



*Gling rje ge sar rgyal po'i sgrung gi sa bkra bcu gnyis dang sa
bkra de dag gi rnam bshad ces pa'i nang don gnad bsdu*
(Twelve Gesar maps and their explanation)

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The present study includes two chapters, the maps and the explanation of the maps.

The maps are drawn according to modern maps in which east locates on the right side and north locates on the upper part of a map. Besides the directions in the maps, important names for rivers and places are drawn in different sizes of letters and drawings. If a name has been changed, the old name will be given in parenthesis. Besides giving the names of rivers, places and mountains, I also put animal figures according to the Gesar story. For example, rich grassland in Ling; sand-dunes in Hor; bamboo forest in Mon; male and female yaks ('*bri g.yag*) of Ling; demonic (*bdud*) camels; soul-mules of Jang; tigers of Mon. I have retained the characteristics of the castle according to the description in the Gesar story.

Ten versions of Gesar story have twelve maps:

1. Map of Lhaling.
2. Two maps for the birth of Gesar include map of Trungling and map of Masa.
3. Map of Den place.
4. Map of horse racing.
5. Map of Mashetrak.
6. Map of *spyi bsang* (fumigation).
7. Map of the subjugation of devils.
8. Two maps of Hor-Ling war, one in first volume, and another map in the second volume of the story.
9. Map of Jang-Ling war.
10. Map of Mon-Ling war.

In the present study, the section of explanations of maps includes introduction of different editions of the story, citations from the story, study on the citations and specific explanations of the maps (*rkang 'grel*).

In the section of introduction to the different editions of the story, the editions, publishing dates of the sources used in this study will be introduced. Additionally, different names but same contents of editions will be introduced.

The section of citations from the story refers to the citations from various editions of the story. In order to make it easier for the readers, the thin underlines indicate the names of rivers and places; the bolds implies the figures on the maps; the italics indicate the distances between places and how much time it takes; thick underlines indicate my doubts. While I cited from the story, I numbered the citations accordingly, but I used abbreviations for the personal names.

I did study on the citations according to my own fieldwork. In this section, the thin underlines indicate the events, which I thought important. I placed the actual study of the citations in the section two.

The section of *rkang 'grel* would give explanation of the editions and citations; information about the places which I have put in the maps and have ruins for them can be seen nowadays. Additionally, I compared the different names for places in different editions.

Twelve explanations of the maps can be found in the ten versions of the story.

1. The explanation of the Lhaling map.
2. The explanations of the maps of Gesar birth include Trungling and Masa.
3. The explanation of the map of Den place.
4. The explanation of the map of horse racing.
5. The explanation of the map of Mashetrak.
6. The explanation of the map Cisang.
7. The explanation of the map of conquering devils.
8. The explanation of two maps of Hor-Ling war, one in first volume, and another map in the second volume of the story.
9. The explanation of the map of Jang-Ling war.
10. The explanation of the map of Mon-Ling war.

Finally I would like to share some experiences of doing such study and some suggestions for future study.

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