

Abstract of
“The Travels of Changchunzhenren”
(长春真人西游记之路程)

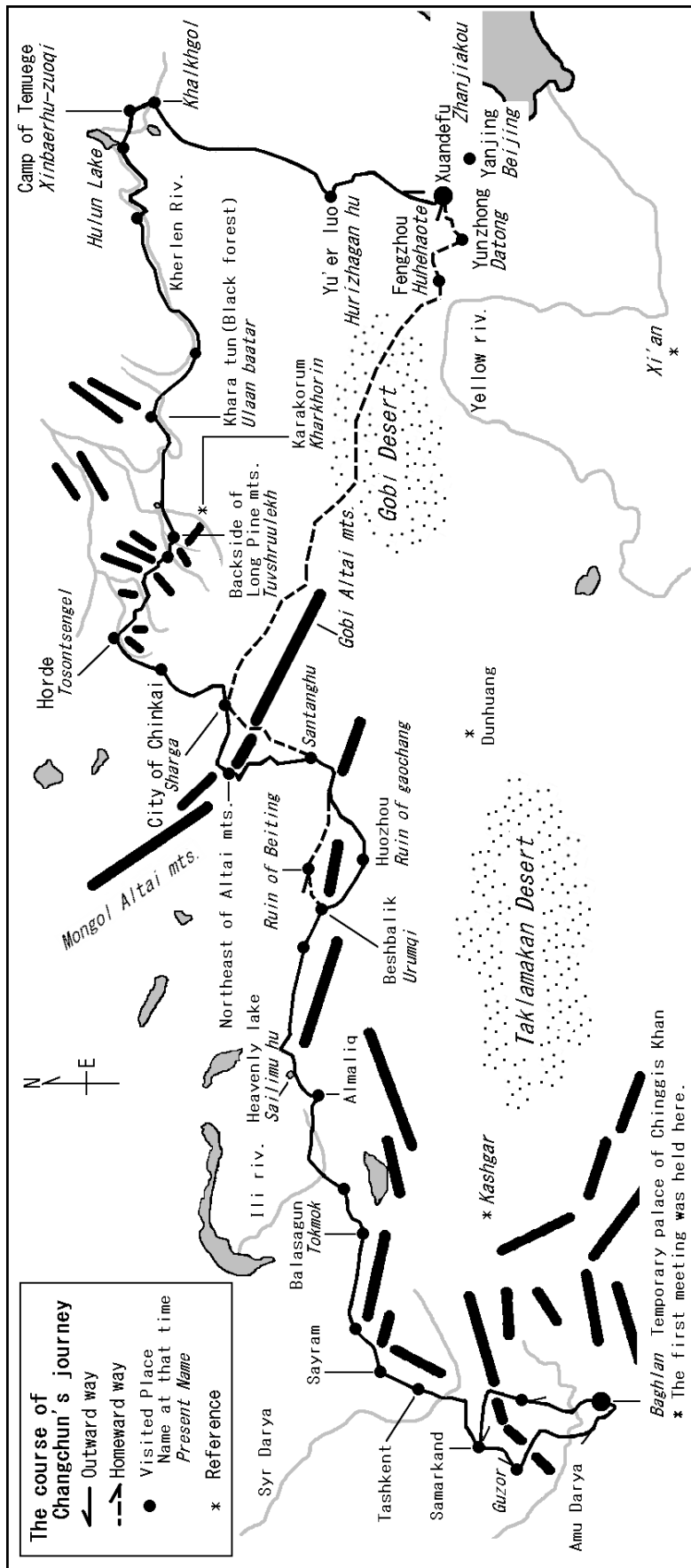
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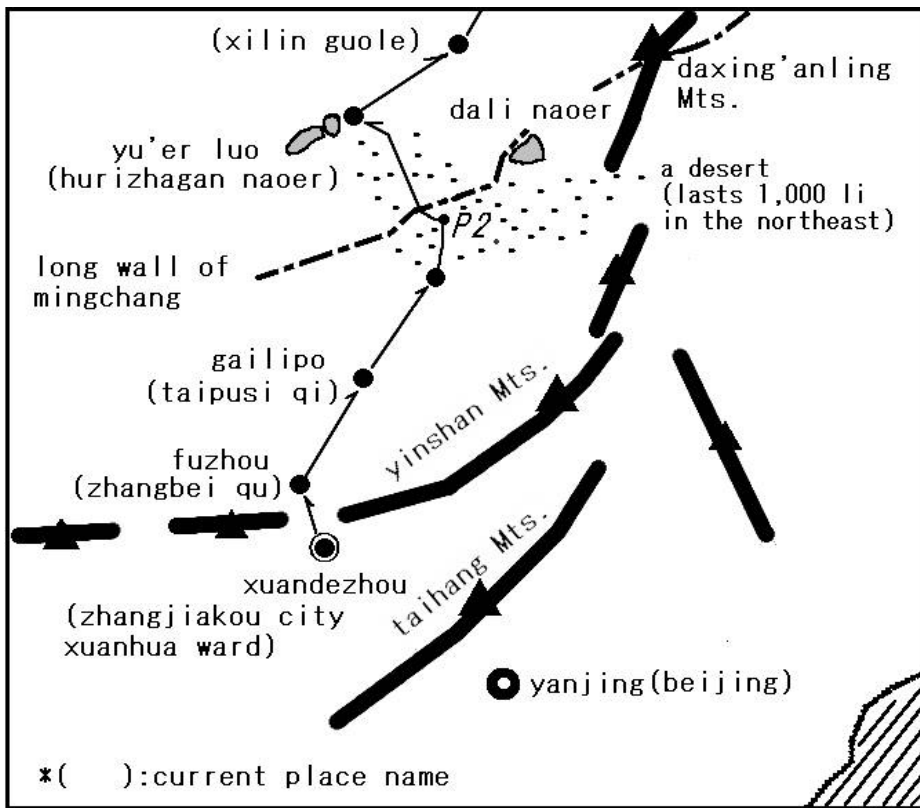
Changchun-zenren(长春真人, Changchun-zi), Taoism leader, was invited to Chinggis Qan and traveled to present Afghanistan. On his departure he was 73 years old already. He spent more than a year and arrived at temporary palace of Chinggis Qan and gave a lecture. His travel can be known by a book written by his follower Li Zhichang (李志常) . However, there are many courses that we cannot understand well. I analyzed the book using Google Map and revealed the whole travel. As a result, it turned out that the palace where Changchunzhenren met to Chinggis Qan at first time was in present Baghlan city, Afghanistan.

1. All itinerary map



2. Partial itinerary map

Fig.1



Ruin of
Yu'er Luo
43.48N115.09E

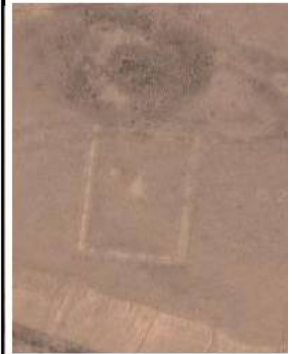
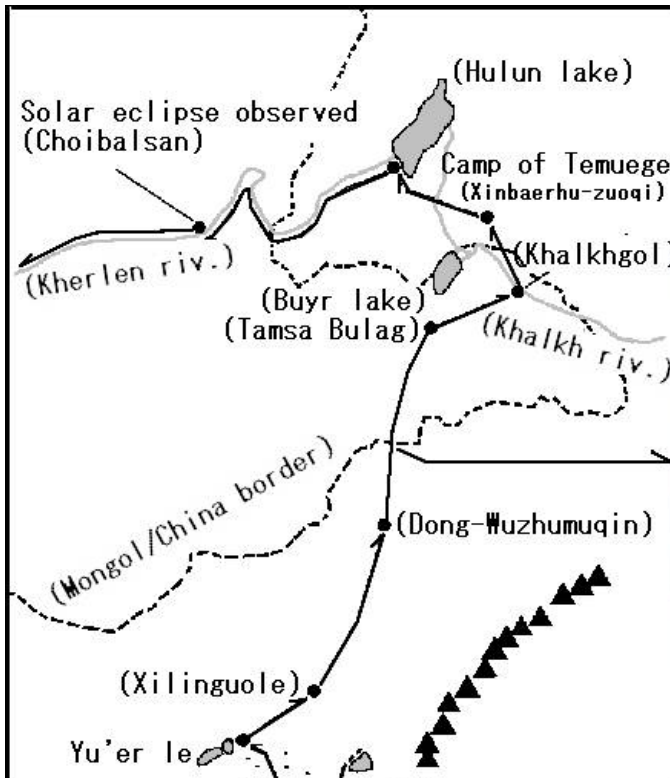


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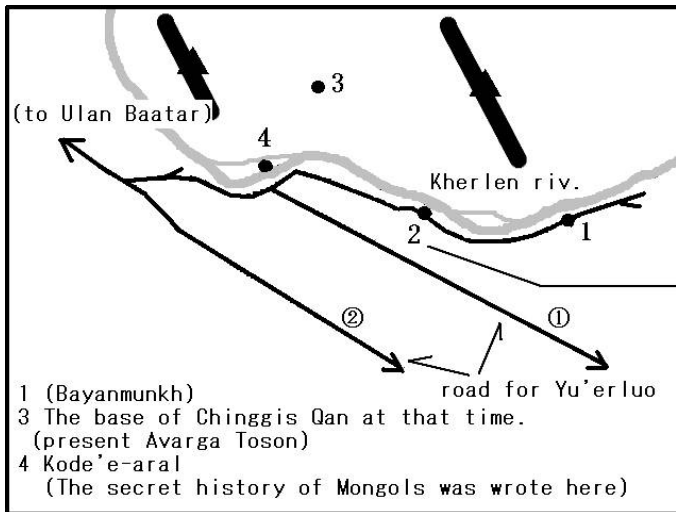


Many traffic traces
which cross the border.

46.36N117.24E



Fig.3



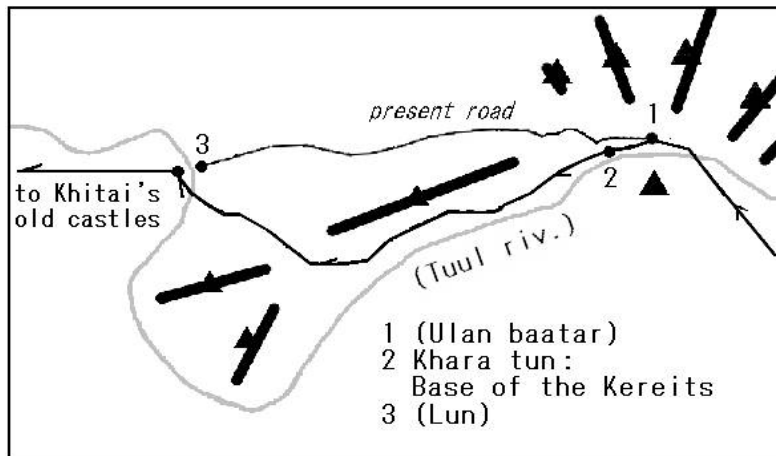
Point 2

42.928N109.400E



Point where millet(黍) were exchanged with chinese date(棗).

Fig.4



Traverse trail running northwest of the Tuul riv.



Fig.5



Fig.6

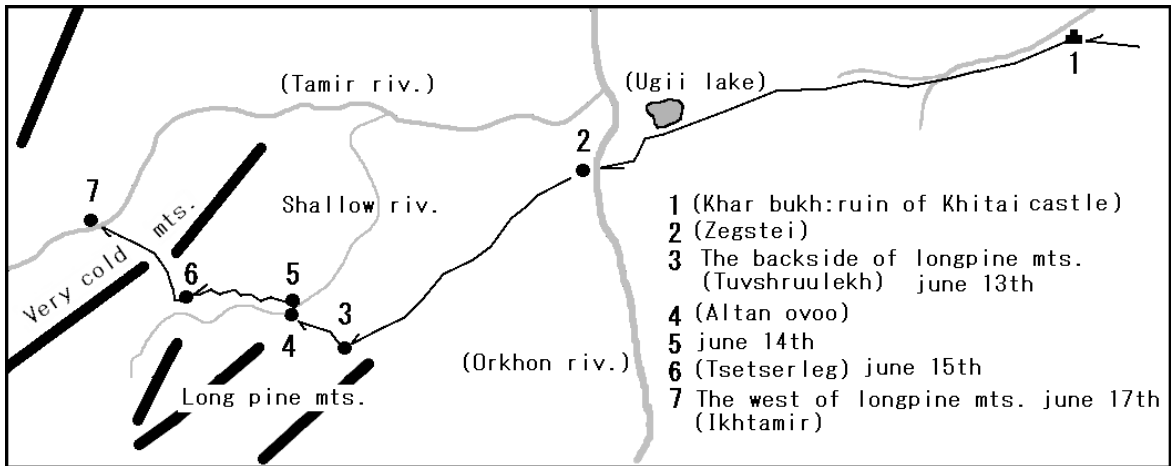


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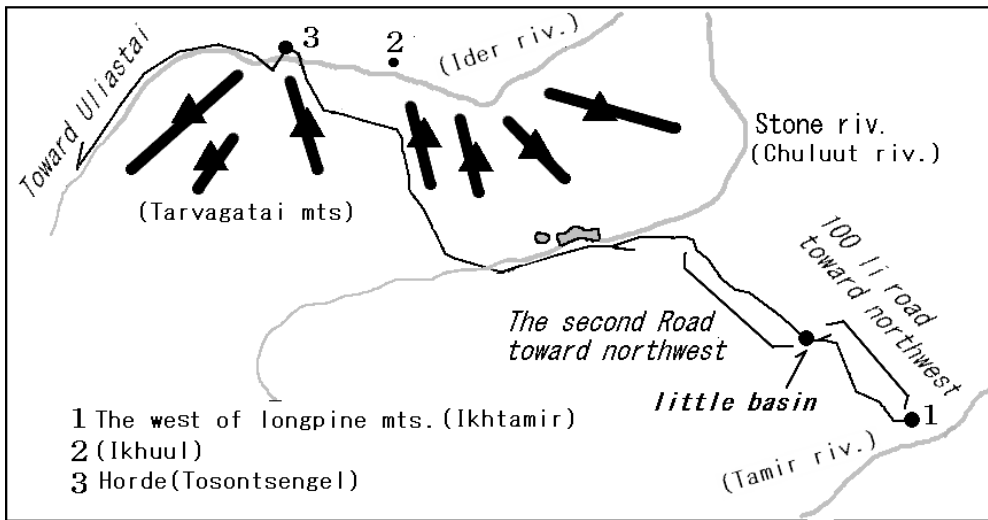


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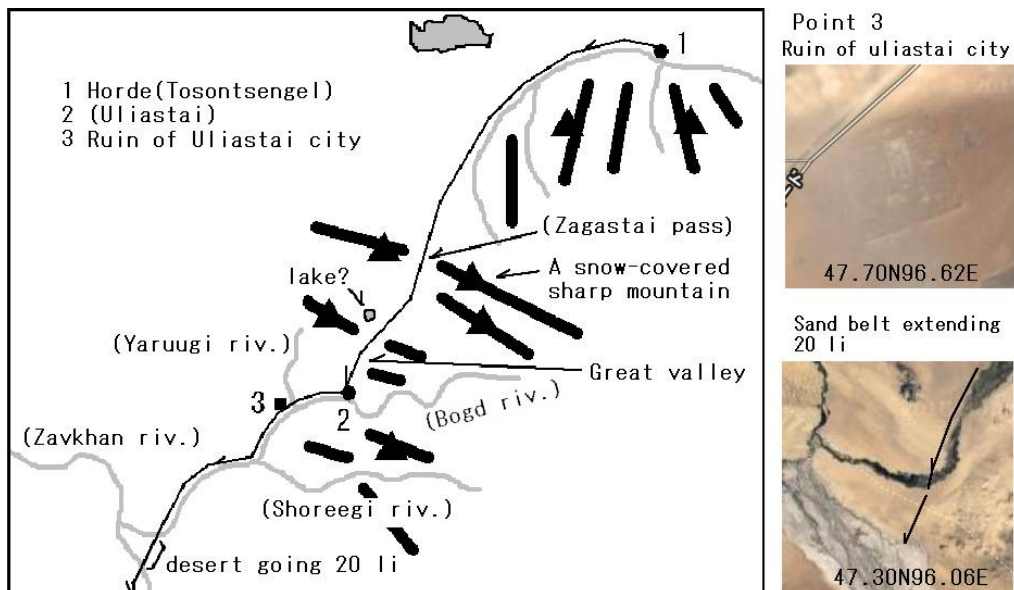
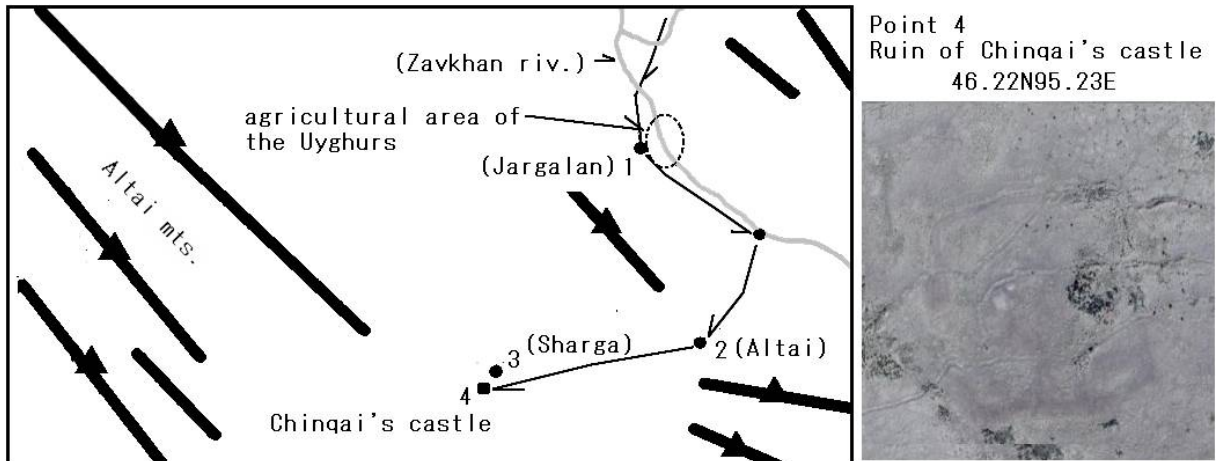
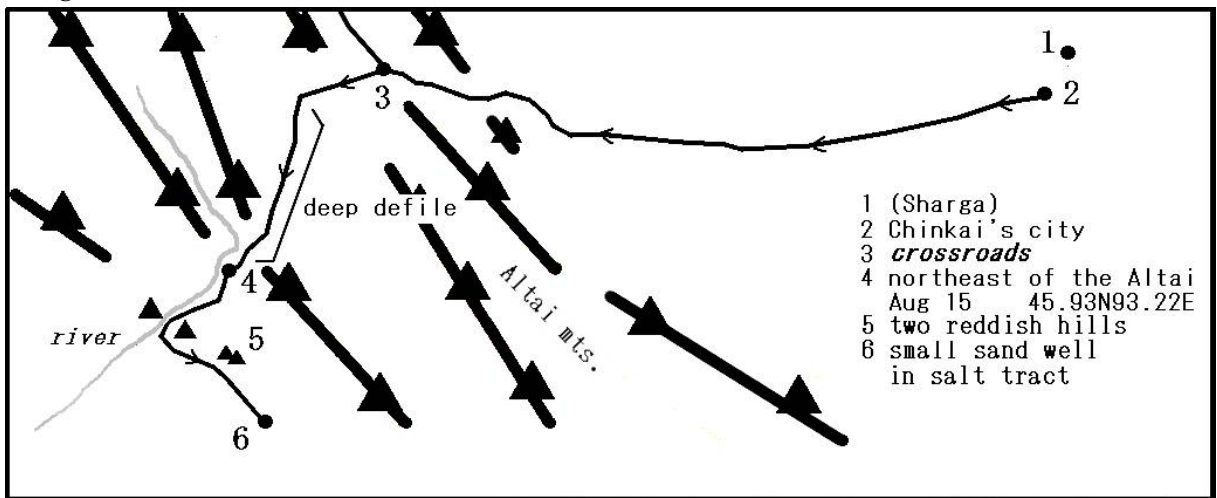


Fig.9



I measured the distance of every journey and calculated the traveling speed of the day. The speed of the day was 20 km at the beginning of the journey, but it was almost 26 km to 28 km. As a result, most of it is considered to be moving by cattle cart. From the point Gaili-Po to the point Yu'er luo, although it was a move on horseback, the speed fell to less than 20 km.

Fig.10



two reddish hills
45.81N93.19E



small sand well
45.70N93.33E



Fig.11



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|--------------------------|---|
| 1 northeast of the Altai | 6 Place with water and grass (santanghu) 44.23N93.33E |
| 2 small sand well | 7 (Balikun Kazakhs autonomous prefecture) |
| 3 45.26N93.68E | 8 Huozhou gaochanggucheng) |
| 4 45.08N93.32E | 9 Beshbalik(Urumchi) |
| 5 45.01N93.22E | |

Important point

1. Beshbalik city is the present city of Urumchi, not Beiting.

Reason:

There are 370km from Huozhou till Beiting. Departing from Huzhou city on Aug 28th, it is impossible to arrive at Beiting early on Sep 1st. If that is Beiting city, we can not explain the later process.

2. Luntai and Chambalik city are the same place

Reason:

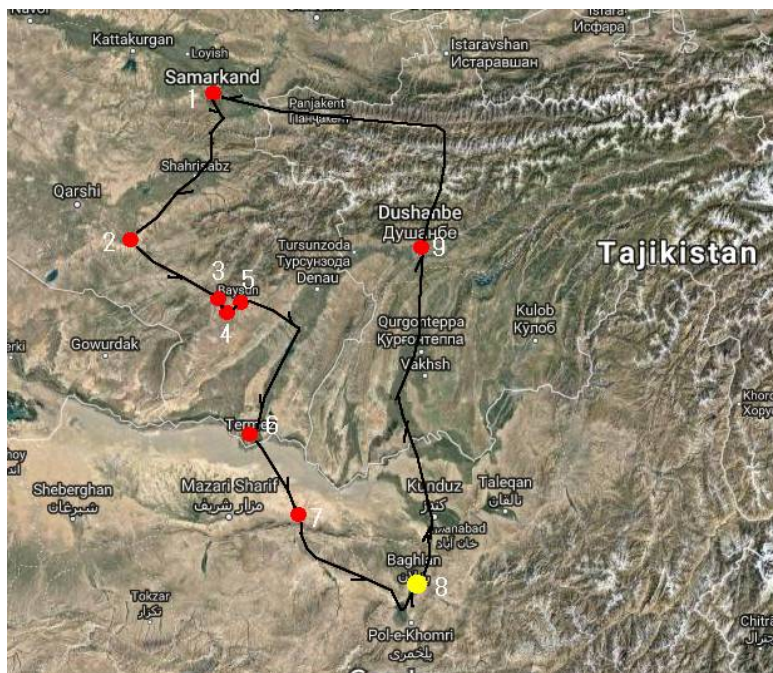
The meaning of the phrase, “after passing two town” just before Chambalik city is the same as the phrase “passing two small town” just behind of Huozhou arrival. Calculation of the number of days and distance to the Chambalik city should be calculated from Huozhou.

3. Travelling speed

In this journey, travel by horseback riding increases. There are sections over 70 km per day.

Maps from Beshbalik to Samarkand will be omitted

Fig.12



- 1 Samarkand
- 2 (Guzor):
Iron gate in the second meaning
- 3 (Derbent)
- 4 Iron gate:original place
- 5 (Bayson)
- 6 (Termiz)
- 7 old canal and reed(Kholm)
- 8 Baghlan:
Chinggis Qan's temporary place
Place where Zhanchun-zhenren
and Chinggis Qan first met.
- 9 (Dushanbe)

Baghlan



The Word “Iron Gate” indicates two places.

Original one is near the point of 38.15N67.09E in the west of Boyson.

Guzor city is the second Iron Gate which the Mongolian and the Chinese called. That was the entrance to the mountain road toward the Iron Gate, so it was called so.

Reasons:

1. In order to explain the geography of this process, it is most appropriate to think that the position of the Iron Gate is Guzor.
2. In the History of Yuan(Yuan-shi,元史), it is said that Chinggis Qan has been stationed in the Iron Gates in the 16th year of his reign. He cannot be stationed in a narrow place on the mountain. This is not considered an original Iron Gate.

Baghlan

Baghlan is the present town in Afghanistan. Chinggis Qan passed the winter there. Changchun-zhenren then met with him and had a first meeting.

Maps going back to china will be omitted.

3. Annex

All maps were made using Google map. Thanks a lot.

Please read original Japanese papers to know more details.