

Mongol/Ming Timeline

1200 – Mongols advance into China from the North

1271- Marco Polo leaves Venice for China

1279- Kublai Khan topples the Song Dynasty

1294- Kublai Khan dies; Yuan (Mongols) dynasty declines

1368- Ming dynasty is founded

1405- Zheng He commands first overseas expedition

1435- Zheng He dies; Ming emperor bans shipbuilding and all exploration