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Ming China and the Silk Roads

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Ming dynasty (1368-1644)

Hongwu (1368-1398)

Yongle (1403-1424)

Xuande (1426-1435)

Zhengtong (1436-1449)

Zhengde (1506-1521)

Timurid dynasty (1370-1507)

Emir Timur/Tamerlane (1336-1405)

Shāh Rukh (1377-1447)

Herat

Samarkand

Mughal dynasty (1526-1857)

Babur (1483-1531)

Oasis states:

Hami

Turpan/Turfan

Chen Cheng 陳誠 (1365-1457): Ming diplomat, traveller to Timurid lands, author of *Xi yu fan guo zhi* 西域番國志 ‘Record of the Foreign Countries of the Western Region’

Ghiyāth al-dīn Naqqāsh (fl. 1419-1422): Timurid envoy to the Ming court, and author of an account of his travels

Zheng He 鄭和 (1371-1433 or 1435): Ming eunuch and naval commander, commander of seven oceanic voyages between 1405 and 1433

Sayyid ‘Ali Akbar Khata’i (fl c. 1500-1516), author of *Khatay’namah* ‘The Book of China’

The ‘Mongol Landscape Map’ (*Menggu shanshui ditu* 蒙古山水地圖)

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