

GEOLOGIC COLUMN AND UNIT DESCRIPTION

AGE	ROCK UNIT	LITHOLOGY: THICKNESS WHERE KNOWN	REMARKS	ECONOMIC VALUE	REFERENCES																																					
QUATERNARY	Recent alluvium	Sand, gravel, clay; thickness less than 10m	Qal: Covers low terrace remnants and flood plains.	Placer gold was worked in the basin of Hun-chun Ho.	Geological Survey of Chosen, 1928, General geological map of Chosen, scale 1:1,000,000.																																					
	Diluvium	Sand, gravel, clay; thickness 20m or less	Qdg: Covers higher terrace remnants which fringe the flood plain of Hun-chun Ho (輝春河), Manchuria; consists mainly of coarse sand and gravel beds.	The gravel beds are commonly auriferous, and have been prosperously worked by Chinese and Japanese placer-gold miners.	HATAE, Nobuhiro, 1952, On the coal-bearing formations and their sedimentary facies of the northern coal fields of North Hamgyong-do, Korea: Compilation Committee, Geology and Mineral Resources of the Far East.																																					
TERTIARY	Neogene basalt	Olivine basalt as flows and sheet Effusive Contact	b2: Mainly olivine basalt as flows and sheets of varied thickness; generally occurs in association with the Upper coal-bearing formation of Tertiary. The basalt may have been erupted and over-flowed, presumably during the Miocene, on a peneplain considered to have been formed after minor disturbance in the Upper coal-bearing formation. Uplift and erosion followed and the basalt has been exposed as the cap of hills.	No recognizable mineral value.	IMAZUMI, Rikizō, 1952, The Hun-chun coal fields of Chientao Province: Compilation Committee, Geology and Mineral Resources of the Far East. _____, 1952, Tertiary of Manchuria: Compilation Committee, Geology and Mineral Resources of the Far East.																																					
	Hunchun formation (Manchuria)	Sandstone, shale, clay, conglomerate, and coal; approximate thickness 5000m	T1: Generally consists of soft conglomerate, sandstone, and shale, with intercalation of coal seams of variable thickness. In the coal field of Hun-chun (輝春), Manchuria, the total thickness of the formation is approximately 500 m. In Korea it is considered to be an extension of the "Kainei series" (or "Hoeryong series" in Korean language) named by Takeshi ICHIMURA, while the Manchurian series was termed the "Hunchun group" by Rikizō IMAZUMI, and in the Ussuri region, USSR, it has called the "Posyet series" by Soviet geologists. The strata can be divided into the Upper and Lower coal-bearing formations with the following sequence in descending order.		KOBAYASHI, Teichi, 1942, The Akiyoshi orogenic cycle in the Mongolian geosyncline: Proc. Imp. Acad. Tokyo, v. 18. KOTŌ, Teichi, et al., 1940, Report of the important coal mines in Manchuria: Research Board, South Manchuria Railway Co., Dairen (for exclusive use by the company).																																					
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			According to a study by Rinji ENDO on the coal-bearing formation in the Aoji-dong and Kogŏwŏn areas, the Lower coal-bearing formation yields 12 species of plant fossils, including <i>Fagus antiopofi</i> HEER, the Upper coal-bearing formation, numerous plant fossils including <i>Engelhardtia</i> TR. BRONGNIARTI SAPORNA. ENDO therefore regards the principal, or Lower coal-bearing formation as Oligocene, and the Upper coal-bearing formation as Miocene. In the Hun-chun coal field, Manchuria, more than 9 species of plant fossils, including <i>Fagus antiopofi</i> HEER, were also collected, so ENDO believed that the strata should contain Paleogene coal-bearing formation. From the Posyet coal field, about 16 species of plant fossils, including <i>Fagus antiopofi</i> HEER, were identified by Russian geologists, and W. A. OBRUTSCHEW regarded the age of the coal-bearing formation as Paleogene. Coal from the Paleogene formation is brown coal or lignites.	Note: For 1-5, see the mine sites on the map. No data for the Posyet coal field, USSR. Coal is brown coal or lignite. At Agochi coal mine the coal was consumed by a low-temperature distillation plant at the mine site.	SHIMAMURA, Shimbei, 1931, Report of the Kōchō gold mine, Puryong-gun (普陽郡), North Hamgyong-do: Reports of Mineral Survey of Chōsen, v. 4, no. 3.																																					
			a: This andesite is the "augite andesite" reported by Takao SAKAMOTO from the vicinity of Hu-lu-pieh (呼魯別) in the Hun-chun Ho basin. According to Rikizō IMAZUMI, the andesite is dark green, compact, and is characterized by platy joints; the rock contains a few sparse and small phenocrysts of plagioclase and augite; the fine-textured groundmass is mostly composed of an aggregation of plagioclase with flecks of augite crystals; flow-structure occasionally can be seen. The relation between the andesite and the Paleogene formation is not known in the district of Hu-lu-pieh, but near Pan-hsi-kou (盤石口), south of Hun-chun, the andesite, cropping out with a thickness of about 150 m, is unconformably overlain by the Paleogene formation.	No recognizable mineral value.	TATEYAMA, Iwao, 1952, Outline of the geology of Korea: Compilation Committee, Geology and Mineral Resources of the Far East.																																					
			E2: Mainly biotite granite and hornblende-biotite granite. Presumably intruded during the Triassic as the Upper Paleozoic formation reveals various effects of contact metamorphism by the intrusion of the granite. Marginal facies of granite commonly grades into quartz diorite and diorite.	Some gold-ore deposits of small value occur in Korea.	TORIYAMA, Ryūzō, 1942, Some fusulinid fossils from Keigen (蓋根) district, North Hamgyong-do, Korea: Journal of Geography, v. 49.																																					
			d: Marginal facies of the granite; only a few diorite masses have been located in the Hun-chun Ho basin, Manchuria. The rock is generally dark-green, medium-grained, and consists of plagioclase, augite, hornblende and some biotite.	No recognizable mineral value.	UCHIDA, Kongorō, et al., 1927, Report of the boring works effected in 1923 and 1924 fiscal years: Reports of the Coal Fields in Korea, v. 4.																																					
			Pu: The Upper Paleozoic formation of the map area, although not studied in detail, is a marine formation contact-metamorphosed in various degrees by granite intrusion. The formation mainly consists of various kinds of hornfels-like rocks modified from shale, tuff, sandstone and conglomerate, and commonly intercalated with crystalline limestone. In some localities the formation becomes injection gneiss. The formation as a whole closely resembles the so-called "rouman formation" of the adjacent "Yan-chi" map area which is generally considered as the Permian-Carboniferous. At Kogonwon in Korea, Ryūichi KODAIRA collected fossils including <i>Schwagerina</i> , <i>Fusulina cayeuxi</i> , <i>Productus</i> , <i>Spirifer</i> , and crinoids from the rock of the Upper Paleozoic formation. Later Ryūzō TORIYAMA found <i>Pseudodolololina</i> sp. and <i>Parafusulina</i> sp. from the same locality and assigned the rock to the Middle-Upper Permian. This formation extends eastward into the Ussuri region of USSR, where it is believed to consist of the Permian and the Triassic formations by the Russian geologists including W. A. OBRUTSCHEW.	No recognizable mineral value.	_____, 1931, Report of the boring works effected in 1927 and 1928 fiscal years: Reports of the Coal Fields in Korea, v. 9.																																					
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	Granite gneiss	Gneissose granite, paragneiss, schist	ggn: Granite gneiss of unknown age is distributed in the districts of Najin (羅津) and Unggi (蘆基) in Korea. It consists mainly of gneissose granite, with local occurrence of various paragneisses and schists.	No recognizable mineral value.																																						
AGE UNKNOWN	Crystalline schist	Mica schist, chlorite schist, biotite schist, biotite gneiss, quartzite, hornfels, slate, phyllite, crystalline limestone	sch: Crystalline schist of unknown age is distributed in the southwestern corner of the map area. It consists of mica schist, chlorite schist, biotite schist, biotite gneiss, quartzite, hornfels, slate, phyllite, and crystalline limestone; thickness is not known.	No recognizable mineral value.																																						

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