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An Intimate and Stunning Portrait of an Up-and-Coming Global Power

# CHINA REVEALED

An Extraordinary Journey of Rediscovery

TEXT & PHOTOGRAPHY BY BASIL PAO

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”  
—Confucius

As travelers are making plans to attend the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing and tour China, this fascinating volume portrays China’s must-see places as well as regions visitors rarely discover. In his travels distinguished photographer and author Basil Pao photographed cities, villages, landscapes, people, and places to give a comprehensive view of China today. **CHINA REVEALED: An Extraordinary Journey of Rediscovery** (cloth, \$60.00), the stunning realization of Pao’s childhood dream to visit every province of China, is a gorgeous souvenir to be cherished by readers who have visited China and will provide inspiration for those who hope to go.

This spectacular photographic journey highlights China’s dramatic landscape, including such incredible structures as the Great Wall, natural treasures as the Khunjarab Pass, and a monumental sculpture of the world’s largest Buddha, carved into a mountain at the confluence of three rivers. Among his striking images of people are children contorting and balancing themselves into an acrobatic pyramid; a uniformed guard patrolling terracotta warriors unearthed from Emperor Qin’s massive grave; and a panda-keeper embracing a cub at a breeding center that allows visitors to observe pandas close-up.

Based on Pao's firsthand observations, the text for **CHINA REVEALED** is both personal and informative. Pao begins his story with childhood memories from his native Hong Kong, remembering what it was like to grow up next to Maoist China. Through his private recollections, judiciously mixed with historical reportage, Pao immediately gets his readers to sympathize with the nation, a response that Pao's photographs deepen immensely throughout the book. Pao's book features a chapter on every province in China, beginning each with an informative spread that discusses such practical issues as geography and climate, main industries and local cuisine, and major cities and historical or scenic site. **CHINA REVEALED** is thus unique as both an invaluable travel guide to help people plan future trips and as a souvenir to commemorate a past journey through China. Pao's delightful combination of vivid photos, personal narrative, and informative text reveals China in the twenty-first century.

As a uniquely insightful portrait of China today, **CHINA REVEALED** will be treasured by both past and hopeful visitors to China.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

**Basil Pao** has been a professional photographer for more than twenty years. His work includes nine collaborations with Michael Palin, British actor and comedian famed for his Monty Python roles, which include Pole to Pole, Full Circle, Hemingway Adventure, Sahara, and Himalaya. He also took photographs for filmmaker Bernardo Bertolucci's "The Last Emperor" and "Little Buddha."

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