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through Two Millennia

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PREFACE

This study began over twenty years ago in 1967 while Sechin Jagchid was a professor of history and Mongolian literature at National Chengchi University and National Taiwan University. It was prompted by Jagchid's concern that historians give inadequate attention to the recurrent conflict between agrarian and nomadic peoples along the Great Wall of China. Initial inquiry led to the Chinese publication in 1972 of *Peace, War and Trade Relationships between the Northern Asian Nomadic People and the Agricultural Chinese*. Joseph Fletcher of Harvard University and Henry Serruys, CICM, then encouraged Jagchid to translate the work and publish it in English. In 1982, Jagchid approached Van Jay Symons and asked him to collaborate on revising and preparing the Chinese work for publication in English.

The challenge in preparing this manuscript for Indiana University Press has been to condense the Chinese work to less than half its original length, give it greater focus, and consider similar studies completed in the West. The Chinese publisher of Jagchid's original work, Cheng-chung Book Company, Ltd., has graciously consented to our publishing this book in English.

During its preparation, we benefited from the editing of our work by our wives, Oyongerel Jagchid and Ruth Thomson Symons. The calligraphy in the glossary and bibliography was done by Oyongerel Jagchid. We are also grateful to Brigham Young University and Augustana College, where we teach, for providing an environment conducive to research. Augustana College also provided travel money to enable us to meet to work on the final drafts.



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"A major contribution . . . a splendidly documented, pathbreaking study of the historical interaction between China and Inner Asia."—Denis Sinor, Indiana University

In 1577, during a great court debate over the formulation of China's policy toward its nomadic neighbors, the Ming scholar-official Feng Feng-shih observed, "When there are markets and tribute, there is no war." For two millennia, tension between nomad and Chinese along China's northern frontier threatened to erupt into war, and for two millennia, the essential element determining whether peace or war prevailed was trade. This fascinating book tells the story of the centuries-long confrontation along the Great Wall of China.

Drawing on a vast wealth of Chinese source material not previously available in English, *Peace, War, and Trade along the Great Wall* chronicles the fortunes of the institutions created to ease tensions between the two peoples—the one settled, agrarian, the possessor of wealth and abundant grain; the other nomadic, militarily powerful, in need of many of China's goods. Realizing that the formidable nomads would simply raid China for what they needed, Chinese rulers created frontier markets and devised a system of exchange of tribute and court-to-court intermarriages to facilitate the peaceful transfer of goods.

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