GEOLOGIC COLUMN AND UNIT DESCRIPTION

AGE	ROCK UNIT	LITHOLOGY; THICKNESS WHERE KNOWN	UNIT DESCRIPTION	ECONOMIC VALUE
IARY	Alluvium	Clay, sand and gravel; thickness less than 15 meters	Alluvium, consisting of sand, clay and gravel, is distributed in the drainage basins of the Amur River and its tributaries, covering low terrace remnants and flood plains. The thickness is less than 15 meters. Where the river forms a narrow gorge downstream of Kuan-yin-shan [銀 音 山], the alluvial deposit contains pebbles of quartz, pegmatite, granite and diorite porphyry; placer gold occurs in it.	Au Placer gold is derived from decomposed auriferous quartz veins and pegmatite veins that were intruded into the schist, gneiss, and granite during the Early Cretaceous period. The southwestern part of the map area constitutes the famous KuanTu [報 新] placer gold district including Kuan-yin-shan and the Tu-lu Ho, and is the most prominent of all gold-producing districts of Manchuria. The gold localities surveyed by S. MONDEN (1936) are as follows: (1) T'ai-p'ing-kou:- Placer gold occurs in the Recent deposits, 400 m wide, 5 km west of T'ai-p'ing-kou village, where the bedrock consists chiefly of biotite schist and metagneiss. Gold-bearing sand and gravel bed underlain by mica schist is 60 cm thick, and is covered by a non-auriferous sand and gravel bed 3 m thick. The total output of gold from the T'ai-p'ing-kou area and neighboring localities amounted to about 187 kg a month in 1936.
QUATERN	Diluvium	Qd: clay, sand, gravel, and aeolian-lacustrine sand; thickness unknown Qdg: sandy clay, sand and	Diluvium (Qd) consists chiefly of clay, sand, gravel, and aeolian-lacustrine sand and is distributed in the southeastern part of the map area, where it is considered an Upper Quaternary deposit (Nalivkin, 1955). The thickness is unknown. Diluvium (Qdg) is exposed in the northwestern part of the map area. In the drainage basin of the K'an-ch'in Ho, the upper part consists of sandy clay, the middle part is sand, and the lower part is sand and gravel.	
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RTIARY	Neogene formation	Shale, sandstone, conglomerate and lignite; thickness unknown	and conglomerate, locally accompanied by low-grade lignite and bentonitic shale. The formation may be correlated with the continental deposits of Pliocene age in the U.S.S.R.	area is only 30 m wide along the stream for the convenience of water supply. Placer gold on the Soviet side also is being worked prosperously.
	Neogene basalt	b21 Basalt, andesite and tuff	Neogene basalt, consisting of basalt, andesite and tuff, is sporadically exposed along a line connecting Yadrin on the north and the Malaya Samara River on the south. It may have become exposed as a result of the upheaval of the Hsiao-hsing-an-ling (小 與 安 岑). Soviet geologists define it as Quaternary andesite and basalt.	
	Cretaceous andesite	EFFUSIVE CONTACT	The Cretaceous andesite occurs as flows exposed near Kuan-yin-shan, and constitutes a tableland 50 m to 100 m in relative height. The rock is mainly dark green hornblende andesite consisting of a glassy groundmass and acicular crystals of plagioclase and hornblende. It is marked with columnar joints.	
	Cretaceous rhyolite	EFFUSIVE CONTACT \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	The Cretaceous rhyolite occurs as flows occasionally associated with quartz porphyry. It is exposed on both banks of the Amur River between Chuan-yao [時 密] and Ma-lien-chan [馬 連 站]. Soviet geologists defined it as Upper Cretaceous acidic effusive rock. The rhyolite in the Manchurian territory is light brown or grayish black, and consists of a glassy groundmass and large phenocrysts of quartz and feldspar. The quartz porphyry	
	CONTACT CONTACT		is also light brown or grayish black, but is microcrystalline and granitic in texture. The Upper Cretaceous formation is exposed in the northwestern part of the map area, and forms a river cliff,	
ZOIC	Upper Cretaceous formation	thickness unknown	about 30 m above the river bed, near Chuan-yao and Yu-lo-ts'un [漁 楽 村]. It consists chiefly of light gray or brown coarse-grained sandstone, intercalated with grayish black tuffaceous shale in the lower part. The sandstone contains occasional pebbles 1 cm in diameter of porphyry, diorite porphyry, andesite porphyry, granite, schist, quartz and agate, and some marcasite nodules. The dip of the formation is very gentle or almost horizontal.	
MESO	Lower Cretaceous formation	Sandstone, shale, conglomerate and coal; thickness unknown	The Lower Cretaceous formation, consisting of sandstone, shale, conglomerate and coal, is mentioned in the Geological map of U.S.S.R. (NALIVKIN, 1955). Available data are very few.	
	Cretaceous granite	OUNCONFORMITY Granite, granodiorite and quartz diorite	The Cretaceous granite is exposed in the vicinity of Lynbavinskiy and Radostnyy. According to Soviet geologists, it comprises such acidic intrusives as granite, granodiorite and quartz diorite.	
	Pre-Jurassic granite	INTRUSIVE CONTACT \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	The pre-Jurassic granite is widely exposed in places. Soviet geologists define it as a Middle Paleozoic acidic intrusive. The granite in the Manchurian territory is reddish holocrystalline, fine- to coarse-grained biotite	
)IC		gneissic granite INTRUSIVE CONTACT	granite or biotite-hornblende granite, associated with gneissic granite.	
PALEOZC	Lower Cambrian formation	phyllite and conglomerate; thickness unknown DISCONFORMITY	The Lower Cambrian formation is mentioned in the Geological map of U.S.S.R. It consists of sandstone, shale, clay slate, phyllite and conglomerate, and strikes N-S. Available data are few.	(Fe) An-shan type banded hematite ore deposits of sedimentary origin are widely
	Proterozoic (Sinian?) formation	Limestone, clay slate, sandstone, quartzite, mica schist, chlorite schist, talc schist and quartz schist, with iron ore; thickness unknown	The Proterozoic formation is exposed only in the U.S.S.R. It consists of crystalline limestone, calcareous clay slate, sandstone, quartzite, mica schist, chlorite schist, tale schist and quartz schist. In places it is penetrated by granite (g ₂). The formation is occasionally accompanied by iron ore deposits of the An-shan type.	distributed in the Proterozoic formation of the Soviet side. MONDEN (1936) in his report cited WITGEFT (1931), a member of the Geological Institute of the U.S.S.R., as follows: "Each of the iron ore beds ranges in thickness from 1 mm to 40 cm. The ore consists of hematite that contains 60% Fe ₂ O ₃ , 30% SiO ₂ and small quantities of S and P. The ore reserves from the ground surface to the depth of 100 m was estimated at 500,000,000 tons.
RECAMBRIAN	Precambrian gneiss	Biotite orthogneiss, hornblende orthogneiss, allied metagneiss, and granite gneiss	The Precambrian gneiss is light gray biotite orthogneiss or hornblende orthogneiss, locally accompanied by biotite metagneiss or hornblende metagneiss. Soviet geologists define its age as Archean. The orthogneiss consists of large phenocrysts of quartz, orthoclase, plagioclase, biotite and hornblende; apatite and zircon occur as accessory minerals. Although it is not shown on the Manchurian side of the border, it is probably equivalent to much of the granite gneiss (ggn) on this map sheet.	
j-i- -	Precambrian schist	INTRUSIVE CONTACT \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	The Precambrian schist, defined as Archean schist by Soviet geologists, consists chiefly of grayish black or dark brown biotite-garnet schist and snowy white muscovite-sericite schist. The principal constituent minerals are quartz, biotite, muscovite, sericite, feldspar and garnet. Under a microscope, augite, hornblende, epidote, zircon, accompanied by minor amounts of chlorite, tourmaline and magnetite, are found. The schistosity strikes generally NE and dips 30° to 40° NW or SE. The schist is widely intruded by quartz veins and pegmatite veins that are the source of placer gold in the neighboring localities such as T'ai-p'ing-kou and Ku-chan [孫 恭].	
AGE UNKNOWN	Granite gneiss	Biotite orthogneiss, hornblende- biotite metagneiss, and gneissic granite	Granite gneiss, shown only on the Manchuria side is probably equivalent in age to the Precambrian gneiss of the U.S.S.R. side in this map area, as it is similar in lithology and field relationships. It consists chiefly of light gray biotite orthogneiss with biotite or hornblende metagneiss and gneissic granite. In the upper reaches of the T'ai-p'ing Kou the granite (Precambrian?) gneiss is intercalated with Precambrian schist (pCsh). To the southwest it grades into the granite gneiss of the Hao-li-chen and Tui-mien-shan sheets (NL 52-3 and NL 52-2).	
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