GEOLOGIC COLUMN AND UNIT DESCRIPTION

AGE	ROCK UNIT	LITHOLOGY; THICKNESS WHERE KNOWN	UNIT DESCRIPTION	ECONOMIC VALUE
	Alluvium	Sand, gravel and clay; thickness less than 15 meters	Alluvium, consisting of sand, gravel and clay, is distributed in the drainage basins of the Nen Chiang[嫩江], the Ya-lu Ho[维备河] and their tributaries. It covers flood plains and low terrace remnants, and is less than 15 m thick. Along the Nen Chiang where numerous playas are found, the alluvial deposit consists of silt and clay of aeolian origin and fine-grained sand of fluvio-lacustrine origin. The deposit near the mouth of the Ya-lu Ho forms an alluvial fan. Along the Ya-lu Ho and its tributaries the deposit consists of sand, gravel and clay; pebbles of the gravel are rhyolite, granite and quartz porphyry.	
RNARY		Qdl, silty sand and clay; thickness unknown	Diluvium (Qdl) consists of aeolian-lacustrine silty sand and loessic clay.	
QÜATE	Diluvium	Qdg, gravel, sand and sandy clay; thickness more than 100 m	Diluvium (Qdg) is a fluvial deposit, consisting of gravel, sand and sandy clay. It covers high terrace remnants or occurs sporadically as inliers in the vast flood plains. The deposit is generally coarse-grained and crossbedded, and is considered an uplifted delta deposit fringing the east margin of the Ta-hsing-an-ling Range. Animal fossils, such as rhinoceros and mammoth tusks, were found in the Pleistocene deposit 5 km southwest of Fu-la-erh-chi[富拉爾基], so the deposit is correlated with the Kuhsiangtun [賴鄉七] formation of the Ha-erh-pin district. Drillholes in the flood plain of the Nen Chiang revealed the following sequences in descending order (Prefix numbers refer to drillhole sites on map): (1) T'ang-ch'ih-t'un[湯 注七]: very fine sand (31.62 m), sandy clay (2 m), fine sand (19.32 m), sandy clay (3.33 m), fine sand (21.85 m), sandy gravel (9.63 m). (2) Ang-ang-ch'ill 异溪! gravel and sand (13.23 m), fine sand (4.93 m), sandy clay (3.05 m), fine sand (19.66 m), sandy clay (2.13 m), coarse gravel (9.55 m), (3) Ch'i-ch'i-ha-erh[齊今喬副]: coarse sand and gravel (24.3 m), clay (3 m), fine sand (3 m), clay (3 m), sand and gravel (21.3 m), fine sand (3.3 m), sand and gravel (28.8 m). (4) Hui-tzu-fang[回 子房]: fine sandy clay (6 m), fine sand (16 m), coarse sand and gravel (3 m). (5) Wen-ku-ta [文古建]: sand and gravel (1.5 m), fine sand (3.9 m), gravel (3.7 m).	
TERTIARY	Neogene basalt	Olivine basalt, tuffaceous sandstone and breccia; thickness 10 to 100 m EFFUSIVE CONTACT	The Neogene basalt extends intermittently to the north, passing through Ta-p'ing-kou [大平海]. It is a pitch-black, hard, compact, fine-grained olivine basalt showing remarkable columnar joints, and is associated with tufface-ous sandstone and breccia. The rock at Iao-fan-chia [老京] is porous and amygdaloidal. The rock 6 km north of Ching-hsing [景星] consists of fine-grained feldspar phenocrysts in a black groundmass. The basalt, which was erupted on a large scale probably during the Miocene epoch, now remains as a caprock due to uplift and erosion.	Building stone The basalt 4 km northwest of Kan-nan[甘南] is quarried as building stone and for civil engineering works.
	Cretaceous rhyolite	Rhyolite, tuffaceous sandstone and conglomerate; thickness more than 300 m	The Cretaceous rhyolite in the western half of the map area consists of rhyolite, tuff, tuffaceous sandstone and conglomerate containing pebbles of diorite porphyry. The rhyolite is generally grayish white, contains phenocrysts of idiomorphic quartz, and shows a fluidal structure. The rock near Pi-li-t'u [** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** *	
	Quartz porphyry	Quartz porphyry, granite porphyry and diorite porphyry	Quartz porphyry in association with granite porphyry and some diorite porphyry is believed to be an acidic marginal facies of the Cretaceous granite (g3) which is known as the "Mongolian batholith" of Early Cretaceous age. The rock near Shih-chia-hu[什家戶] along the Ha-ta-han Ho[哈達罕河] grades gradually into the Cretaceous granite.	
MESOZOIC	Cretaceous granite	Biotite granite, hornblende-biotite granite, graphic granite, syenite porphyry, granodiorite, felsitic granite and gneissose granite	The Cretaceous granite, sporadically exposed in the northwestern part of the map area, is biotite granite characterized by tabular joints. Its friable texture suggests a marginal facies of granite proper. It occurs as laccoliths which solidified at rather shallow depth. A pinkish medium-grained hornblende-biotite granite, constituting the low terrace 5 km west of Ch'eng-chi-ssu-han [成 吉 思 汗] station, rests obviously upon the Upper Paleozoic formation (Pup). Granite laccoliths are also found near Nien-tzu-shan [孫 子 山], Id-san-tien [李 三 唐], Hsing-fa-t'un [與 豫 代] and Cha-lan-t'un [和 敬 代]. The rock near Otatsuoro and Cha-lan-t'un is a pinkish biotite granite, and that near Ssu-chia-shan [四 平 山] is a biotite granite grading into syenite. The Cretaceous granite includes graphic granite, syenite, syenite porphyry, granodiorite, diorite, felsitic granite intruded by aplite dikes, and locally gneissose granite. The Jurassic formation (Mj), the Jurassic volcanic complex (Mjv) and the Upper Paleozoic formation (Pup) are penetrated and contactmetamorphosed by the granite, whereas the Cretaceous rhyolite remains mostly intact. Hence, the age of the granite intrusion is Lower Cretaceous, younger than the Jurassic formation and a little older than the Cretaceous rhyolite.	Building stone The granite 1 km north of Nien-tzu-shan is quarried as building stone and for civil engineering works.
	Jurassic formation	Shale, sandstone, conglomerate and coal; thickness less than 100 m	The Jurassic formation, less than 100 m thick, is exposed in the following places along the Ya-lu Ho and its tributaries. (1) The formation near Yao-kuan-yao [腰官室] overlain by the Neogene basalt (b2) consists of gray to black hard shale accompanied by sandstone, conglomerate and thin coal seams. The formation strikes N 0°- 20° W and dips about 40° E. The coal seams lie 10 m below the ground surface. (2) The formation 2 km south of T'ai-p'ing-chuang [太平莊] is overlain by the alluvial deposit and extends to the west for a distance of 7 km. It consists of black shale and two or three thin seams of coal, and strikes W, dipping 10° S. (3) The formation 7 km northwest and 10 km southwest of T'ai-p'ing-chuang rests disconformably on the Jurassic volcanic complex (Mjv) and is overlain by the Cretaceous rhyolite (rh).	Coal The Jurassic coal near T'ai-p'ing-chuang and near Yao-kuan-yao was formerly worked. It is poor in both quality and reserves.
	Jurassic volcanic complex (Greenstone complex)	Diorite porphyry, andesite porphyry, diabase, propylite,	The Jurassic volcanic complex is an intricate assemblage of dark green igneous extrusives and intrusives, namely, diorite porphyry, andesite porphyry, diabase, propylite, dolerite, black rhyolite, volcanic breccia, tuff and tuffaceous sandstone. These rocks have heretofore been collectively called "Porphyrite", or "Greenstone complex", because of a greenish tinge due to chloritization and propylitization. The complex was often mistaken for the Cretaceous andesite, the Neogene basalt, and even for the hornfels of the Permian formation which occurs in close association with the complex. The complex rests unconformably upon the Upper Paleozoic formation (Pup), and is overlain by the Jurassic formation (Mj), the Cretaceous rhyolite (rh) and the Cretaceous granite (g ₃). It is locally intruded by sheets of the Cretaceous granite as is seen in the hill east of Nien-tzu-shan.	Tron The so-called "iron-ore zone", 40 km wide and 300 km long, zonall extends northward along the eastern margin of the Ta-hsing-an-lir through Ii-san-tien. Magnetite is found in the vicinities of Wucha-wo-p'eng, Nan-ssu-chia-shan[南田甲山] and Ma-an-shan. Hematite occurs near Nan-ssu-chia-shan and at Wu-tao-kou*, east of Ssu-tao-kou. Some other iron ores, occurring as deposits or as boulders, are sporadically distributed within the "iron-ore zone" * Not shown on map.
IEOZOIC	Permian(?) formation	Shale, hornfels, graywacke, clay slate, chert, conglomerate, phyllite, tuff and sandstone; thickness 250 m to 500 m	The Upper Paleozoic formation, probably Permian in age, is sporadically exposed in the following places: (1) The formation in the hills south of Otatsuoro consists of black shale and hornfels; it is about 250 m thick, strikes E and dips 70°-80° N. (2) The formation between Li-san-tien and Hsü-chia [許家] consists of graywacke, clay slate, chert, hornfels, conglomerate, phyllite and acidic tuff. The graywacke is dark blue, hard and compact, intercalated with coarse-grained yellowish brown conglomeratic sandstone. The clay slate is blackish green to dark brown and locally grades into black shale. The chert is whitish and medium-grained, intercalated with alternating graywacke and slate. The strike is NE at Wu-chia-wo-p'eng[武家新棚], E-W at Chiao-hu-ling[中京衛] and NW at Ta-wa-lung-kou[大田龍溝]. The dip ranges from 20° to 90° S or N. (3) The formation at the base of the terraces 5 km west and 3 to 9 km southeast of Ch'eng-chi-ssu-han station consists of graywacke and arkosic sandstone. The formation is contactmetamorphosed in various degrees by the Cretaceous granite (g ₃). The total thickness of the formation is about 500 m.	
PA	Carboniferous formation	Crystalline limestone, siliceous limestone, sandstone and clay slate; thickness more than 250 m	The Carboniferous formation, consisting of grayish white crystalline limestone intercalated with light blue siliceous limestone, sandstone and clay slate, is found in the following places: (1) The formation overlain conformably by the Permian (?) formation (Pup) is exposed in the hills south of Otatsuoro. It is 250 m thick, extends to the east for 8 km, strikes to the east, and dips 70°-80° N. (2) Several sporadic lenses of limestone are found in the granite and in the greenstone in the hills south of Li-san-t'ien. They were cut from the Permian formation by the granite intrusion, and occur as xenoliths ranging from 5 m to 500 m in length. One of the lenses west of Ma-an-shan[馬鞍山] yields fossils including Parafusulina sp. (2 m in length), corals, crinoids and brachiopods. (3) The limestone near Ta-wa-lung-kou overlain by the Permian formation is 20 m thick, striking NW and dipping NE.	Copper Copper ore is found near Ssu-chia-shan. Limestone The lenticular limestone, 20 m thick, near Wan-lung-kou is quarriand calcined for lime.
PROTEROZOIC	Precambrian(?) gneiss	VINCONFORMITY VVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVV	The granite gneiss in the hill 5 km northeast of Ssu-tao-kou[四道海]is pinkish and fine-grained. It is penetrated by diorite porphyry of the Jurassic volcanic complex (Mjv) and by the Cretaceous granite (g3), and may be Early Paleozoic or Precambrian in age.	
	(1	Column not drawn) to scale		

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