.

Compared with the previously published sub-datasets in the series, the Database of the Great Leap Forward and the Great Famine, 1958-1962 has several distinctive characteristics. Of the nearly 7,000 primary sources contained here, about 3,000 are internal documents from various CCP archival facilities. The other documents are from once-classified internal publications, such as Internal Reference from Xinhua News Agency, Construction from the CCP’s North China Bureau, and People’s Public Security from the Ministry of Public Security. Even though the actual facts about the Great Famine have been strictly guarded in official CCP publications, they are truthfully revealed in these internal archives and publications.

With completion of this database, I cannot help but revisit the popular Chinese terminology for the Great Leap Forward and the Great Famine: the “Three Years of Natural Disaster” and the “Three Years of Difficulty.” These terms are wholly inadequate to accurately capture the truth about this period of history. In fact, a historical review would lead one to conclude that this period of calamity was a natural extension and consequence of the fundamental grain policy of the PRC since 1949. The study of food as an important element in wars and strategic weapons has been introduced by scholars such as Raj Patel, author of Stuffed and Starved: Markets, Power and the Hidden Battle for the World Food System, and Yang Jisheng, author of Tombstone: The Great Chinese Famine, 1958-1962. Using their approach, we find that the essence of China’s Great Famine in actuality was a long-drawn-out “food war” that the CCP, and the state under its control, waged on the Chinese peasants.
COMMENTS FROM SCHOLARS

“The computer and the internet are great things. A group of overseas Chinese scholars, including Yongyi Song and Ding Shu, has taken advantage of these modern wonders in their monumental effort to build a database of contemporary China’s political campaigns, including the Cultural Revolution, the Anti-Rightist Movement, and the Great Leap Forward. This database will certainly afford scholars great convenience and help preserve history. Mr. Song and all members of the editorial board deserve much appreciation. As a ninety-six-year-old man, I call upon everyone in and outside China who was affected by those campaigns in any way to take note of the database project and donate any documents in his or her possession. Also hope that the editors will continue to make use of modern technology to complete and regularly update this documented history of Chinese political campaigns.”

李銳 Li Rui
Former secretary of Mao Zedong
China

For a long time and for various reasons, the truth of contemporary China, especially that of the major political campaigns and major historical events, was little known to China scholars and the majority of the Chinese population. To preserve and reveal the true face of history, a group of overseas Chinese scholars, including Yongyi Song, Guo Jian, and Ding Shu, has been working tirelessly for over a decade to collect archival documents and build a Chinese Political Campaign Database, 1949—. So far they have published as part of this project The Chinese Cultural Revolution Database, 1966—1976 and The Chinese Anti-Rightist Campaign Database, 1957—. Now the third sub-database, The Chinese Great Leap Forward / Great Famine Database, 1958—1962, is about to be released. Of enormous historical significance and current relevance, their work is a milestone in China studies: While offering a tremendous quantity of historical data for scholarly research, it even more importantly preserves valuable national memory for ordinary people, especially those of the younger generations. We must remember the past and resist amnesia. A nation that forgets its past has no future.

楊繼繩 Yang Jisheng
Former senior correspondent of the Xinhua News Agency
Author of Tombstone
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3. The Chinese Great Leap Forward–Great Famine Databases (1958–1964), published in 2013, covering sources on all the political and economic turmoil during this period of time.

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The Chinese Cultural Revolution Database

- Original documents including CCP notices, instructions, proclamations, speeches and major media commentaries with detailed citations;
- First hand sources to tally 50,000,000 words with nearly 40% increasing and collating compared with its CD-ROM edition in 2002, and Online edition in 2006;
- Newly added two Parts, “VIII. Miscellaneous Cultural Revolution Chronicles” and “VIII. Special Archives: Self-Examinations, Confessions, Appeals, Guilty Pleas, Testaments/Suicide Notes and etc. during the Cultural Revolution;”
- Enormous quantity of data: firsthand material totaling more than 30 million Chinese words, over half of which has been re-collated;
- Valuable historical records: with nearly 5,000 original Rightist files and articles labeled “Rightist” at the time;
- Related contemporaneous materials: also in the collection are documents from political movements closely related to the Anti-Rightist Campaign, including the prior Campaign against the Hu Feng Counterrevolutionary Clique, Campaign for Eliminating Counterrevolutionaries, and Socialist Transformation of Industry and Commerce, and the subsequent Debate over Red and Expert, Double-Ant Campaign, Movement for Opening One’s Heart to the Party, and Campaign to Pull Out White Flags and Plant Red Flags;
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The Chinese Anti-Rightist Campaign Database (1957–)

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